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NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION HOSTS 'MEET THE LEADERS' PANELS

More Than 200 Aspiring Correction Officers Attend

EAST ELMHURST, N.Y. – More than 200 aspiring Correction Officers recently attended “Meet the Leaders” sessions at DOC Headquarters, receiving an inside glimpse of work at the Department. **DOC’s Recruitment Unit** coordinated the gatherings on the evenings of January 25 and February 2 at the Bulova Corporate Center in Queens. Candidates who passed the Correction Officer exam met a panel of Senior DOC Leadership, including Chief of Department Martin Murphy and First Deputy Commissioner Dina Simon along with Bureau Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs. They provided information about Department reform, job safety, and the next steps in the recruitment process.



Commissioner Joseph Ponte congratulated the candidates on passing their exam. “We are thrilled you have chosen the **NYC Department of Correction** as you move toward a career in law enforcement,” he said. “Your interest in the Department comes at a critical juncture. We are creating a culture of safety for staff and inmates alike. And you will play a pivotal role in assuring this culture of safety grows.”

First Deputy Commissioner Simon, welcoming the candidates, said: “Your future is in your hands. As you embark on the journey to a rewarding career as a NYC Correction Officer, we hope to empower you and answer any questions you may have. The people assembled on this panel have over 150 years of collective experience, and they are committed to making sure that you have all the tools necessary to navigate the recruitment process.”

DOC's Recruitment Unit is making preparations for its next "Meet the Leaders" panel for those candidates who pass the January and February exams.

DOC is committed to hiring 1,800 new officers this year. The Recruitment Unit attends career fairs, college fairs, and community events looking for the brightest, most qualified applicants. Those interested in learning more about careers with DOC and about future recruitment events can visit nyc.gov/jointheboldest for more information.

About the New York City Department of Correction

The New York City Department of Correction (DOC) provides for the care, custody, and control of persons accused of crimes or convicted and sentenced to one year or less of jail time.

The Department manages 12 inmate facilities, 9 of which are located on Rikers Island. In addition, the Department operates two hospital Prison Wards (Bellevue and Elmhurst hospitals) and court holding facilities in Criminal, Supreme, and Family Court in each borough.

During Fiscal Year 2015, the Department handled over 67,000 admissions and managed an average daily inmate population of approximately 10,240 individuals.

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