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NYC DEP Welcomes 44 New Recruits to the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy



Recruits will participate in seven months of training to protect reservoirs, aqueducts, dams and other facilities that collect and convey drinking water to New York City

Photos from the recruits' swearing-in ceremony can be found on [DEP's Flickr page](#)

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Monday welcomed 44 new recruits to the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in the City of Kingston. The new recruits comprise a diverse class that includes three military veterans, men and women who were born in eight different countries and speak 10 different languages. The recruits will participate in seven months of rigorous training before joining the DEP Police as sworn officers to protect the largest municipal water supply in the United States.


"We depend on our highly trained DEP Police to secure a vast water supply that sustains 9.5 million New Yorkers every day," **DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza** said. "The scope and importance of their work cannot be overstated. As criminal and environmental threats evolve, our DEP Police must ensure the safety of large reservoirs, hundreds of water supply facilities and a watershed that spans 1.2 million acres. Our new recruits will soon play an important role in securing the water supply, and I want to congratulate them and their families as they begin months of training."

The new class of recruits is the 13th to be trained through an academy run by DEP, and the third to be trained at the department's new academy facility in Kingston. The class was selected from among 1,568 candidates who were screened through physical training exams, medical tests, and background checks.

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