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## First Female Parole Officer (And Second Parole Officer in History) Graduates FBI National Academy

*Cpt. Debra Alt represented the New Jersey State Parole Board, the only parole agency nationwide to send parole officers to the FBINA*

TRENTON - Captain Debra Alt, of the New Jersey State Parole Board, on June 12, 2009 became the first female parole officer in history to graduate from the prestigious FBI National Academy (FBINA) in Quantico, Virginia.

Alt is only the second parole officer in history to graduate from the FBINA. New Jersey remains the only state that has been chosen to send parole officers to the international law enforcement academy.

The FBI National Academy was established in 1935 as a professional course of study for American and international law enforcement leaders. Its mission is to enhance law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation, and create partnerships that span state and national lines. The academic portion of the academy includes 12 graduate-level credits from the University of Virginia, and the physical training portion includes a 6.1-mile obstacle course. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state, the US territories, and more than 150 nations.

"Captain Alt is a true professional, and she exemplifies our parole officers' commitment to public safety," State Parole Board Chairman Yolette C. Ross said. "This training is consistent with Governor Corzine's crime plan, for effective partnership and intelligence sharing among law enforcement agencies."

"The FBI National Academy was an immense challenge, physically and academically. I am extremely honored to have attended, along with law enforcement officers from across America and 23 countries," Alt said. Alt said. "Each of us gained training and partnerships that will benefit the agencies we represented."

Alt is the second parole officer in history to attend the FBINA. The first was Captain Steven Tallard, also of the New Jersey State Parole Board, who graduated the FBINA on Sept. 12, 2008.

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Alt is an 18-year veteran of the New Jersey State Parole Board. As a captain she supervises the agency's district offices in Atlantic City, Camden and Vineland, and the agency's Office of Interstate Services.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey's lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle and risk of crime.

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