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**2012 GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD FOR NEW CLASS OF ADULT
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

HONOLULU – The Department of Public Safety (PSD) today welcomed a new class of adult correctional officers at a graduation ceremony and luncheon held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. 33 recruits graduated from Basic Corrections Training (BCT) and 13 non-uniform civilian PSD staff members graduated from Corrections Familiarization Training (CFT).

Congresswoman Elect Tulsi Gabbard was the special guest speaker at today's graduation ceremony.

BCT is an 11 week training that includes 440 hours of classroom time and physical training. Recruits learn suicide detection and prevention, first aid, CPR, crisis intervention, gangs and subcultures, use of weapons, self defense tactics and physical agility training. CFT is a 10 day training that includes 80 hours of instructional time to educate employees on basic correctional practices.

Every BCT class also participates in a charity walk of their choice. In November, they chose to walk in the first ever Hydrocephalus Awareness Walk at Ala Moana, but their outreach didn't end there. Not only did they do the walk, they told their training sergeant that they wanted to clean up and restore a nearby cemetery as well.

"This recruit class wasn't satisfied with doing just one community project," said Training Sergeant Dawn Clemente. "They went above and beyond to take care of the cemetery. These officers show a heart-felt dedication to serving the public and we couldn't be more honored to have them on our team".

The graduates have been assigned to the following correctional centers/facilities:

Maui Community Correctional Center	9
Oahu Community Correctional Center	13

Women's Community Correctional Center	7
Halawa Correctional Facility	15
Waiawa Correctional Facility	2

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