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Police Recruits Graduate and Embark on a Career in Law Enforcement

Neptune: Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce the graduation of 118 newly sworn in law enforcement officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On May 13, 55 officers of the 90th Basic Course for Police Officers and 62 officers of the 43rd Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers received their police training commission certifications during a ceremony at Neptune High School's Performing Arts Center.

“By successfully completing this training, these fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden, whose agency had six sheriff's officers graduate. “That is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility, than maintaining public safety. I'm proud of their accomplishments and commend all for a job well done.”

The Basic Course for Police Officers is a 20 week program with 780 hours of training. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers is a three month program and consists of approximately 600 hours of training with full police powers while on duty. Both classes are run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well trained and well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies.

“These graduates have completed a rigorous training program, at a prime police academy from Monmouth County's highly qualified instructors,” said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, who gave remarks. “I have no doubt they will all embark on successful careers in law enforcement.”

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Sheriff Shaun Golden, Chief John Sorrentino, Sea Bright PD, Acting Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni and Freeholder Director Thomas A. Arnone presented the graduates with their certificates.

“Through their strong commitment and hard work, we can be sure that these graduates will serve our residents and communities well as they begin successful careers in law enforcement,” said Acting Prosecutor Christopher Gramiccioni.

Awards recipients of the 90th Basic Course included: **Academic Award:** Glenn Sonnabend, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, **Marksmanship Award:** John V. Heiry, Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office, **Physical Training Award:** Michael T. Haines, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, **Merit Award:** Jason Simeone, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, **Traffic Officers Association Award:** Glenn Sonnabend, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, **Outstanding Trainee Award:** Glenn Sonnabend, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office.

Awards recipients of the 43rd SLEO II Class included: **Academic Award:** Daniel Haviland, Belmar PD & Ryan Brand, West Long Branch PD, **Marksmanship Award:** William Noble, Spring Lake PD, **Physical Training Award:** Charles Conover II, Long Branch PD, **Merit Award:** Joshua Wheeler, Manasquan PD, **Traffic Officers Association Award:** Francis Sheldrick, Long Branch PD, **Outstanding Trainee Award:** Joseph DeAngelo III, Manasquan PD.

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