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New York City Department of Probation Holds Graduation Ceremony for Newest Probation Officer Recruits

NEW YORK – The New York City Department of Probation (DOP) today held a graduation ceremony to welcome its newest class of probation officer recruits. The event, held at the NYPD Police Academy Auditorium in Flushing, New York, marked the successful completion of a five-month rigorous training program designed to prepare the 37 graduates for the critical responsibilities of supervising individuals on probation, promoting public safety, and fostering rehabilitation.

The training includes the basic peace officer course as well as education on risk assessment, rehabilitation strategies, case management, firearms training, instruction on department policies and procedures, and field training. Probation officers play a vital role in balancing accountability with opportunity, ensuring that individuals under supervision are both held responsible for their actions and supported with the resources necessary to rebuild their lives.

“Public safety is the prerequisite to prosperity, and probation officers are essential to keeping our city safe while also creating opportunities for New Yorkers to turn their lives around,” said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. “This new class of officers represents the best of public service — dedicated professionals who will hold individuals accountable while guiding them toward brighter futures. I congratulate today’s graduates and thank them for answering the call to serve our city.”

“Today’s graduates represent the future of public safety and rehabilitation in New York City,” said **DOP Commissioner Juanita N. Holmes**. “As probation officers, you are not only enforcing accountability but also offering pathways to second chances. Your work will directly impact families, neighborhoods, and the lives of the people you serve. I am proud of your commitment to this mission and confident in the contributions you will make to our city.”

The ceremony also featured remarks from Deputy Mayor of Public Safety Kaz Daughtry and Commissioner Holmes, who underscored the department’s dedication to evidence-

based practices and community engagement as part of its mission to reduce recidivism and strengthen neighborhoods.

Following the ceremony, the new probation officers will be deployed throughout New York City, joining the nearly 1,000 professionals at the Department of Probation who work daily to enhance public safety and support positive outcomes for the individuals they supervise.

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About the New York City Department of Probation

The New York City Department of Probation (DOP) is committed to enhancing public safety, reducing recidivism, and supporting rehabilitation. DOP helps build stronger and safer communities, fostering positive change by working with and supervising nearly 20,000 adults and juveniles citywide on probation, providing both accountability and opportunities for individuals to positively contribute to their communities. Learn more:

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