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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS GRADUATE

Freehold: Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden is proud to announce the graduation of 17 recruits from the 31st Basic Course for County Corrections Officers. The graduation, held at the Monmouth County Police Academy on Wed. Nov. 18, comes after the completion of an intense 13 week curriculum that prepares recruits for careers as corrections professionals.

"It takes dedication, courage and compassion to have a career in law enforcement," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "As these corrections officers join the ranks of professional men and women, those values will guide them in safeguarding lives and property and preserving peace in a correctional environment."

Of the 17 recruits, nine will serve at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, headed by Acting Warden Barry Nadrowski. MCCI is nationally accredited in corrections and correctional healthcare, and, houses up to 1,328 inmates. Eight will serve at the Union County Department of Corrections.

Training for the Basic Course for County Corrections Officers is coordinated by Staff Sgt. Byron Jones of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division.

Throughout the 13 weeks, the corrections officers engaged in physical training and drill and learned how to properly use firearms, batons, handcuffing techniques and mechanical restraints.

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They were also trained in unarmed self-defense and emergency medical response. Classroom instruction included topics on law enforcement and ethics, stress management, contraband and evidence processing, characteristics of inmates and drug interdiction and identification.

"This is a proud moment for the graduates and their family members," said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry. "These corrections officers selected a career in public service and made a commitment to serve others. It's not always the easiest course, but it's the right one."

The presentation of awards went to Philippe Sabater, Union County Department of Corrections for academics, Mohamed Mahmoud, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division for marksmanship award, Gregory Zalnieratis, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division for physical training award and Christopher Mooney, Union County Department of Corrections for merit award.

To date, 570 corrections officers have completed the Basic Course for County Corrections at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

Graduates of the 31st Basic Course for County Corrections Officers include:

Stephen Bilotti, Wall - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Jake Cannillo, Matawan - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Eric Devlin, Keyport - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Bruno Felicia, Elizabeth – *Union County Department of Corrections*

Robert Haines, Hazlet - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Michael Hodoske, Winfield - *Union County Department of Corrections*

David Laboy, Linden - *Union County Department of Corrections*

Richard Lafaman, Hazlet - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Mohamed Mahmoud, Keyport - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Christopher Mooney, Elizabeth - *Union County Department of Corrections*

Philippe Sabater, Elizabeth - *Union County Department of Corrections*

Douglas Schoening, Roselle Park - *Union County Department of Corrections*

William Shewan III, Hazlet - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Ian Smith, Elizabeth - *Union County Department of Corrections*

Matthew Uccello, Manalapan - *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

Jamil Williams, Linden - *Union County Department of Corrections*

Gregory Zalnieratis – Howell, *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division*

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