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LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS RECRUITS GRADUATE MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

Freehold: Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce the graduation of 35 newly sworn law enforcement and corrections officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On Dec. 13, 15 recruits of the 95th Basic Course for Police Officers and 20 recruits from 37th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers received their police training commission certifications during a ceremony at the Monmouth County Police Academy in Freehold.

“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. “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, run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. 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.

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“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 12 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. Twelve recruits are from Union County Department of Corrections and eight recruits are from Hudson County Department of Corrections.

“These selfless men and women have committed their professional lives to serving in public safety and I applaud them,” said Freeholder Deputy Director 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, Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni, Chief John Mioduszewski, Holmdel Police Department, Dir. Ronald Edwards, Hudson County Corrections and Asst. Director Robert Cesaro, Union County Corrections presented the recruits with their certificates.

Award Recipients Include:

Academic Award: 95th BCPO Milton Roman III, Neptune Township PD & 37th BCCCO Lance L. Pecina II, Union County Corrections

Marksmanship Award: 95th BCPO Nicklas Shimonovich, Lakewood PD & 37th BCCCO Daniel J. DiProfio, Union County Corrections

Outstanding Award: 95th BCPO Milton Roman III, Neptune Township PD & 37th BCCCO Pedro Vazquez Jr., Hudson County Corrections

Merit Award: 95th BCPO Michael J. Hyle Jr., Alternate Route & 37th BCCCO Lance L. Pecina II, Union County Corrections

Physical Fitness: 95th BCPO Patrik Abrenica, Alternate Route & Pedro Vazquez Jr. Hudson County Corrections

Traffic Officers Association Award: 95th BCPO Brian L. Rieker, Alternate Route

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