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Title OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PRESENTED
TO 31ST BASIC POLICE CLASS GRADUATES

Deptford Twp - Outstanding Achievement awards were presented to the 31 graduates of the 31st Basic Police Class of the Gloucester County Police Academy on Thursday, December 14, in the Physical Education Center on the campus of Gloucester County College.

Thirty men and one woman graduated from four New Jersey counties with fanfare and good wishes, marking the completion of their 20-week training session. Acting Academy Director Fred H. Madden welcomed the attendees, who included several senior law enforcement professionals, public officials, along with families and friends of the graduates.

Opening remarks were made by William F. Anderson, President of Gloucester County College. Mr. Bill Sample, retired Philadelphia police officer and President & Founder of the Sunshine Foundation, delivered the keynote address.

Following the awarding of diplomas, the achievement awards were presented to the following:

The Physical Training Award was presented to Robert Layton, Alternate Route – Mantua Township; Michael J. Muckley, Alternate Route – Atco; and Angel Lopez, Millville. Lopez was also Class Physical Training Leader.

Keith R. Comer, Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, received the Most Improved in Physical Training Award.

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Erik L. Kelly, Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, received the Firearms Award and the Division of Criminal Justice Award.

The Firearms Award was also presented to William H. Tappin, Jr., Gloucester County Sheriff's Department.

Timothy H. Adkins, Pennsville Township, received the Vehicle Operations Award.

Derek Barow, Gloucester County Sheriff's Department, received the Director's Award.

The Academic Award was presented to Jason R. Efelis, Pennsville Township. He was also Class President.

Jeffrey N. Pallies, Alternate Route – Pitman, was presented the Special Dedication Award. He was also Class Leader.

Other Class Officers for the 31st Basic Class were Austin Procida, Alternate Route – Franklinville, Vice President, and Michael FitzGibbon, Alternate Route, Franklin Township.

The Police Academy is located in the heart of the 250-acre GCC campus and operates as an autonomous unit within the College's Academic Services Division. Many of the trainees are sponsored by municipal police departments, county sheriff's offices and agencies such as the Delaware River Port Authority and College/University police departments. Others enter training through the "alternate route" program.

The Gloucester County Police Academy is one of the few throughout the State to offer this alternative. The training course is one approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission and allows men and women with at least 60 college credits to attend the Basic Course for Police Officers.

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