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**State Correctional Police Officers, Class 245,
Scheduled to Graduate on March 18**

The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) will present a graduation ceremony for the recruits who comprise the State Basic Course for Correctional Police Officers, Class 245, on Monday, March 18, 6 p.m., in the Patriots Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton.

The class is comprised of 100 recruits, including nine veterans – seven who have served in the Army, one in the Marines and one in the Navy – and 44 individuals who have earned college degrees. Additionally, 27 members of Class 245 come from law enforcement or have family members in law enforcement.

Class 245 represents 18 counties of New Jersey, with members from Atlantic (one), Bergen (12), Burlington (two), Camden (three), Cape May (one), Cumberland (four), Essex (15), Gloucester (two), Hudson (eight), Mercer (two), Middlesex (11), Monmouth (eight), Morris (one), Ocean (seven), Passaic (eight), Sussex (two), Union (11) and Warren (two).

“I am extremely proud to welcome Class 245 to the New Jersey Department of Corrections and commend their unwavering commitment to excellence,” said NJDOC Acting Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq. “I applaud the work of the instructors, and I congratulate our graduates and wish them long and successful careers.”

State Correctional Police Officers are required to complete a 14-week residential training course at the NJDOC Training Academy in Sea Girt. Designed to simulate practical scenarios of the job, the rigorous course load provides a comprehensive law enforcement education through academic and physical training.

A total of 522 Correctional Police Officers have graduated since Governor Murphy took office in January 2018.

At the ceremony, Acting Commissioner Hicks will deliver the Oath of Office to the recruits as well as recognize 39 promotional recipients from within the NJDOC.

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