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## New Hampshire Department of Corrections Pre-Service Training Academy Begins

(Concord, N.H.) - Eighteen corrections officer trainees completed the application process, screening, interview process, and the physical fitness test to enter the 112<sup>th</sup> Corrections Academy, which kicked off remotely on Monday, May 11, 2020.

For the first time in history, the Corrections Academy, under the guidance of the Police Standards and Training Council (PSTC), will include portions delivered within a virtual classroom. Some trainings and the proctoring of exams have been modified to allow for in-person meetings while following proper physical distancing, the use of masks and other cleaning/hygiene guidelines. The nine-week academy is expected to conclude on July 10, 2020.

A correctional career requires a wide range of skills that are unique to the profession with many growth opportunities. The new officers will be certified in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), verbal de-escalation skills, the use of force continuum, New Hampshire laws, and appropriate management and supervision of those in our custody.

New officers learn many other important skills that help them grow in their careers such as proficient communication, awareness of the diverse behavioral health services offered, suicide prevention, and other tools that are transferable to other divisions within the Department. These skills will help them consider one of many career paths in corrections including promotion through the security ranks or advancing into other exciting areas of our corrections department such as education, medical care, behavioral health, administration, probation/parole, and many more.

Academy classes are taught by senior members of the Department of Corrections staff, our own training staff, and staff from Police Standards and Training.

“These new officers have demonstrated flexibility, motivation and persistence during this unprecedented time,” stated NHDOC Director of Security and Training Chris Kench. “Additionally, I am so proud of my staff and the staff at the PSTC for their collaborative efforts to design and execute a virtual training platform in weeks.”

Upon graduation, these new officers will report to their assignments at the Department’s correctional facilities in Concord and Berlin.

The NHDOC is actively recruiting for corrections officers as well as many other exciting positions and encourages everyone to consider becoming a member of our team. For more information about a career in corrections, please visit our recruitment website at <http://nhdocjobs.com/>

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