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Ceremony Honors 153 Department of Corrections Graduates

Trenton, NJ –Joining Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner Gary Lanigan today, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno addressed the 153 graduating members of State Corrections Officers, Class 235, at the War Memorial in Trenton. Acting Governor Guadagno spoke to the New Jersey Department of Corrections 221st graduating class, and has shared her sense of dedication and respect for law enforcement 13 times at the NJDOC's graduation, since taking office in 2010.

"These graduates have decided to join a career where they will become some of the unsung heroes of our state. Not only will their work ensure the public safety, but the example they set on a daily basis will play a crucial role in changing each inmate's future for the better," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "I offer my gratitude and congratulations to the Officer Recruits as they embrace their chosen career with pride, courage and character."

Taking the Oath of Office today to solidify successfully completing training, this graduating class consists of 15 trainees who are veterans, 29 trainees from second or third generation law enforcement families, and 56 trainees with degrees of higher education. Including today's graduating class, New Jersey has welcomed 2,055 new DOC graduates since the beginning of the Christie Administration. Following their graduation, the Correction Officer Recruits will begin their assignments throughout the state.

"The Office of Training provides Corrections personnel with the skills necessary to successfully complete their tasks and to upgrade the care, treatment and social reintegration of adult offenders committed to our facilities," said Commissioner Lanigan, who administered the Oath of Office to the graduates. "I applaud the work of the instructors, and I congratulate our graduates and wish them long and satisfying careers."

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