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### **WI DOC Graduates New Class of Correctional Officers** *Over 50 Officers Graduate from Pre-service Training*

**OSHKOSH, Wis.** - The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) graduated its newest class of Correctional Officers at a ceremony on Friday, Feb. 17, at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

A total of 54 Correctional Officers and one Correctional Sergeant as well as 13 Psychiatric Care Technicians completed their training and graduated.

Members of Correctional Officer Pre-Service Group 304 and their families and friends were welcomed to the ceremony by Oshkosh Training Center Director Kristine Timm and DOC Secretary Gary Hamblin delivered the keynote address.

He told the class that their work to protect communities and those inside DOC institutions is critical to the public safety mission of the DOC.

“The work our Correctional Officers do in the field of safety and security protects the wellbeing of every person in our institutions, including the staff, the inmates and members of the public who visit,” said Secretary Hamblin.

“Our single greatest asset is you. Your commitment and dedication and the commitment and dedication of your colleagues help make the Department successful in achieving its mission and making sure offenders are given the tools they need to be law-abiding citizens once they are released,” he stated.

The Correctional Officers will be assigned to eleven medium and maximum security correctional institutions statewide, including Dodge Correctional Institution, Waupun Correctional Institution, Columbia Correctional Institution, New Lisbon Correctional Institution, Oshkosh Correctional Institution, Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution, Wisconsin Secure Program Facility, Redgranite Correctional Institution, Fox Lake Correctional Institution, Jackson Correctional Institution and Taycheedah Correctional Institution.

The Psychiatric Care Technicians will be assigned to duties at the Wisconsin Resource Center, a Department of Health Services facility that provides treatment to mentally ill inmates.

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.

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