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**LA CROSSE** - Governor Scott Walker today officially swore-in 37 new Wisconsin State Patrol officers during a graduation ceremony in La Crosse. Members of the State Patrol's 63<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Class recently completed 26 weeks of comprehensive training that began September 24, 2017 at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy. "We stand in support of all those who serve in uniform, including these 37 new State Patrol troopers and inspectors," said Governor Walker. "The primary mission of these brave men and women is to ensure safe travel for Wisconsin families and commerce. Thank you for your service and commitment to our state."

The recent graduates have been assigned to work from one of the State Patrol's five regional posts across the state. A total of 29 will begin their service as troopers with eight working as inspectors. Six of the new officers are military veterans and three are women. Troopers generally patrol highways to enforce traffic safety and criminal laws while inspectors help enforce state and federal motor carrier safety regulations that impact large trucks, buses and other commercial motor vehicles.

"We rely on our law enforcement professionals 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during holidays, good and bad weather," stated WisDOT Secretary Dave Ross. "I want to congratulate these recent graduates and recognize that we cannot thank them enough for choosing a career in law enforcement and keeping the roadways and all of us safe."

Along with enforcing traffic and commercial motor vehicle laws, State Patrol officers fulfill many other roles such as crash reconstruction experts, airplane pilots, dignitary protection, K-9 or motorcycle officers. Last year, officers with the Wisconsin State Patrol made 245,099 traffic stops, handled 37,763 motorist assists, and inspected 37,082 commercial motor vehicles.

"To help ensure the safety of our officers and the citizens they serve, the Wisconsin State Patrol provides its troopers and inspectors some of the most comprehensive training offered in the nation," said Captain Paul Matl, Commander of the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy. "The physical and academic training covers traffic and criminal law, emergency vehicle operations and firearms proficiency, communication skills and crisis management, along with emergency lifesaving skills."

The following is a list of the new officers, their hometowns, positions, county and region of assignment.

**Wisconsin State Patrol 63<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Class**

Graduate	Hometown	Classification	Assignment
Michael Abrahamson	Menasha, WI	Trooper	Brown County, SER
Troyer J. Adrich	Plover, WI	Trooper	I Jefferson County, SWR
Jacob M. Anderson	Sparta, WI	Trooper	St. Croix County, NWR
Michael R. Anderson	Guttenberg, IA	Trooper	Sawyer County, NWR
Joan R. Christel	Valders, WI	Trooper	Kewaunee County, NER
Lauren A. Christian	Madison, WI	Inspector	Juneau County, SWR
Danny W. Daniels	Oregon, IL	Trooper	I Jefferson County, SWR
Landon D. Deignier	Marinette, WI	Trooper	Brown County, NER
Anthony B. Fasula	Amherst, WI	Inspector	Wood County, NCR
Thomas A. Fleming	Big Lake, MN	Inspector	Superior SWEF, NWR
Cameron M. Garcia	East Claire, WI	Trooper	Monroe County, SWR
Benjamin W. Hamilton	Wausau, WI	Trooper	La Crosse County, SWR
Jeffrey W. Hill	Monroe, WI	Inspector	Beloit SWEF, SWR
Caleb A. Hohenstein	Antigo, WI	Trooper	Dane County, NCR
Brandon L. Howell	Viroqua, WI	Inspector	Waushara County, NCR
Jordan T. Jones	Green Bay, WI	Trooper	Monroe County, SWR
Ashley R. Kamps	Waterford, WI	Inspector	Kenosha SWEF, SER
Carl N. Kent, II	Monocoua, WI	Trooper	Price County, NCR
Michael W. Kline	Chippewa Falls, WI	Trooper	Jackson County, NWR
Robert P. Liddell	Altoona, WI	Trooper	Jackson County, NWR
Phillip J. Martinez	Port Edwards, WI	Trooper	Racine County, SER
Dragan Milisav	Franklin, WI	Inspector	Kenosha SWEF, SER
Wyatt N. Miller	Middleton, WI	Trooper	Sauk County, SWR
Fachary L. Mulholland	Ladysmith, WI	Trooper	Rusk County, NWR
Alexander D. Murn	Palmyra, WI	Inspector	Chaukees County, SER
George Negron	Hartford, CT	Trooper	Forest/Florence County, NCR
Patrick P. Newell	Milwaukee, WI	Trooper	Kenosha County, SER
Nathan A. Olson	Campbellsport, WI	Trooper	Fond du Lac County, NER
Joshua J. Pinkos	Antigo, WI	Trooper	St. Croix County, NWR
Aaron S. Poehman	De Pere, WI	Trooper	Dodge County, NER
Alexander D. Polizzi	Lake Zurich, IL	Trooper	I Jefferson County, SWR
Elyse P. Post	Morris, IL	Trooper	Juneau County, SWR
Coady A. Schiltz	Lyndon Station, WI	Trooper	Juneau County, SWR
Erinmah K. Schumme	East Claire, WI	Trooper	St. Croix County, NWR
Lared M. Vuksan	Gladstone, MI	Trooper	La Crosse County, SWR
Anna M. Waterman	Amery, WI	Trooper	Washburn County, NWR
Anthony M. Westphal	Fond du Lac, WI	Trooper	Monroe County, NWR

SWR = Southwest Region  
SER = Southeast Region  
NER = Northeast Region  
NCR = Northcentral Region  
NWR = Northwest Region  
SWEF = Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility

**NOTE:** Photos of the graduates will be available on Monday, April 2. To request photos, email [opex@dot.wi.gov](mailto:opex@dot.wi.gov).