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Va. Capitol Police welcome 3 new officers via academy graduation

HOPEWELL – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police grew by three officers Thursday with their graduation from the 101st Basic Law Enforcement Academy of the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Earl L. Foster of Richmond and Mario W. Medina-Chacon and Michael A. Nesheiwat, both of Chester, were among the 31-member Crater graduating class honored during a ceremony at the Hopewell Moose Lodge.

The members of the 101st spent about six months at the Crater academy in Prince George County covering more than 1,300 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services-mandated training objectives. In addition to completing the academy's graduation requirements, one of the Capitol Police graduates, Foster, was recognized for exceptional achievement. He earned the R.A. Stout Physical Fitness Award for his improvement over the course of the academy.

“There are many career choices available to young people these days, and that’s why I salute Officers Foster, Medina-Chacon and Nesheiwat for their decision to pursue law enforcement,” said Col. John T. McKee, the Capitol Police chief. “It’s not the easiest of career paths, but it involves service to others, and that alone tells me these three have strength of character. They’ll fit in with an agency that puts others ahead of themselves on a daily basis.”

The three new Capitol Police officers will report next week to Capitol Square, where they will work with division-certified training officers to learn the specifics of their new assignments.



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