

340 NEW CORRECTION OFFICERS JOIN *THE BOLDEST*

New York City Department of Correction Commissioner Dora B. Schriro presided over a graduation ceremony for 340 new correction officers at the Walt Whitman Theater in Brooklyn College. The class has completed 4 months of intensive academy training and these new officers have been deployed to their new commands. The Reverend Dr. Alfonso Wyatt, former Vice President of the Fund for the City of New York, delivered the special address.

“The training is tough because this is a tough job,” Commissioner Schriro stated in her remarks to the over three thousand family and friends that were in attendance to support the new graduating class of recruits. “Being a NYC Correction Officer requires strength and stamina, good will and good humor, a clear understanding of the law and steadfast commitment to uphold the law.”

More than ninety five percent of the graduating class holds degrees in higher education. The class represents 120 women and 220 men; 21 to 56 years of age; 47 are members of the armed services; 30 civil servants; and 40 of the graduates are second or more generation in law enforcement. In addition, two recruit officers have welcomed new additions to their family – a baby boy and a baby girl, respectively – while they were in training.

This class includes an officer who had spearheaded an at-risk youth initiative for young men, a former Police Officer in Jamaica West Indies, and a semi-pro football player.

“You are pledging to do your best, to be your best – on the job and off-duty,” Commissioner Schriro continued. “This is a serious vow. But I know you are serious men and women of integrity, and that you have been prepared to live up to the task before you.”