



# Division of Capitol Police News Release

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## Capitol Police have record graduating class

**PETERSBURG** -- A record group of nine Division of Capitol Police recruits graduated Thursday night from the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

In a ceremony at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, the nine were honored as being members of the 92nd Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Crater, a training facility in neighboring Prince George County.

Donald W. Lemons, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony, congratulating the members of the 92nd for covering 1,300 Department of Criminal Justice Services-mandated training objectives during the 26-week session at Crater.

"I am extremely proud of this group for demonstrating a commitment to joining the Capitol Police," said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. "In these challenging times, law enforcement is a career choice that shows a willingness to put others ahead of yourself, and it's humbling to see these nine commit themselves to provide progressive law enforcement services to the Commonwealth of Virginia."

Upon returning to Richmond, the nine officers – from an original group of more than 300 applicants -- will undergo extensive field training with Division of Capitol Police-certified Field Training Officers before being assigned to their respective shifts.

The nine are:

- Spencer S. Bartee
- Cody W. Carruth
- Dexter D. Dowling
- Byron F. Leon
- Elonga A. Manseka
- Corbin P. Ramos
- Christopher A. Riopedre
- Pierce S. Turner
- Rory M. Walter

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