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## Public Safety Academy Graduates 19 New Law Enforcement Officers

*ALET Session 23-02 includes nine Alaska State and Alaska Wildlife Troopers,  
as well as 10 recruits from nine city and state agencies*

November 17, 2023 (Sitka, AK)— In a graduation ceremony today in Sitka, 19 new law enforcement officers received their badges. A video recording is available on the [Alaska State Troopers Facebook page](#).

"I commend the new law enforcement officers who have successfully completed the rigorous Alaska Law Enforcement Academy," said Governor Mike Dunleavy. "I appreciate your dedication to serving and safeguarding Alaskans throughout our great state, and for the positive impact your service will have on 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. Recruits received intensive instruction in law enforcement-related topics, use-of-force and de-escalation, physical fitness, and many scenario-based exercises designed to prepare entry-level police officers and Troopers for successful careers in Alaska law enforcement.

Alaska Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Cockrell expressed his confidence in the new officers who completed the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy. He said, "Completing the world-class training at our Sitka based academy is no easy feat. I welcome these new law enforcement officers to our noble profession. Their work will enhance the safety and security of our state."

Graduates include:

- Officer Mark Adams, Seward Police Department
- Trooper Mohammad Alkarmy, Alaska State Troopers
- Trooper Jacob Bairett, Alaska State Troopers
- Officer Anthony Bates, Juneau Police Department
- Trooper Ryan Bell, Alaska State Troopers
- Officer Benjamin Bennett, Anchorage International Airport Police and Fire Department
- Officer Bradley Bordner, Homer Police Department
- Trooper Dylan Bowers, Alaska State Troopers \*\*
- Trooper Colleen Bryant, Alaska State Troopers
- Trooper Jason Cantor, Alaska State Troopers
- Officer Kenneth Fahle, Anchorage International Airport Police and Fire Department
- Officer Nicholas Irvin, Fairbanks Police Department

- Officer Jaxon Letendre, Wasilla Police Department
- Officer Tyler Nicholson, North Pole Police Department
- Trooper Juan Olson Guzman, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Officer Andrew Reynolds, Valdez Police Department
- Officer Kenneth Scott, Anchorage International Airport Police and Fire Department
- Trooper Alan Urban, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Trooper Joshua Whitby, Alaska Wildlife Troopers

Trooper recruits will complete two additional weeks of training focused on wilderness survival, wildlife and fisheries investigations, and other elements of law enforcement unique to the Alaska State Troopers. They will then arrive at their first duty assignments in either Fairbanks, Soldotna, or the Mat-Su Valley, and begin a 12-week Field Training and Evaluation Program. 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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