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# LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS RECRUITS GRADUATE MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

**Lincroft:** Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce the graduation of 93 newly sworn law enforcement and corrections officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On May 22, 17 recruits of the 96th Basic Course for Police Officers, 67 recruits from the 46th and 47th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers and nine recruits from the 38th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers received their police training commission certifications during a ceremony at Brookdale Community College.

"By successfully completing this training, these fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement and corrections," said Sheriff Shaun Golden, whose agency runs the Monmouth County Police Academy and had six officers graduate from the basic recruit class and one officer graduate from the corrections class. "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 four 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.

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Recruits train in patrol concepts, defensive driving, professional development, weaponry and unarmed defense, criminal investigation, ethics, emergency medical care and physical training, along with a host of other courses. Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies.

"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 Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Training for the Basic Course for County Corrections Officers is 13 weeks. The corrections officers engaged in physical training and drill and learned how to properly use firearms, batons, handcuffing techniques and mechanical restraints. 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.

"These selfless men and women have committed their professional lives to serving in public safety and I applaud them," said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, liaison to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and member of the Police Academy Board of Directors. "Their extensive training and personal character leave them well-prepared for a career in law enforcement and we are truly grateful for their efforts."

Sheriff Golden, Chief John McCabe, Chief of Detectives, Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, Chief Edward Kerr, Spring Lake Police Department and Captain Robert Grover, Middlesex County Department of Corrections presented the recruits with their certificates.

## **Award Recipients Included:**

#### **Academic Award**

96<sup>th</sup> BCPO & 46<sup>th</sup> SLEO II Co-Mingled Class: Justin R. Poblete – Bradley Beach Police Department

47<sup>th</sup> SLEO II: William S. Tartis – Brielle Police Department

38<sup>th</sup> BCCCO: Helder Paredes – Middlesex County Corrections

## Marksmanship Award

96<sup>th</sup> BCPO & 46<sup>th</sup> SLEO II Co-Mingled Class:

Justin R. Derasmo – Monmouth County Sheriff's Office

47<sup>th</sup> SLEO II: William S. Tartis – Brielle Police Department

38th BCCCO: Helder Paredes – Middlesex County Corrections

## **Physical Training Award**

96th BCPO & 46th SLEO II Co-Mingled Class: Brittany Johnson – Allenhurst Police Department

47<sup>th</sup> SLEO II: David T. Dillon – Middletown Police Department

38<sup>th</sup> BCCCO: Jose Xicara – Union County Corrections

#### Merit Award

96th BCPO & 46th SLEO II: Brendan J. Kenny – Monmouth County Sheriff's Office

47th SLEO II: Paul A. Hallock – Belmar PD

38th BCCCO: Jose Xicara – Union County Corrections

### **Traffic Officers Association Award**

 $96^{th}$  BCPO &  $46^{th}$  SLEO II Co-Mingled Class: Michael Morse – Long Branch Police Department

47<sup>th</sup> SLEO II: Matthew T. Golmbieski – Monmouth Beach Police Department Christopher McDermott – Spring Lake Police Department

### **Outstanding Trainee Award**

96<sup>th</sup> BCPO & 46<sup>th</sup> SLEO II Co-Mingled Class:

Justin R. Poblete – Bradley Beach Police Department

47<sup>th</sup> SLEO II: William S. Tartis – Brielle Police Department

38th BCCCO: Jose Xicara – Union County Corrections