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Department of Correction Graduates its 223rd Academy

Dover, DE — In a ceremony this afternoon, The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) graduated and assigned 21 employees from its Correctional Employee Initial Training (CEIT) academy. The graduates took the oath of office and received their assignments in front of family, friends, and DOC officials. CEIT class #223 consisted of 18 Correctional Officers, one Correctional Counselor, and two Food Service Specialists. The ceremony featured remarks by DOC Commissioner Perry Phelps, training staff, Chaplain Gus Christo, and inspirational words from class speaker Correctional Officer Tanisha Whitley. It also included the presentation of the Outstanding Cadet award to Correctional Officer Tanisha Whitley.

Members of CEIT class #223 completed 10 weeks of training, including hands-on and classroom sessions in a multitude of capacities. Areas of concentration included inmate supervision, weapons and chemical munitions, defensive tactics, emergency preparedness, report writing, substance abuse training, CPR/Basic First Aid, and inter-personal communication. They will now join the ranks of more than 2,500 employees who uphold the Department's mission of protecting the public by supervising nearly 7,000 adult offenders in facilities throughout the state.

Commissioner Perry Phelps commended the graduates and provided words of encouragement as they begin their law enforcement career. "Remember that with the badge comes a significant amount of responsibility and you will be held to a higher standard than most. Carry yourself with integrity, dignity and pride. Be a role model and a positive example."

The instruction team for CEIT Class #223 consisted of Primary Instructor Dean Edge, Instructor Joseph Sheridan, and Drill Instructors Amos Callaway, Timothy Turner, and Vincent Lewis. A photo of today's graduates is attached. Seated in the front row are: DOC Commissioner Perry Phelps, Instructor Joseph Sheridan, Primary Instructor Dean Edge, and Deputy Bureau Chief of Prisons Robert May.

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