

DOC SETS THE BAR HIGH WITH CLASS OF 2015

GRADUATION

With more than 1,000 recruits joining NYCBoldest this year, DOC had the largest number of annual graduates in the Department's history. These new Correction Officers will play a key role in the Commissioner's 14-point Anti-Violence Reform Agenda, which aims to create a culture of safety throughout the Department.

There were three graduating classes in 2015. The first class graduated on February 13, the second graduated on June 29, and the third class – the largest class in history with 592 recruits – graduated on December 4.

The Correction Academy has undergone significant changes to emphasize the acquisition of skills needed to keep inmates and staff safe. These changes include better screening of recruits, new leadership for staff recruiting and training operations, additional training for recruits on how to handle inmates with mental health diagnoses, and the introduction of scenario-based training to familiarize recruits with common jail-based activities and situations.

Presently, with nearly 9,000 officers, uniformed staff form the largest sector of the DOC workforce. We would like congratulate the Class of 2015 and welcome these new officers into the DOC family.

