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Dover – The Delaware State Police conducted a graduation ceremony today to acknowledge Cadets Benjamin Conrad, Caroline Silverman and Larissa Ward at the Delaware State Police Museum located at 1425 North DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware.

The ceremony began with Human Resources, Sergeant Kristin Smith presenting the 2018 Cadet class and welcoming family and friends to this notable event. The ceremony was attended by the Executive Staff, Captain Jon Wood, Director of Human Resources, Master Corporal Rickey Hargis and Senior Corporal Robert Colmery of the Delaware State Police Community Outreach Unit, Corporals Adam Jewell and Tyler Wright of the Delaware State Police Human Resources Section, Sergeant Richard Bratz, Director of the Public Information Office and Trooper First Class Chase Lawson of Troop 6.

The class was recognized by the keynote speaker, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Lieutenant Colonel Monroe Hudson, and Operations Officer for New Castle County, Major Melissa Zebley and Operations Officer for Special Units, Major Daniel Meadows. They presented formal certificates for successful completion of the 2018 Cadet Training Program held at the Delaware State Police Training Academy which took place from June 18th to June 22, 2018.

"Congratulations to the Cadets for completing this program and for their leadership and commitment to the citizens of Delaware. In addition, thank you to all of the instructors and participants that contributed to a successful Cadet program." ***Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police***

The Cadet Trooper's primary duties will include the enforcement of handicap parking and fire lane violations; however they are also used in various administrative duties such as traffic control at large events and foot patrol at the State Fair. The Cadets completed 40 hours of mandatory classroom instruction and will be assigned to various troops throughout the state. Since the program began in 1998, the Delaware State Police have hired 69 Cadet Troopers; 22 of those cadets have been hired as Delaware State Troopers.

In a personal note, from ***Sergeant Kristin Smith****, to each Cadet "It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate you on your outstanding participation and completion of the 2018 Delaware State Police Cadet Program! I applaud you on your hard work and you should take great pride in your accomplishments. I encourage you to continue representing the principles of leadership and wish you continued success in all your future projects; DSP Strong!"*

Some of the classes for Cadet Troopers during the week of education and training were; Motor Vehicle Code, Cultural Diversity, Officer Safety, Weaponless Defense, Verbal Judo, Radio Procedures, Uniform and Equipment, Ethical Decision Making, Laws of Arrest, Drug Recognition, Emergency Care, Auto Theft Investigations and Courtroom Procedures.

<u>Minimum Qualifications to become a cadet includes:</u>

- Education- Candidates must be a Delaware resident and currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited college in the state of Delaware (full-time

or part-time)
- Age- Candidates must be between the ages of 18-21
- Citizenship- Candidates must be a citizen of the United States
- Driver's License- Candidates must possess a valid driver's license
- Applications are being accepted via www.jobaps.com/dsp
- Anticipating to begin employment in June 2018
- Current Pay is $13.04 per hour

Selection Process includes:

- A formal State of Delaware application
- An Oral Board Interview
- Polygraph Examination
- A Background Check

An online application can be found by clicking on the following link: www.becomeatrooper.com Once at that page, scroll halfway down the page and click on Important Documents. The Cadet Application will be found on that page. Completed applications should be mailed to: Delaware State Police – Recruiting Office, P.O. Box 430, Dover, DE 19903. Any questions should be directed to the Delaware State Police Recruiting Office at 302-739-5980 or dsprecruiting@delaware.gov.

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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