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Public Safety Training Academy Graduates 26 Law Enforcement Officers

(SITKA, Alaska) – Twenty-six law enforcement officers from different state and municipal agencies graduated today from the Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka. A graduation ceremony at the Sheet ‘a Kwan Nacka Hide Building in Sitka concludes Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) Session No. 13-02. The 15-week basic ALET includes more than 900 hours of training and incorporates intensive instruction in law enforcement-related topics, physical fitness and many scenario-based exercises – all designed to prepare entry level police officers and troopers for a successful career in Alaska law enforcement. The graduates are:

Dustin Akana, Alaska State Troopers
Michael Alexander, Alaska State Troopers
Thomas Barrett, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Jason Bohac, Alaska State Troopers
Chase Bresnahan, Saint Paul Public Safety
Mitchell Burdick, Soldotna Police
Joshua Crandall (self pay)
Bo Dalbotten, Alaska State Troopers
Eric Eccleston, Sitka Police
Brook-Lyn Edney, Kotzebue Police
David Frebel, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Kevin Gill, Alaska State Troopers
Matthew Hall, Fairbanks Airport Police and Fire
Michael Johnson, Alaska State Troopers
Zachary Johnson, Alaska State Troopers
Michael Lopez, Wasilla Police
Thomas Milliette, Kotzebue Police
Gregory Rubio, Cordova Police
Bryan Spears, Alaska State Troopers (lateral hire from Lander Police Department in Wyoming)
Timothy Tefft, Alaska State Troopers
Timothy Tilley, Alaska State Troopers
Derrick Torgerson, Cordova Police
Eric Vandelaar, Palmer Police
Christopher Green, Alaska State Troopers (refresher due to military deployment)

Also among the ALET graduates are Court Services Officers Pierre Burkett of the Palmer Judicial Services Unit and Rob Jensen of the Fairbanks Judicial Services Unit. This is the first time CSOs have gone through an entire ALET session to become eligible for certification by the [Alaska Police Standards Council](#), the certifying agency for police officers in Alaska.

After graduation, the Alaska State Trooper and Alaska Wildlife Trooper recruits continue their training at the academy for an additional three weeks. This training session is often referred to as Trooper Basic. The trooper recruits receive more tailored and advanced training during this session in fish and wildlife investigations, boating safety, survival, commercial fisheries enforcement, media relations, critical stress management, patrol rifle training and search and rescue. They are also exposed to additional scenario-based training events.

Upon completion of Trooper Basic, trooper recruits from both divisions move to their first duty assignment and begin a 15-week Field Training and Evaluation Program. All trooper recruits are expected to develop to the point of being able to perform all law enforcement functions independently and if successful, will be promoted to trooper upon the successful completion of their probationary period, generally 12 months from the start of the academy. At that point, wildlife troopers will move to the Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

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