



Public Safety Academy Graduates 43 New Law Enforcement Officers

ALET Session 22-02 includes 23 Alaska State and Alaska Wildlife Troopers, 7 Village Public Safety Officers as well as recruits from numerous city, state, and borough police agencies

November 18, 2022 (Sitka, AK)— In a graduation ceremony in Sitka, 43 new law enforcement officers received their badges today. The ceremony was closed to the public, but those that are interested can watch a video recording on the [Alaska State Troopers Facebook page](#).

*“Congratulations to this newest group of law enforcement officers that graduated the Alaska Law Enforcement Academy today,” said **Governor Mike Dunleavy**. “I want to express my gratitude for your commitment to serve and protect Alaskans across the state, and for the positive difference your service will make to future generations of Alaskans.”*

Graduating recruits completed more than 1,000 hours of training over the course of 17 weeks of basic Alaska Law Enforcement Training. Schooling included intensive instruction in law enforcement-related topics, physical fitness, and many scenario-based exercises designed to prepare entry-level police officers and Troopers for successful careers in Alaska law enforcement.

*“Today’s Academy graduation marks another rollout of Alaska’s highly specialized law enforcement officers due to their endurance through this intensive training,” said **Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Cockrell**. “Through the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy’s demanding and refined skill set training, these officers will move forward, continuing to progress in their career through public service in all regions of Alaska.”*

Graduates include:

- Raymond Bettencourt – Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Raphael Bobek — Northwest Arctic Borough
- Seth Bowen — Alaska State Troopers
- Austin Brady — Central Council Tlingit & Haida
- Andrew Broschat — Sitka Police Department
- Christopher Buege — Kotzebue Police Department
- Erik Burns — Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Jah Burns — Kawerak Inc.
- Christian Lliaban — VPO, Togiak
- Matthew Lopez-Martinez — Alaska State Troopers
- Michael McPherson — Alaska State Troopers
- Jared Michels — Alaska State Troopers
- Oswaldo Modesto-Ordonez — Alaska State Troopers**
- Matthew Moore — Palmer Police Department
- Donald Newby — North Slope Borough Police Department
- Jacob Parkin — Alaska State Troopers

- Zachary Burns — Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Evangelina Campuzano — Homer Police Department
- Jacob Chingliak — Association of Village Council Presidents
- Tyler Cruz — Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
- Ashley Duaine — Wasilla Police Department
- Michael Fielding — Alaska State Troopers
- Adam Flowers — Alaska State Troopers
- Benjamin Garcia — Alaska State Troopers
- Kevin Gatlin — APIA
- Michael Gho — Alaska State Troopers
- Derrick Hemphill — Alaska State Troopers
- Elizabeth Jordan — Alaska State Troopers
- Samuel Lansky — Alaska State Troopers
- Jonathan Lindblom — Alaska State Troopers
- Colton Perrins — Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
- Joseph Poole — Alaska State Troopers**
- Jared Pyle — Alaska Wildlife Troopers**
- Edward Rizzi — Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Adam Saaid — Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Edgar Sandoval — Kodiak Police Department
- Giovanni Sommers — Alaska State Troopers
- Nicholas Sorgenfray — Alaska State Troopers
- Davin Turney — Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
- Jason Venable — Alaska State Troopers**
- Dylan Wannamaker — Alaska State Troopers
- Alex Wick — Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Shawn Wilhoite — Anchorage Airport Police & Fire

Following graduation, the 23 Trooper recruits will continue their training at the academy for an additional week. The “Trooper Basic” training includes tailored and advanced training in fish and wildlife investigations, boating safety, survival, commercial fisheries enforcement, search and rescue, and critical stress management. Recruits also participate in additional scenario-based trainings.

Upon completion of Trooper Basic, recruits will move toward their first duty assignments in either Fairbanks, Soldotna, or the Mat-Su Valley, and begin a 16-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, the Trooper recruits will be promoted to the rank of Trooper upon completion of their probationary period, generally 12 months from the start of the academy.

**Lateral recruits attended an abbreviated eight-week academy.

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