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### **DPS Academy Graduates 26 from Seven Different Law Enforcement Agencies**

(SITKA, Alaska) – On Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, the Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) Session No. 0902 graduated from the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka. The basic 15-week ALET includes more than 900 hours of training and incorporates intensive training in law enforcement-related topics, physical fitness and many scenario-based training exercises all designed to prepare entry level police officers and Alaska State Troopers for a successful career in Alaska law enforcement. ALET No. 0902 consisted of 26 graduates from seven different law enforcement agencies in Alaska. The graduates are:

Robert	Bentler	Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Daniel	Bullard	Alaska State Troopers
Tyson	Bundy	Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Nicholas	Degnan	Self Pay
Wyatt	Derner	Alaska State Troopers
Cody	Fenton	Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Todd	Hamilton	Kenai Police Department
Nicholas	Harvey	Nome Police
Travis	King	Alaska State Troopers
David	Ledford	Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Casey	Meade	Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Neal	Miner	Alaska State Troopers
Keenan	Mulvaney	Alaska State Troopers
Eric	Nelson	Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Jared	Noll	Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Lee	Phillips	Alaska State Troopers
David	Russell	Alaska State Troopers
David	Schneider	Fairbanks Airport Police & Fire
Antonio	Silva	Alaska Wildlife Troopers
Robert	Smith	Alaska State Troopers
Timothy	Smith	Alaska State Troopers
Kenneth	VanSpronsen	Alaska Wildlife Troopers

Stephen	Warnaca	Juneau Police Department
Charles	Withers	Anchorage Airport Police & Fire
Lane	Wraith	Alaska State Troopers
Steven	Wright	Alaska State Troopers

After graduation from the ALET course, the Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Wildlife Troopers recruits continue their training at the academy for an additional three weeks. This training session is often referred to as Trooper Basic. The trooper recruit receives more tailored and advanced training during this session in Fish and Wildlife investigations, boating safety, survival, commercial fisheries enforcement, media relations, critical stress management, patrol rifle, pepper ball and Stinger spike system. They are also exposed to additional scenario-based training events.

Upon graduation, trooper recruits move to their first duty assignment and begin a 15-week Field Training and Evaluation Program. Trooper recruits are expected to develop to the point of being able to perform all law enforcement functions independently and if successful, will be promoted to Trooper upon the successful completion of their probationary period, generally 12 months from the start of the Academy.

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