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**NJDOC WELCOMES LATEST CLASS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS**

**TRENTON, NJ—June 7, 2021** -- The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) today held a graduation ceremony for trainees who have completed the State Basic Course for Correctional Police Officers, Class 250, at the War Memorial in Trenton.

The class is composed of 57 trainees, including five veterans, representing the Army and the Marines. Additionally, almost half of the members of Class 250 come from families with a strong tradition in law enforcement.

The graduates of Class 250 come from 17 counties throughout New Jersey, with members from Atlantic (three), Bergen (five), Camden (two), Cape May (one), Cumberland (four), Essex (five), Hudson (six), Hunterdon (two), Mercer (two), Middlesex (seven), Monmouth (two), Morris (three), Ocean (three), Passaic (three), Salem (one), Sussex (two), and Union (six).

“With each successive class, and through an evolving matrix of challenges presented by the pandemic, we continue to welcome heroes into our ranks committed to public service in the face of adversity,” said Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq. “These individuals are equipped with both the training and tools to be successful in their new roles. With new initiatives from body-worn cameras and the Early Warning System, which detects patterns and trends in staff conduct to deter the potential for harmful behaviors, to resiliency training, which comprehensively addresses the mental health needs of our officers, and 4BlueNJ, the corrections specific crisis hotline, these resources will help them better manage their personal wellness and effectuate our mission of operating safe and humane correctional facilities.”

A total of 969 trainees have graduated since Governor Murphy took office in January 2018. To learn more about the New Jersey Department of Corrections, visit [www.njdoc.gov](http://www.njdoc.gov).

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