

Dept. of Transportation: Gov. Evers welcomes 37 new Wisconsin State Patrol troopers

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Governor Tony Evers welcomed the newest officers to the Wisconsin State Patrol after 37 graduates received their badges at a ceremony in La Crosse on Thursday.

The graduates will join nearly 500 sworn officers assigned to State Patrol's seven regional posts across Wisconsin.

As keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony, Gov. Evers celebrated the new officers' commitment to service.

"Graduations have been a big part of my life as an educator. These milestones are an opportunity to think about why we are here and what we value, and where we have yet to go," Gov. Evers said. "I have no doubt that this class of graduates will go above and beyond to serve their communities and our state, and I want to express my deep gratitude to them and to their families and instructors who helped them get here today."

The mission of State Patrol officers is to support public safety on Wisconsin highways by enforcing traffic laws, responding to incidents, helping stranded drivers, inspecting commercial motor vehicles, working to combat illegal drugs and human trafficking, and supporting Wisconsin's homeland and emergency response strategies.

"We will never know the number of crashes that didn't happen because of State Patrol's efforts, or the families who are alive and safe today because troopers were doing their jobs. But we do know motorists are safer on our

roads in large part because of the vital mission of the Wisconsin State Patrol,” Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson said.

The 67th Recruit Class recently completed 26 weeks of comprehensive training at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy, focusing on traffic and criminal laws, emergency vehicle operations, firearms proficiency, communications, crisis management and lifesaving skills.

“You’ve been through a lot in the past six months. You’ve learned a lot. Each day at the Academy – the lessons you learned and skills you acquired – ensures you now have what it takes to become a valued public servant to the great communities across our state,” State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell told the graduates.

State Patrol troopers and inspectors serve in a variety of roles, including crash reconstruction experts, airplane and drone pilots, dignitary protection, K9 and motorcycle officers.

Wisconsin State Patrol is still accepting applications for the next round of officers, who will begin training at the Academy on January 3, 2023. The application period for the 68th Recruit Class ends on July 8. [Find more information online.](#)

The new officers of the 67th Recruit Class are listed below, along with their hometowns and assignments as new troopers. They will now receive 12 weeks of on-the-job field training in their assigned counties.

Watch the recorded graduation ceremony on [Wisconsin State Patrol’s Facebook page](#).

Photos of the graduates will be available to download here next week: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bL7PoGumdcyR7-wZSZCkUcvgkKca5lKW>

NAME	HOMETOWN	ASSIGNMENT
Eric Adelmeyer	Lomira, WI	Winnebago County
Jack Barker	Warren, IL	Columbia County
Giordano Bartolutti	Hartland, WI	Racine County
Kali Brathol	Menomonie, WI	Jackson County
Corey Bremberger	Slinger, WI	Columbia County
Caleb Briel	Hillsdale, WI	Barron County

Richard Callus	Leicestershire, UK	Racine County
Kevin Capek	Cornell, WI	Juneau County
Davin Cotter	Chicago, IL	Monroe County
Matthew Crowl	Schaumberg, IL	South Dane County
Zachary Freiberg	Wausau, WI	Juneau County
Santosh Gering	Mosinee, WI	Marinette County
Joseph Gilltrap	Hemet, CA	St. Croix County
Kyle Hanneman	Stevens Point, WI	Marathon County
Matthew Jankowski	Withee, WI	Price County
Jon Keller	Stevens Point, WI	Marathon County
Owen Kies	Random Lake, WI	Kenosha County
Joshua King	Bridgetown, Barbados	Monroe County
Hayden Knox	Oconto, WI	Jackson County
Megan Kronschnabel	Manitowoc, WI	Columbia County
Zachary Lind	Hibbing, MN	Douglas County
Andrew Lyyski	Waupun, WI	Fond du Lac County
Eli Morhardt	Lena, IL	Rock County
Jacob Morris	Racine, WI	South Dane County
Cody Nicholson	Oshkosh, WI	Sauk County
Evan Pahl	Hustisford, WI	Columbia County
Kyle Punzel	Jefferson, WI	Rock County
Bradley Ritger	Fall Creek, WI	Dunn County
Trebor Rusch	Appleton, WI	Columbia County
David Scheel	Onalaska, WI	Juneau County
Jacob Schroeder	Oswego, IL	Rock County
Andrew Seitz	Ashland, WI	Ashland County
Kyle Simon	Cross Plains, WI	Columbia County
David Welling	Escanaba, MI	Fond du Lac County
Timothy Williams	Rochester, MN	Juneau County
David Yaggia	Caracas, VE	South Dane County
Randall Zais	Eau Claire, WI	St. Croix County