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## Second Class of Correctional Police Officers Sworn In

New Castle, IN (September 29, 2011) – On September 28, 2011, 32 new Correctional Police Officers were added to the ranks of the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) during a graduation ceremony held at the Correctional Training Institute in New Castle, Indiana.



IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon addresses the graduates and attendees.

Various dignitaries, guests, and family members were present to witness the event which included IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, members from the Department's Executive Staff, Superintendents and other leaders from the law enforcement community. The key note speaker for the ceremony was Michael Lindsay, Deputy Director of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

"Correctional Police Officers (CPO) have become a vital part of our operation and the safety and security of our facilities. During recent incidents, CPOs were instrumental in the successful capture and arrest of walk aways. We are proud to congratulate these men and women in their achievements and thank the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for their collaboration and support," stated Commissioner Lemmon

The Honorable Judge Bob A. Witham from the Henry County Superior Court performed the swearing-in and oath to the new officers. "This is a great occasion, and is the climax of all the hard work and dedication of these agency staff that chose to go the "extra mile" by completing this program" stated DOC Police Chief Richard Curry.



The second class of Correctional Police Officers are sworn in.

The Indiana Department of Correction Police Force was formed in 2009 with the passing of House Enrollment Act 1132 which authorizes the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction to appoint certain individuals as Correctional Police Officers and grants them certain police powers in connection with an offense on the department property or involving an offender committed to the department. The current graduating class expands the police force to 72 members, one of the largest agencies in the State of Indiana.

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