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CLASS OF 24 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO GRADUATE FROM ACADEMY

(JUNEAU) – A class of 24 correctional officers will take the oath of office during graduation ceremonies for the Correctional Officer Basic Academy at 3 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library, in Anchorage.

Graduates are probationary officers on the job at an Alaska correctional facility. Passing the demanding six-week academy training program is a requirement for continued employment. Graduates include:

Anchorage Correctional Complex: Hugues Amand, S. Kika Augafa, Jose A. Bosques, Frances R. Garoutte, Genivieve Haskins, Gregory Lippman and Neal Sanderlin;

Nome -- Anvil Mountain Correctional Center: Devin Bodine, Mike Edenshaw and Rosemary Tootkaylok;

Bethel -- Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center: Evon A. Fox;

Fairbanks Correctional Center: Kurt Gutzman;

Ketchikan Correctional Center: Charlie Seckinger and Daniel J. Yates;

Seward – Spring Creek Correctional Center: Cynthia Beardsley, Frank Buzby, James Comfort, Keith M. Friel, Mary Ann Lay, Dwayne McDonald, Scott Nichols, Kenneth F. Roediger, Max K. Stanton, and Cass T. Wallis.

Michael Addington, Director of Institutions, will present the keynote address.

“I am extremely proud of each graduate,” said Corrections Commissioner Marc Antrim. “The Academy is very demanding. Correctional Officers are responsible for the care and supervision of many extremely dangerous people. Correctional Officers are on the front line of public protection, and are key to our mission to ‘protect the public by supervising and incarcerating offenders.’”

WHAT: The media is invited to attend the graduation ceremony for the Department of Corrections Basic Correctional Officer Academy.

WHEN: 3 p.m. Friday, April 29

WHERE: Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library (36th and Denali), Anchorage

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