



34 New Alaska Law Enforcement Officers Begin Training

July 26, 2021 (Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Department of Public Safety is beginning the process of training 34 new law enforcement officers destined for locations across the state. These new officers began the 16-week Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) Academy in Sitka, Alaska, on July 25, 2021. Among the future law enforcement officers from across the state, 10 new Alaska State Troopers began training for a career providing public safety services to the largest state in the nation. The Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy class 21-02 also includes 3 VPSOs, 4 Court Services Officers, 15 local police officers from across the state, and one Alaska State Parks Ranger. The academy runs through November 12.

“Under Governor Dunleavy’s leadership, careers as an Alaska State Trooper and Alaska Wildlife Trooper are much more attractive to those looking for rewarding jobs in law enforcement with outstanding pay and benefits,” said **Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Cockrell**. “Along with the Academy class that graduated earlier this year, these new Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Court Services Officers, VPSOs, and municipal officers will help deploy more law enforcement to rural Alaska and make all of Alaska a safer place to live and raise a family.”

The Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy is a rigorous 16-week academy and includes thorough instruction in criminal investigation, police procedure, search and rescue, state and federal law, use-of-force and de-escalation, firearms training, and much more. ALET is one of two basic police courses certified by the Alaska Police Standards Council.

“At a time when many are leaving jobs in policing across the lower 48, I am encouraged that so many are stepping up to serve Alaskans as police officers and state troopers in our great state,” said **Governor Mike Dunleavy**. “Public safety remains job number one for my administration, and these brave men and women will certainly help make Alaska a safer place.”

The Department of Public Safety is currently hiring for the spring 2022 ALET academy; those that are interested in becoming an Alaska State Trooper can learn more at www.AlaskaStateTrooper.com

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