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### **WI DOC Graduates New Group of Correctional Officers and Probation/Parole Agents**

*Over 50 Correctional Officers and 20 Agents Graduate from Training*

**MADISON, Wis.** - The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Friday strengthened its workforce with the addition of 54 Correctional Officers and 20 Probation & Parole Agents.

The new DOC staff members graduated from their specialized training courses during separate ceremonies in Madison and Oshkosh.

Correctional Officer Pre-Service Group 306 was welcomed to the graduation ceremony by Oshkosh Training Center Director Kristine Timm and DOC Division of Adult Institutions Administrator Cathy Jess. The event was held at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.

Included in the Pre-Service Group 306 graduating class are 13 Psychiatric Care Technician who will be assigned to the Wisconsin Resource Center, a Department of Health Services secure facility that provides treatment to mentally ill inmates.

At a State Capitol ceremony for new Probation and Parole Agents, DOC Secretary Gary Hamblin welcomed 20 graduates of the DOC Academy for Agent Basic Training. The Agents will be assigned to Division of Community Corrections regional offices all over the state.

Cadets of the Agent Basic Training Academy are trained in ethics, intake, custody and violation, revocation, evidence based practices, motivational interviewing, reentry and pre-sentence investigation among other areas of community corrections.

The Correctional Officer Pre-service Training Program is a seven-week, 280-hour mandated, intensive training program which includes lecture, discussion, role-play, competency based performance and academic examinations. The objective of the program is to develop the skills, knowledge and abilities of the trainee to effectively perform their official duties. These positions are responsible for the security, care, custody, control and rehabilitation of inmates within a correctional institution.

The Correctional Officers will be assigned to 15 medium and maximum security correctional institutions, including Columbia Correctional Institution, Dodge Correctional Institution, Green Bay Correctional Institution, Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution, Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility, New Lisbon Correctional Institution, Oakhill Correctional Institution,

Oshkosh Correctional Institution, Redgranite Correctional Institution, Racine Correctional Institution, Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility, Stanley Correctional Institution, Taycheedah Correctional Institution, Wisconsin Secure Program Facility and Waupun Correctional Institution.

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