



STATE POLICE ADDS 13 MOTOR CARRIER OFFICERS

Officers to enforce commercial vehicle laws

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LANSING, Mich. Michigan will soon benefit from the services of 13 additional Michigan State Police (MSP) motor carrier officers with the graduation of the 20th Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School. Governor Rick Snyder served as the keynote speaker at today's graduation ceremony held at the Lansing Center.

"We thank these new Michigan State Police motor carrier officers for their commitment and dedication to serving our great state," said Governor Snyder. "These officers are highly trained and their role is vital to Michigan's economy, public safety and the protection of our highway infrastructure."

"We welcome the much needed addition of these new motor carrier officers to the MSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. "Our motor carrier officers play a critical role in traffic safety, deterring criminal activities on our highways and ensuring the legitimate and safe travel of the nation's motor carriers through our state."

Motor carrier officers are armed uniformed members of the MSP who specialize in commercial vehicle enforcement. They enforce traffic safety laws on commercial vehicles, protect the infrastructure through aggressive size and weight enforcement, conduct commercial vehicle and driver inspections and contribute to homeland security efforts by enforcing hazardous material regulations.

MC Ofcr. Philip Owens, who was elected Class Orator by his fellow recruits, spoke on behalf of the graduating class. Owens also received the Outstanding Performance Award and the Team Building Award. Other award winners included, MC Ofcr. Joel Chester who received the Academic Achievement Award and MC Ofcr. Jason Ruess who received the Marksmanship Award.

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20th Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School

The 20th Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School began on Oct. 11, 2015, when 21 prospective officers reported to the MSP Training Academy. For the past 20 weeks, recruits received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, precision driving, commercial vehicle law and commercial vehicle inspection procedures.

In order to be selected to attend the academy, applicants had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

Of the 13 new officers, 12 have continued their education with college studies and three have prior military experience.

Graduating recruits will report to their respective MSP posts across the state for duty next week.

This is the first motor carrier officer recruit school held since October 2014, when 11 officers graduated from the 19th Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School.

To learn more about a career with the MSP, interested candidates should visit www.michigan.gov/mspjobs.



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| MC Ofcr. Clyde Gentry | Monroe Post | Ypsilanti |
| MC Ofcr. Daniel Powers | Monroe Post | Westland |
| MC Ofcr. Chad Schmitt | Monroe Post | Monroe |
| Second District | Post Assignment | Hometown |
| MC Ofcr. Joel Chester | Metro Post | Commerce Township |
| MC Ofcr. Jeffrey Little | Metro Post | Wayne |
| Third District | Post Assignment | Hometown |
| MC Ofcr. Michael Verbruggen | Lapeer Post | Madison Heights |
| Fifth District | Post Assignment | Hometown |
| MC Ofcr. Dakota Cremeans | Paw Paw Post | Dorr |
| MC Ofcr. Philip Owens | Paw Paw Post | Grand Rapids |
| MC Ofcr. Jonathan Omilian | Niles Post | Trenton |
| MC Ofcr. Nicholas Worden | Niles Post | Lansing |
| Sixth District | Post Assignment | Hometown |
| MC Ofcr. Danielle Collins | Lakeview Post | Shepherd |
| MC Ofcr. Jason Ruess | Lakeview Post | Kalamazoo |

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NOTE: For a picture or interview with an individual motor carrier officer, contact his or her post assignment location.