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DOC TRAINING ACADEMY TO MOVE TO PALMER

JUNEAU – The Department of Corrections Training Academy will move to the former Palmer Hospital beginning with the start of the 105th Basic Correctional Officer Academy on October 1. The academy presently shares space at the Anchorage Police Department's training facility.

“Currently, only two of our 12 facilities and one of our 13 field offices are within 50 miles of the training facility on Dimond Blvd. By utilizing the state building in Palmer, our training center will be within 50 miles of five facilities and our two largest field offices,” said Commissioner Joe Schmidt.

“We will be able to share resources with local police and fire departments as well. This move will result in a greater number of trainees staying at home during their training, and will have a positive impact for the trainees as well as the Department,” the Commissioner said.

The academy employs a director, two administrative staff, and four full time instructors.

The former Palmer Hospital was purchased by the state with a goal of centralizing Mat-Su criminal justice functions at one location.

The DOC Anchorage Central Office is presently in the midst of a move from the Diplomacy Building on Tudor Road to the Atwood Building downtown.

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