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Eight Recruits Graduate from Law Enforcement Training Academy

NARRATIVE: Eight officers graduated from the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, following successful completion of a comprehensive law enforcement training program. The newly sworn North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers will begin field training with assigned NDHP troopers beginning Monday, October 6, and be temporarily stationed at posts throughout the state.

Lt. Evan Savageau, Training Director of the NDHP Law Enforcement Academy opened the ceremony stating, "Each member of this class has passed the requirements for attaining the rank of Highway Patrol Trooper, and we are proud to celebrate them today."

Al Dohrman, Chief Operating Officer, ND Governor's Office, expressed gratitude to the new troopers and their families. He stated, "There's something special about people who raise their right hand take the oath and support something greater than themselves."

North Dakota Attorney General Drew Wrigley also spoke at the ceremony emphasizing the importance of family support and stated, "These troopers are being sworn into a fabled, respected, and important law enforcement agency."

North Dakota Highway Patrol Superintendent Daniel Haugen 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.

The graduates and their hometowns are **Mark Anderson**, Valley City, ND; **Kerri Gortmaker**, Adams, ND; **Breana Hoynes**, Bismarck, ND; **Trevor Mishler**, Montrose, MN; **Harold Rochester**, Holtville, CA; **Colin Samuels**, Wahpeton, ND; **Wyatt Schilling**, East Troy, WI; and **Jordan Wilkes**, Jacksonville, FL.

The assigned duty locations of the new troopers will be announced following field later this year.



NDHP's newest Troopers (left-right): L-R: Trooper Wyatt Schilling, Trooper Kerri Gortmaker, Trooper Harold Rochester, Trooper Trevor Mishler, Trooper Jordan Wilkes, Trooper Breana Hoynes, Trooper Mark Anderson and Trooper Colin Samuels

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