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ALET Class 16-02 Graduation

(SITKA, Alaska) – A class of 23, including five Alaska State Troopers, four Alaska Wildlife Troopers, and two Village Public Safety Officers, will graduate from the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka tomorrow 11/10/2016. The 1 p.m. graduation ceremony at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi Tribal Community House concludes Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) Session No. 1602. To get to this point, the 23 law enforcement students from around the state went through 987 hours of training in the 15-week basic ALET. The training incorporates intensive instruction in law enforcement-related topics, physical fitness and many scenario-based exercises – all designed to prepare entry level police officers, Village Public Safety Officers and Troopers for a successful career in Alaska law enforcement.

The graduates are:

Joshua R Bell, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Bryan E. Bixler, Craig Police Department
Joshua D. Boyle, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Rebecca M. Bryers, Self-Pay University of Southeast Alaska
Sean T. Cahill, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Joel L. Fulsang, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
John M. Halleran, Kawerak Inc.
Thomas C. Harris, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Wade G. Harrison, Nome Police Department
Scott R. Herman, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Thomas A. Hoffman, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Nathaniel G. Johnson, Alaska State Troopers
David R. Kalal, Alaska State Troopers
Luke A. Lemieux, Alaska State Troopers
Sean M. Lewis, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Nicholas S. Libbing, Alaska State Troopers
Jacob H. Murphy, Tanana Chiefs Conference
Fred J. Parker, Alaska State Troopers
Catherine N. Scott, Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Chase D. Sortor, Kodiak Police Department
Nathan A. Walsh, Alaska State Troopers
Mason G. Weston, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Miguel J. Zarate, Kodiak Police Department

After graduation, the nine Alaska State 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 Alaska 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 will move to their first duty assignment in either Fairbanks, Soldotna, Kodiak, or the Mat-Su Valley and begin a 12-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. If successful, they will be promoted to the rank of Trooper upon the completion of their probationary period, which is generally 12 months from the start of the academy.

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