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Highway Patrol graduates 38 cadets in ceremony today

COLUMBUS - The Ohio State Highway Patrol held a graduation ceremony for 38 cadets today at the Patrol's Training Academy.

The Patrol's 149th Academy Class graduated today after 31 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training. Ohio Governor Ted Strickland provided remarks for the ceremony. The keynote address was made by Richard Cordray, Ohio Attorney General. Additional remarks were provided by Director Cathy Collins-Taylor, Ohio Department of Public Safety; Captain Kevin Teaford, Interim Patrol Superintendent; Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth Appellate District, Ohio Court of Appeals; and Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth, Ohio State Highway Patrol Chaplain. All addressed the graduates and presented their commissions and certificates of training.

Courses completed by the 149th class included firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, human relations and crash investigation training. Cadets also drove on the performance track at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (OPOTA) in London.

Trooper Andrew C. Baldrige of Carey, Ohio, was selected class speaker and thanked the Academy and the families of the Cadets for being so supportive during their training.

Five of the graduates received special honors for top performance in various fields of study at the Patrol Academy. The honorees are:

- Overall performance – Trooper Joshua M. Beynon of Westerville, Ohio
- Top performance in firearms – Trooper Ryan L. Brillhart of Toledo, Ohio
- Top performance in driving – Trooper James W. Bryner of Columbus, Ohio, and Trooper Timothy A. Grimm of Southington, Ohio
- Top performance in physical training – Trooper Paul M. Panches of Toledo, Ohio, and Trooper Jacob C. Salamon, of Cincinnati, Ohio
- Top performance in academics – Trooper Kimberly A. Trout of Miamisburg, Ohio

Each of the graduates will report to their posts on Monday, December 21. The graduates' first 60 working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 20 of the Patrol's 55 posts.

Editor's Note: Academy Class Roster Attached

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CADET	HOMETOWN	ASSIGNMENT
Scott M. Aker	Springfield	Piqua
Andrew C. Baldrige	Carey	Bucyrus
Joshua M. Beynon	Westerville	Marysville
Erick D. Billups	Cleveland	Milan
Ryan L. Brillhart	Toledo	Swanton
Dorien J. Brown	Mahwah, N.J.	Dayton
James W. Bryner	Columbus	Marysville
Demarques L. Camper	Cleveland	Van Wert
Brian A. Cannon	Ravenna	Lisbon
Kacy L. Carmichael	Dayton	Piqua
Kyle D. Chamblin	West Union	Georgetown
Alec P. Coil	New Haven, Ind.	Van Wert
Byron W. Crockett	Oberlin	Sandusky
Dominic J. Danesi	Alliance	Wapakoneta
Russell A. Davis	Huber Heights	Wapakoneta
Jason C. Derthick	Findlay	Lima
Kaitlin D. Fuller	Pickerington	Marysville
Cameron M. Gallagher	Reynoldsburg	Jackson
Matthew J. Gardner	Bryan	Defiance
Timothy A. Grimm	Southington	Sandusky
Brent L. Hartley	Salem	Defiance
Dereck T. Heming	Milford	Georgetown
David W. Hendrix	Amsterdam	Bucyrus
Dustin R. Payne	Belpre	Dayton
Cristian A. Perrin	Cincinnati	Hamilton
Curtese T. Poole	Reynoldsburg	Dayton
Paul M. PUNCHES	Toledo	Toledo
Jacob C. Salamon	Cincinnati	Lebanon
John E. Stevens	Toledo	Norwalk
Todd A. Stevens	Hillsboro	Wilmington
Amanda M. Thompson	New Richmond	Georgetown
James M. Trelka	Cambridge	Jackson
Kimberly A. Trout	Miamisburg	Dayton
Jason M. Urbina	Holland	Defiance
William J. Watson	Van Wert	Van Wert
Jonathan H. Weasner	Bellevue	Fremont
Adam C. Williams	Racine	Jackson
Joshua M. Zaugg	Gnadenhutten	Sandusky

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