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Title POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES 31
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Deptford Twp. - The graduation ceremony for the Gloucester County Police Academy's 29th Basic Class on Thursday, December 15, included special honors for the top performers. The ceremony was held at 7 p.m. in the Physical Education Building on the campus of Gloucester County College.

The 31 graduates, five women and 26 men, were welcomed by Academy Director Lloyd Dumont.

The keynote address was given by Sgt. Alex Illas (Ret.) of the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office.

Gloucester County College President William F. Anderson, Illas, and Field Representative Larry Evans of the New Jersey Criminal Justice awarded the diplomas and medallions.

James J. Dickson, III, Alternate Route – West Deptford, was presented with the Director's Award and the Physical Training Award. He also served as President and Physical Fitness Leader for the 29th Basic Class.

Kevin M. Young, Lower Alloways Creek, was also presented with the Physical Training Award.

Jamie E. Scarduzio of the Gloucester County Sheriff's Department was presented with the Academic Award..

Peter J. McBride, Monroe Township, was presented with the Firearms Award.

Joseph S. Pierson, Elk Township, and Ricardo Rios, Camden, were the recipients of the Most Improved in Physical Training

Awards.

Philip M. D'Alonzo, Alternate Route – Marlton, was the recipient of the Special Dedication Award.

Harry J. Wariwanchik, Jr., Lower Alloways Creek, was the recipient of the Vehicle Operations Award.

Carlos A. Munoz of the Salem County Sheriff's Department was presented with the Division of Criminal Justice Merit Award. The recipient of this award is chosen by his fellow classmates, and the honor is given to the trainee who best exemplifies professionalism in police work.

The 29th Basic Class ranged in age from 21 to 68, with the average age being 27. The Basic Class is a Police Training Commission mandated course, consisting of 87 hours of military drill, 95 hours of physical conditioning, 48 hours of firearms training, and over 600 hours of classroom instruction.

The GCC campus is in Tanyard Road, Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.

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