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Va. Capitol Police welcome 4 new officers via academy graduation

HOPEWELL – Four new officers joined the Virginia Division of Capitol Police on Thursday upon their graduation from the 100th Basic Law Enforcement Academy of the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Woody Jacques of North Chesterfield, Jalen Lee of Richmond, Eric Lynch of Midlothian and Breanna Saunders of Richmond were among the 30-member Crater graduating class honored during a ceremony at the Hopewell Moose Lodge.

The members of the 100th 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. Lynch was elected the class president and Saunders the class secretary/treasurer. Saunders also earned the physical fitness improvement award for her progress during the 100th academy, which began in January.

“I salute Officers Jacques, Lee, Lynch and Saunders for making a selfless decision to put others ahead of themselves and commit to public service,” said Col. John T. McKee, the Capitol Police chief. “Law enforcement is not the easiest of career choices, but it is a rewarding one. More important to our stakeholders in and around Capitol Square, these four join an agency that demonstrates strength of character on a daily basis.”

The four 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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