



Public Safety Academy to Graduate 45 New Law Enforcement Officers

ALET Session 22-01 includes 20 Alaska State and Alaska Wildlife Troopers, 6 Village Public Safety Officers as well as recruits from several city, state, and borough police agencies

June 25, 2022 (Sitka, AK)— In a graduation ceremony in Sitka 45 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 the first class of 2022 graduating from the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy,” **said Governor Mike Dunleavy**. “Serving Alaskans through public safety is honorable work. I appreciate these motivated individuals who want to make Alaska a safer and better place to live.”

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.

“These recruits should be proud of the work they have done to make it through this intensive training,” **said Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Cockrell**. “The Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy produces some of the finest law enforcement officers in the nation. Officers from this class will be joining a proud tradition of service that protects Alaskans across our great state.”

Graduates include:

- Batish Amirr — North Slope Borough Police Department
- Jon M. Anspaugh — Alaska State Troopers
- Nicholas M. Ashton — Copper River Native Association
- Nathan P. Becker — Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Matthew F. Bowen — Alaska State Troopers**
- Douglas J. Carlo II — Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Jordan B. Chroniger — Alaska State Troopers**
- Sean Daly — Alaska State Parks
- Kody J. Decker — Unalaska Dept. of Public Safety
- Timothy A. Kissner — Juneau Police Department
- Josiah F. Lloyd — Alaska State Troopers**
- Henry Martinez — Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Phillip A. McDowell — Alaska Wildlife Troopers**
- Cody L. Meier — Kotzebue Police Department
- John K. G. Peter — Assn. of Village Council Presidents
- Dustin P. Real — Kenai Police Department
- M. Levi Schmidt — Alaska State Parks
- Bryce B. Schwarz — Alaska State Troopers

- Brian C. Dirks — Alaska Wildlife Troopers**
- Grant O. Dowty — Unalaska Dept. of Public Safety
- Anthony M. Drahms — Alaska Wildlife Troopers**
- Joseph O. Eichhorn — Alaska State Troopers
- Jesse D. Fergin-Kuehnl — Alaska State Troopers**
- Dorien T. Gaines — Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
- Steven W. Gant Jr. — Alaska State Troopers
- Matthew R. Hauber — Bristol Bay Borough Police Department
- Nicholas L. Henderson — Alaska State Troopers**
- Christopher C. Herrick — Juneau Police Department
- Justin M. Janes — Metlakatla Police Department
- Garrett W. Jensen — Alaska State Troopers
- Christopher G. Johnson — Alaska Wildlife Troopers**
- James H. Steward — Alaska State Troopers
- Matthew S. Susko — Seward Police Department
- John-Ashton P. Swope — North Slope Borough Police Department
- Austin T. Taylor — Alaska State Troopers**
- Cole D. Thurmond — Northwest Arctic Borough
- Ryan P. Tierney — Kodiak Police Department
- Jordyn R. Vanchura — Alaska State Troopers
- Robert L. Waechter — Petersburg Police Department
- William D. Wallace — Metlakatla Police Department
- Jared E. Walter — Alaska State Parks
- Randell K. Waters — Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
- Kameron D. Watts — Alaska State Troopers**
- Joshua R. Wright — Alaska Wildlife Troopers**
- Hayden B. Young — Alaska State Troopers

Following graduation, the 20 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 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, 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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