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**STATE CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS, CLASS 247,
SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE ON NOVEMBER 15**

TRENTON, NJ – NOV. 14, 2019 -- The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) will host a graduation ceremony for the trainees of the State Basic Course for Correctional Police Officers, Class 247, Friday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m., at the War Memorial in Trenton.

Comprised of 118 trainees, the class includes ten veterans – four who have served in the Army, three in the Marines, one in the Air Force, one in the Navy, and one in the National Guard.

Additionally, 22 members of Class 247 come from families with a strong legacy in law enforcement.

Class 247 represents 17 counties of New Jersey, with members from Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset and Union.

“I am extremely proud to welcome Class 247 to the New Jersey Department of Corrections,” said NJDOC Acting Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq. “These men and women join the almost 10,000 members of the Department who are committed to ensuring the safety of citizens of the Garden State with honor, dignity, and integrity.”

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 717 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 28 promotional recipients from within the NJDOC.

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