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LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITS GRADUATE MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce the graduation of 44 newly sworn law enforcement officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On June 2, 15 recruits of the 102nd Basic Course for Police Officers, 20 recruits from the 53rd Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers and nine recruits from the 39th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers received their Police Training Commission certifications during a ceremony at Brookdale Community College.

“These fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement by persevering and successfully completing this intense training,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden, whose agency runs the Monmouth County Police Academy. “Becoming a member of law enforcement 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.”

Both law enforcement classes, which were combined, consisted of 20 weeks with 780 hours of training run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers has full police powers while on duty. All 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.

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Training for the corrections class was 14 weeks where they 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.

Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, all of the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies and county correctional facilities.

“We welcome our newest police academy graduates to our Monmouth County law enforcement family,” said Acting First Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor Michael J. Wojciechowski. “These graduates are choosing public service at a challenging time, knowing that they will have to earn the trust of the residents whom they will be serving. We have every expectation that they are up to this challenge and will serve their communities with honor and distinction.”

“On behalf of the entire Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, I would like to thank all of the Police Academy graduates for choosing a career in law enforcement and for the public service they will perform to protect our communities,” said Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone. “Monmouth County truly has the best law enforcement in the State and each of these graduates will contribute to that.”

102nd BCPO & 53rd SLEO Awards

Jonathan L. Pope (53 rd SLEO II)	Allenhurst PD	Academic Award
David A. Baez (53 SLEO II)	Manasquan PD	Marksmanship Award
Anthony M. Costanza (102 nd BCPO)	Tinton Falls PD	Physical Training
Christopher K. Gilmore (53 SLEO II)	Little Silver PD	Traffic Officers Award
Tristan W. Waldron (53 SLEO II)	Belmar PD	Outstanding Award
Steven C. Schocket (53 SLEO II)	Manasquan PD	Military Veteran Award
Eric M. Lee (53 SLEO II)	Belmar PD	Merit Award

39th BCCCO Awards

Ian D. Palmer	Middlesex County Corrections	Academic Award
Owen M. Booker	Somerset County Corrections	Marksmanship Award
Robert A. Demeter	Somerset County Corrections	Physical Training
Owen M. Booker	Somerset County Corrections	Outstanding Award
Matthew P. George	Somerset County Corrections	Merit Award