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Newest Capitol Police officers feted at academy graduation

ETTRICK – Led by a record-setting academic performance, the newest group of Division of Capitol Police officers took several honors Thursday in a ceremony marking the graduation of the 96th Basic Law Enforcement Academy of the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The three new Capitol Police officers -- Anna L. Banks, Josiah P. Ivill and Precious L. Skinner -- were among the 23-member Crater graduating class honored during a ceremony at Virginia State University.

Banks was named the 96th's honor graduate after accomplishing something unprecedented in the history of the Crater academy, which was founded in 1975 and covers more than 1,300 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services-mandated training objectives. Throughout their stay at Crater, students take 21 exams totaling 622 questions. Banks became the first student in academy history to miss just one question.

Skinner finished second in the 96th in final academic rankings, and Ivill tied for second in driving proficiency.

“It’s not always an easy choice to go into public service and put the welfare of others ahead of yourself,” said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. “These are difficult times, and it’s humbling to see these young men and women not only make the commitment to service, but to apply themselves so diligently right from the outset.”

Banks, Ivill and Skinner will report next week to Capitol Square, where they will work with division-certified training officers as they learn the specifics of their new assignments.

“Our newest officers have already distinguished themselves through their willingness to excel,” Pike said, “and that bodes well for our stakeholders in and around Capitol Square. I’m proud they made the choice to join Capitol Police.”



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