

77th Basic Training Class Graduates 39 New Police Officers



The 77th Basic Training Class for Police Professionals, Honor Guard.

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On Friday, May 28, 2004, the Vermont Police Academy proudly oversaw the graduation of 39 new police officers from the 77th Basic Training Class for Police Professionals. This was the culmination of their efforts that had started on Sunday, 08 Feb 2004 at 1400 hours, aka "Day 1."

The guest speaker for commencement was Brian Joyce from Channel 3 News. Mr. Joyce addressed the graduates regarding the relationships shared between police professionals and the news media.

The 77th graduation ceremonies caused mixed emotions for the Academy Staff as the festivities were darkened by the announcement that ▶



The 77th Basic Class marching in for the ceremony.

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Class Members

AUSTEN, Christopher	Brattleboro Police Department
BEAN, Chad L.	Hardwick Police Department
BEAUREGARD, Shannon	Windsor Police Department
BEEBE, Paul J.	VT State Police
BICKFORD, Mark R.	St. Johnsbury Police Department
BLOW, Michael	UVM Police Services
BOOKER, Scott	Milton Police Department
BROTHERS, Andrew S.	Springfield Police Department
COCHRAN, Aaron	Hardwick Police Department
COCHRAN, Wade	Hardwick Police Department
EATON, Sean	Brattleboro Police Department
GABOURY, Gary W.	Bennington County Sheriffs Dept.
GIOLITO, Robert M.	VT State Police
HARVIE, Brent	Colchester Police Department
HESS, Travis M.	VT State Police
HUBBARD, Matthew	Windham County Sheriffs Dept.
HUDON, Jeff	Windham County Sheriffs Dept.
JENSEN, Andrew W.	VT State Police
KENNETT, Ryan	Essex County Sheriffs Department
KING, Brandon	UVM Police Services
LIMOGES, Matt	Windsor Police Department
MANNING, Dale F.	Capitol Police
MARCELLUS, Daniel	VT State Police
MCGARVIN, Shawn	VT State Police
NEWTON, Timothy J.	VT State Police
NOBLET, Jason	Manchester Police Department
O'GORMAN, Keith	Burlington Police Department
PAQUETTE, Tina	Franklin County Sheriffs Dept.
ROBERTS, Douglas	Hartford Police Department
SAGE, Nancy	Windham County Sheriffs Dept.
SCHNEIDER, Daniel J.	VT State Police
SNYDER, Matt R.	Bennington County Sheriffs Dept.
STEERE, Daniel	Manchester Police Department
THIBAUT, Thomas	Chittenden County Sheriffs Dept.
TUCKER, Randall	Williston Police Department
TWEEDIE, Bridget	Lyndonville Police Department
VANDENBURGH, Sarah	Burlington Police Department
WADE, Kimberly	VT State Police
WELCH, Michael	Randolph Police Department
WERNEKE, Virginia	VT Attorney General's Office



Deputy Nancy Sage, from the Windham County Sheriff's Department, sings the National Anthem at graduation.



Executive Director Ronald Morell delivers opening remarks. This will be the last class graduating under Ron's guidance as he is retiring later this year. We thank Ron for everything he has done to enhance law enforcement training in this state.



Guest speaker, Brian Joyce, from Channel 3 News, delivered a message to the graduating class on cooperating with the press.



Sr. Training Coordinator John Gonyea speaks to the graduating class.

Executive Director Ronald Morell would be retiring in a few short months. Please join us in wish "the boss" all the best in his retirement.

We at the Academy ask our brothers and sisters in policing to join us in wishing all the new officers well in their new profession! □

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Matthew L. Limoges, Windsor Police Department.



Daniel J. Schneider, Vermont State Police. Tpr. Schneider also received awards for being a member of the 300 pound-plus club, running a sub-9-minute mile, and also received the top physical fitness award.



Mark Bickford, from the St. Johnsbury Police Department. P.O. Bickford also received the Gene Gaiotti award.



Chad L. Bean, Hardwick Police Department.



Ryan M. Kennett, Essex County Sheriff's Department.

Awards

The following individuals received awards for their performance during the 16-week program.

