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2015 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 held at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. 18 recruits graduated from Basic Corrections Training (BCT) and will begin their careers as correctional officers in facilities across the state.

BCT is a 9-week training that includes 360 hours of classroom time and physical training. Recruits learn standard of conduct, professionalism and ethics, report writing, interpersonal communications, maintaining security, crisis intervention, security threat groups (gangs), firearms, self-defense tactics, and physical exercise.

“These new corrections officers spent many hours in the classroom and in field training,” says Sergeant Avery Gomes, BCT Sergeant in Charge. “Being a correctional officer in a prison or jail is one of the toughest jobs anyone can do, but it can also be rewarding too. These individuals chose a unique career path and I know they have what it takes to be successful in a challenging environment.”

All incoming classes receive Recruit Field Training along with Basic Corrections Training. That means, during the final weeks of training, they go into the facility and begin their job with the guidance of their training sergeants.

The 18 graduates have been assigned to the following correctional centers/facilities:

Oahu Community Correctional Center	5
Maui Community Correctional Center	6
Women’s Community Correctional Center	2
Halawa Correctional Facility	3
Waiawa Correctional Facility	2

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