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## NJDOC WELCOMES LATEST CLASS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS

**TRENTON, NJ—March 31, 2023** -- 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 253, at the War Memorial in Trenton.

The class is composed of 43 trainees, including six veterans representing the Army, Air Force, and National Guard. Additionally, 15 members of Class 253 come from families with a strong tradition in law enforcement.

“I am thrilled to welcome the newest class of exemplary correctional police officers to our ranks. This dynamic group of men and women in Class 253 share a deep commitment to upholding their responsibilities of ensuring the custody, safety, and care of incarcerated persons in our state correctional facilities,” **said Governor Murphy**. “Their unwavering dedication and professionalism will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in the lives of our incarcerated population as they work towards making positive changes and rehabilitating their lives.”

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interpersonal communication, infant and adult CPR, physical fitness and firearms. Trainees learn and practice facility searches and spend two weeks training on the job at the facility where they will serve before graduating.

“I extend the warmest of congratulations to the graduates of Academy Class 253, who today come to the end of one journey and the beginning of another,” said **Commissioner Victoria L. Kuhn, Esq.** “We welcome these highly trained, dedicated correctional police recruits into our law enforcement family and look forward to utilizing their collective talents to help meet the ambitious mission objectives of the NJDOC. We know corrections is not an easy career, and we celebrate these outstanding new officers as they join our ranks and wish them all long and distinguished careers.”

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Once completing the Academy, corrections officers begin a career that can take them in many directions within NJDOC, opening up a variety of professional paths. We are currently recruiting future officers and encourage anyone interested to visit [www.NJDOC.gov](http://www.NJDOC.gov) for more information.

The NJDOC seeks to advance public safety and promote successful reintegration in a dignified, safe, secure, rehabilitative, and gender-informed environment, supported by a professional, trained, and diverse workforce, enhanced by community engagement.

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