

Seven Recruits Graduate from NDHP Law Enforcement Training Academy

NARRATIVE: Seven troopers graduated from the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, following successful completion of a comprehensive law enforcement training program. The newly sworn North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers began the 21-week training in September 2021. The newly sworn troopers will begin field training with assigned NDHP troopers beginning Monday, Feb. 14, and be temporarily stationed at posts throughout the state.

Lt. Governor Brent Sanford gave the graduation address and expressed gratitude to the new troopers and their families. He noted the courage and dedication needed of those who serve in uniform and wished them well as they begin their service to the citizens of North Dakota. He stated, “ Whether it’s rescuing stranded and injured motorists in a blizzard --- maintaining calm and showing restraint in an intense protest situation --- performing lifesaving CPR and delivering babies, bridging the gaps between the state and our tribal partners, promoting safe driving and seatbelt safety, providing CDL training and testing, we take pride in the professionalism shown by our troopers day after day.”

ND Supreme Court Chief Justice Jon Jensen administered the oath of office. A badge of authority, which is issued only to duly appointed and acting members of the highway patrol, was presented to each graduate.

Lt. Daniel Haugen, Training Director of the NDHP Law Enforcement Academy, noted the importance of family within the highway patrol and gave each recruit the opportunity to have a family member pin their badge.

The graduates and their hometowns are **Reece Burckhard**, Bismarck, ND; **Joshua Dura**, Kindred, ND; **Mathew Lee**, Gary, MN; **Alyson Moses**, Bismarck, ND; **AJ Potter**, Monticello, MN; **Shea Pulley**, Columbus, MO; and **Austin Yancy**, Chowchilla, CA.

NDHP Colonel Brandon Solberg also spoke at the ceremony noting the recruits hard work, dedication, flexibility, and commitment to protecting the citizens of North Dakota. He stated, “You all deserve our gratitude for choosing to serve the citizens of the great state in one of the most noble professions. On the highway patrol you’ll be tasked with meeting our mission – to make a difference every day by providing high quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure.”

The assigned duty locations of the new troopers will be announced following field training in April.



Chief Justice Jon Jensen, foreground, administers the oath of office. First row seated l-r: Lieutenant Governor Brett Sanford, Chaplain Greg Carr, Colonel Brandon Solberg, Major Tom Iverson. Second row standing l-r: Trp. Austin Yancy, Trp. Shea Pulley, Trp. AJ Potter, Trp. Alyson Moses, Trp. Mathew Lee, Trp. Joshua Dura, and Trp. Reece Burkhard



Pictured (l-r):

Trp. Mathew Lee, Trp. Shea Pulley, Trp. AJ Potter, Trp. Alyson Moses, Trp. Joshua Dura, Trp. Reece Burkhard, and Trp. Austin Yancy

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