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MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO AND POLICE COMMISSIONER WILLIAM J. BRATTON PRESIDE OVER RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NYPD'S STATE-OF-THE-ART POLICE ACADEMY

750,000 square foot facility elevates NYPD training capabilities, ensuring New York's Finest remain among the most highly-trained police departments in the world.

New York, New York—Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner William J. Bratton presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the New York City Police Department's state-of-the-art police academy.

Set on 32 acres in the neighborhood of College Point, Queens, the eight-story facility features an 800-seat auditorium and numerous mock-environment training rooms, including: a precinct station house, multi-family residence, grocery store, bank and even a subway platform with a partial train. The physical training building incorporates a custom-designed pool and five tactical training gyms, as well as a larger main gym that includes two full basketball courts, encircled by a 1/8-mile running track.

"The men and women of the NYPD know to expect the unexpected. And they train that way, but in this facility the ability is here to actually prepare them for such an extraordinarily wide range of events that we know will only make them better," said Mayor de Blasio. "This is a police force in constant motion; and constantly in the work of progress and improvement and innovation. And I thank you for that. And I want to express my gratitude on behalf of almost 8.5 million New Yorkers."

"Building on the NYPD's reputation as one of the most well-trained police departments in the world, this expansive facility can hosts upwards of 3,000 members of the NYPD daily – participating in recruit training, in-service training, and specialized skills enhancement training," said Commissioner Bratton. "All the various components of our departments, civilian or sworn, will now have this new home in which to learn, in which to improve their skills, and in which to improve their ability to protect New York City."

With nearly 500,000 more square feet of useable space compared to the previous police academy, the new campus can host multiple training courses concurrently. It can also accommodate large scale "All-In" briefings for both the executive staff, and supervisors; as well as cultural events such as a special performance of the acclaimed play "Ann and Emmet."

Both Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Bratton also acknowledge the efforts of their predecessors, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly in bringing the new police academy to fruition. "We are the beneficiaries of their vision and efforts in obtaining the funds, while overseeing a long-thought process," said Commissioner Bratton.

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