

31 New Troopers Join State Highway Patrol

by Sgt. Chris Knox, SHP public information officer



The State Highway Patrol proudly welcomed 31 new troopers at a graduation ceremony for the 145th Basic Highway Patrol School on Friday, Sept. 21. Family and friends gathered to pay tribute to the hard work demonstrated by each new member. The ceremony was streamed live on the Patrol's Facebook page for those who could not attend due to the impact of Hurricane Florence.

The ceremony ended 29 weeks of demanding training preparing them for a rewarding career of service to the state of North Carolina. The ceremony was held at the Colonial Baptist Church in Cary at 10 a.m. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Mark D. Martin, Supreme Court of North Carolina. Colonel G. M. McNeill Jr., the 27th Commander of the State Highway Patrol provided remarks to those in attendance.

“You have been called to be a part of something bigger than one’s self, an organization that is striving to reduce collisions and keeps the highways of North Carolina as safe as possible,” said Colonel Glenn M. McNeill Jr. “Some people have a calling and never act on it. You were brave enough to take that important next step; you acted and answered that important call.”



The cadets reported to their respective duty stations on Wednesday, Oct. 3 to begin a demanding field training program.