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“Option 5” graduate brings experience to Va. Capitol Police

FAIRFAX – After completing six weeks of training at the “Option 5” lateral academy, the Virginia Division of Capitol Police is celebrating the graduation of one experienced officer joining the ranks.

Previously serving in Washington, D.C., seasoned officer Andrew Margiotta of Manchester, England, was one of 15 graduates from nine Virginia agencies being recognized yesterday afternoon at the commencement ceremony held at the Fairfax County Police Department’s headquarters.

The “Option 5” lateral academy is an abbreviated 6-week training program for previously sworn police officers from other states, who have held a sworn position with a different police agency. Already holding knowledge and experience, this training streamlines their transition and ensures they are equipped with the latest skills and legal updates necessary to excel in their newest roles.

The Division of Capitol Police chief, John T. McKee offered words of congratulations.

“Congratulations to Officer Margiotta for completing the “Option 5” lateral academy. By bringing diverse experiences to the Division, we strengthen our capabilities to continue upholding our core values of **Devotion**, **Character** and **Professionalism**. We look forward to adding him to our team and him serving our elected officials, citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth. Great job!”

Officer Margiotta will report for duty next week to continue training with division-certified training officers to learn the specifics of his new assignment.



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