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Acting Governor Guadagno Addresses Graduation Ceremony for 155th New Jersey State Police Class

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109 Graduates Join the Ranks as Probationary Troopers

Trenton, NJ - This morning, Acting Governor Guadagno joined Acting Attorney General John Hoffman and Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, to honor the 109 graduating members of the 155th State Police Class at a ceremony at Brookdale Community College.

"A trooper's life is predicated on the belief that helping others is not just a job - it is a calling. By enforcing the law, today's graduates will improve the lives of countless people, make their communities safer and serve as role models for our youth," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "Each day, our law enforcement officers are willing to go to work in challenging and, at times, dangerous conditions to protect and serve. We will always be grateful to them and to their families for their sacrifices."

During the ceremony, the members of the graduation class took the oath of office and received their badges, and seven recruits were honored with awards for their outstanding efforts at the Academy. The graduates will spend the next eleven weeks as probationary troopers stationed throughout New Jersey.

"Each trooper who received a badge on that stage today has conquered a very rigorous academy that meets the current best practices in law enforcement training. Now they begin their careers in service to our citizens, which means they will be running toward the emergency when others are running away from it," said Colonel Fuentes. "I am proud of their accomplishment as new graduates, and I know I will be even more proud of their successes as New Jersey troopers."

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