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Nevada Department of Public Safety Commissions New Peace Officers

Las Vegas, Nev. - The Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned the state's newest Peace Officers at the graduation ceremony for the 79th DPS Academy. The ceremony was held at the College of Southern Nevada, Horn Theatre on December 21, 2017.

Graduates include military veterans and first responders to public safety incidents. Officer Ulysses Valencia served in the United States Navy, Officer Bryce Beaver and Officer Aaron Crisp served in the United States Army. While off duty, Crisp was a responder and assisted with the 1 October incident. Officer Christopher Black is a decorated first responder for his role during the Boston Marathon bombing.

"I'm proud to administer the oath of office to these incoming officers who are now a part of the DPS family," remarked DPS Director James Wright. "They have chosen to answer the call to serve in public safety and protect Nevada residents and visitors."

Cadets are immersed in high-level courses designed to develop skills required to serve as law enforcement officers in Nevada. Training includes law and legal procedures, patrol operations and investigations, performance of skills, functions of a Peace Officer and physical fitness. Of the 14 graduates, ten will join the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) Division, and 9 will join the Parole and Probation Division.

DPS Officers perform a variety of law enforcement and public safety functions within the Department of Public Safety. Assignments vary widely and incumbents are assigned to various Divisions within the Department, including the Nevada Highway Patrol, State Fire Marshal's Office, Investigations, Parole & Probation and Capitol Police.

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