



Division of Capitol Police

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Seven New Officers Join Virginia Capitol Police After Academy Graduation

DISPUTANTA, Va. – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police welcomed seven new officers Friday following their graduation from the 106th Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The Capitol Police graduates were Christina Beatty of Mechanicsville; Daniel Elkins of Midlothian; Miles Hill of Richmond; Lauren Mielke of Littleton, Colorado; Johnathan Mills of South Boston; Donald Smoyer of North Chesterfield; and Mejbah Ulum of West Berlin, New Jersey.

They were among 37 recruits recognized during the ceremony in Prince George County. The academy class included recruits from 12 law enforcement agencies and completed approximately six months of training, including more than 1,300 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services-mandated training objectives.

Ofc. Beatty was also selected by her classmates to serve as secretary and treasurer of the 106th Basic Law Enforcement Academy class, a leadership role voted on by fellow recruits during the academy session.

“Completing the academy is an important milestone, and I commend each of our new officers for the commitment and perseverance it took to reach this point,” said Col. John T. McKee, Capitol Police chief. “I am excited to welcome them to the Division and look forward to seeing them serve with Devotion, Character and Professionalism. Great job!”

The new officers will report for duty Wednesday and begin field training with division-certified training officers as they prepare for their assignments with the Division of Capitol Police.



From left: Col. John McKee, officers Christina Beatty, Daniel Elkins, Lauren Mielke, Donald Smoyer, Johnathan Mills, Mejbah Ulum and Miles Hill.

About the Division of Capitol Police

The Division of Capitol Police has been leading the nation since 1618 in securing, protecting and serving the seat of government and its people. Our mission is to provide progressive law enforcement and security services to Virginia's government officials, employees, citizens of the Commonwealth and its visitors.

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