Director's Award

T2C Daniel Marcellus, VT State Police

Gaiotti Award

Officer Mark Bickford, St. Johnsbury PD

Academic Award:

Deputy Thomas Thibault, Chittenden County SD

Mike Galvin "Top Shooter" Award:

T2C Andrew Jensen, VT State Police

Most Improved Shooter Award

Deputy Matthew Synder, Bennington County SD

Most Physically Fit Award:

T2C Daniel Schneider, VT State Police

Most Improved PT Award

Deputy Nancy Sage, Windham County SD

"Sub 9:00 run Club":

T2C Daniel Schneider, VT State Police

"300 pound bench Club"

T2C Daniel Schneider, VT State Police;
Officer Brent Harvie, Colchester PD;
Deputy Thomas Thibault, Chittenden County SD;
Officer Randall Tucker, Williston PD;
and Officer Chad Bean, Hardwick PD.

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Andrew W. Jensen, Vermont State Police.



Paul J. Beebe, Vermont State Police.



Trooper Beebe having his badge pinned by his son and wife.



Randall L. Tucker, Williston Police Department.



Bridget J. Tweedie, Lyndonville Police Department.



Daniel C. Marcellus, Vermont State Police.



Christopher Austen, Brattleboro Police Department.



Gary W. Gaboury, Bennington County Sheriff's Department.



Scott Booker, Milton Police Department.



Aaron L. Cochran, Hardwick Police Department.



Keith J. O'Gorman, Burlington Police Department.

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Michael P. Welch, Randolph Police Department.



Tina M. Paquette, Franklin County Sheriff's Dept.



Dale F. Manning, Capitol Police.



Kimberly A. Wade, Vermont State Police.



Sean Eaton, Brattleboro Police Department.



Douglas A. Roberts, Hartford Police Department.



Robert M. Giolito, Vermont State Police.



Wade R. Cochran, Hardwick Police Department.



Michael Blow, UVM Police Services.



Shawn R. McGarvin, Vermont State Police.



Jason M. Noblet, Manchester Police Department.



Virginia Werneke, Attorney General's Office.

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Nancy Sage, Windham County Sheriff's Department.



Deputy Nancy Sage has her badge pinned by family members.



Andrew S. Brothers, Springfield Police Department.



Brandon M. King, UVM Police Services.



Brent W. Harvie, Colchester Police Department.



Matthew B. Hibbard, Windham County Sheriff's Department.



Sarah L. VanDenburgh, Burlington Police Dept.



Deputy Thibault has his badge pinned by family members who are also in law enforcement.



Thomas Thibault, Chittenden County Sheriff's Dept.



Daniel Steere, Manchester Police Department.



Travis M. Hess, Vermont State Police.

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Timothy J. Newton, Vermont State Police.



Matthew R. Snyder, Bennington County Sheriff's Office.



Shannon R. Beauregard, Windsor Police Department.



Top Shooter Award goes to Trooper Jensen.



Most improved shooter, Deputy Snyder.



Top physical fitness award, Trooper Schneider.



Most improved physical fitness, Deputy Sage.



Police professionals from the 77th Basic who joined the weightlifting 300 pound club.



Tpr. Marcellus won the Director's Award.



Cpl. Gaiotti delivers the Gene Gaiotti award.



P.O. Bickford won the Gene Gaiotti Award.

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The two top police profesionas for GPA: Sean Eaton, Brattleboro PD and Thomas Thibault, Chittenden County Sheriff's Dep. Deputy Thibault won the award.



Investigator Jay Clark from the Vermont Department of Liquor Control, received the Leadership Award which is awarded to the Training Assistant who has the most input on the class.



Assistant Director June Kelly delivered a farewell speech to Director Morell, thanking him for all he has done for law enforcement during his tenure with the Vermont Police Academy.



The Mentor Award went to Sgt. Pulsifer of the Rutland City Police Department for the third consecutive time.



Chief Joseph Estey of the Hartford Police Department is the Vice Chairman for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Estey honored one of his graduating officers, P.O. Roberts, who was instrumental in talking a suicidal subject off the Quechee Bridge in December 2003.



Tpr. Marcellus, Class President, giving his speech.