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Capitol Police welcome four new officers via academy graduation

HOPEWELL -- The Virginia Division of Capitol Police grew by four officers Thursday with the graduation of the 98th Basic Law Enforcement Academy of the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Bridget Crowley, Taniah N. Easter, Keenan Mykel Frye and Samantha D. Kaputa were among the 23-member Crater graduating class honored during a ceremony at the Hopewell Moose Lodge.

The members of the 98th spent roughly six months at the Crater academy in Prince George County covering more than 1,300 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services-mandated training objectives.

“I salute Officers Crowley, Easter, Frye and Kaputa and the rest of the class for their commitment to public service and putting others ahead of themselves,” said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. “It says something about their strength of character that they would choose law enforcement. It’s not an easy career path but it can be incredibly rewarding.”

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

“I’m looking forward to them getting started,” Pike said. “They’re going to make our stakeholders proud.”



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