

HUDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HIRES 12 NEW OFFICERS AND FIVE NEW INVESTIGATORS

JERSEY CITY, NJ – With dozens of proud family members in attendance along with Hudson County Sheriff Frank X. Schillari and local elected leaders looking on, the Hudson County Sheriff's Office officially swore in 12 new Sheriff's Officers and five new Sheriff's Investigators at a ceremony today; ten of the new hires are of Hispanic heritage and one is of Arabic descent, a true testament to the department's commitment to properly depict the diversity of Hudson County. The ceremony was held at the Hudson County Administration Building in Jersey City, NJ.

"This is a very significant day for the Hudson County Sheriff's Office and it shows our continued commitment to hire qualified diverse individuals," said Sheriff Schillari. "These new hires have demonstrated the commitment, honor and sense of duty to protect the residents of Hudson County."

The new hires have all completed training at the Morris County Police Academy and will graduate tomorrow, joining the force within the upcoming days. Two of the new Sheriff's Officers are military veterans that have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan; in addition two other new hires have experience in public safety under the Departments of State Corrections and Hudson County Corrections.

The new Sheriff's Investigators are: Christopher Crossley, Makhil Kowlessar, Eric Negron, Mark Santos (Police Academy Academic Award) and Nicholas Tanelli.

Joining them are new Sheriff's Officers: Michael Gregory, Angel Santiago (State Corrections), Jorge Orejuela (Veteran), Renato Maure, Jimmy Gonzalez, Gregory Nicholson (Veteran/State Corrections), Eduardo Mena-Ramos, Yanira Velazquez, Jonathan Gil, Biron Mendoza (County Corrections), Alan Elawady and George Somarriba.

In addition to Sheriff Schillari, elected officials at the ceremony included Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise and Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano, along with Dignitaries Undersheriffs Andrew Conti, Bruce Lamparello and Francine Shelton, Chief Oliver King and Chief of Staff Robert Baselice.