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## **Lieutenant Governor Davis Joins the Pennsylvania State Police in Welcoming 69 New Troopers During Cadet Graduation**

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**Manheim, PA – Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis and Lieutenant Colonel George Bivens, Acting Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP),** welcomed 69 new troopers today during a graduation ceremony for the 175<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class at LCBC Manheim. The ceremony marked the culmination of nearly six months of intensive training, during which cadets developed the skills, discipline, and commitment required to serve communities across the Commonwealth.

“It was an honor to be part of today’s graduation ceremony, as our newest Pennsylvania State Troopers embarked on their journey to becoming public servants,” **said Lieutenant Governor Davis.** “The Governor and I firmly believe that policing is a noble profession that demands individuals to serve a greater purpose and protect our communities. This group of professionals stands among the finest the Commonwealth has to offer, and I am deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment to help make Pennsylvania a place where everyone can be safe and feel safe.

“For approximately the last six months, members of the 175th Cadet Class demonstrated remarkable leadership, determination, selflessness, and commitment to complete the Academy and earn the rank of Trooper,” **said Lieutenant Colonel Bivens.** “I am beyond proud to officially welcome this dedicated group of women and men to our PSP family, as they prepare to join our mission to keep our communities safe and uphold the law across the Commonwealth.”

The [Governor Shapiro-Davis 2026-27 budget proposal](#) continues to aid in PSP’s mission to protect the safety of Pennsylvania communities by calling for a \$16.2 million investment to support four additional cadet classes, approximately 380 troopers.

Since taking office, the Shapiro-Davis Administration has secured funding for twelve cadet classes to train over 1,000 new Pennsylvania State Troopers. To date, 626 cadets have graduated and joined the ranks of PSP under Governor Shapiro's leadership.

The 175<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class is the fifth class to graduate from the PSP Academy without a college credit requirement for the position of trooper, and 55% of those cadets would not have been eligible if the [Shapiro-Davis Administration had not waived the college credit requirement](#) for applicants in August 2023. Since then, PSP has seen a nearly 60% increase in cadet applicants. In fact, approximately 50% of the state troopers who were accepted into and graduated from the PSP Academy after the change took effect would not have been eligible to apply if the requirement had not been eliminated.

During the ceremony, four cadets received special awards and recognition:

- **Trey A. Quinones:** American Legion Award for all-around academic, physical, ethical, and moral qualifications; Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe Leadership Award for exemplifying the qualities of leadership;
- **Cole B. McAnulty:** Gesford High Pistol Award for the highest score on the department's pistol qualification course; Daniel F. Dunn High Scholastic Award for the highest level of academic achievement in the class;
- **Thomas T. Bolesta:** John K. Schafer Memorial Award for the highest combined score on a series of physical skills tests;
- **Francis K. Baluyot:** Colonel Paul J. Chylak Memorial Driver Proficiency Award for the highest proficiency in driver safety training;

The new troopers will report to the following troops on Tuesday, May 26, 2026:

### **Troop E, Erie (19)**

Jonah C. Bartholic  
Noah C. Beringo  
Gaven R. Bowser  
Ryan S. Cross  
Joseph S. Geci  
Zachary J. Hwostow  
Camden B. Jamison  
Michael J. Keefe  
Nathan A. Lessner  
Benjamin W. Logan  
Josiah T. McConnell  
Austin D. Ruckert  
Lee E. Russell  
Andrew C. Schriener

Nickolai J. Semanco  
Anna C. Stewart  
Brendan Tristani  
Alexis G. Weatherton  
Dakota M. Woolcock

**Troop F, Montoursville (6)**

Tanner M. Bringenberg  
Garrick T. Lapusnak  
Benjamin T. Mauer  
Cole B. McAnulty  
Trevor D. Pelton  
Taylor J. Saline

**Troop H, Harrisburg (10)**

Terrance A. Allen  
Harris S. Blackwood  
Darrell R. Green  
Chad M. Herman  
Aidan J. Klahre  
Bryce G. Kreiger  
Dakota N. Kurtz  
Kyle A. McLaughlin  
Justin L. Porch  
Devon D. Rabuck

**Troop J, Lancaster (10)**

Garrett L. Boyer  
Eric A. Dountas  
Alexander J. Doyle  
Daniel L. Hudson  
Parker R. Johns  
Kaylee N. Musser  
John C. Piszczek  
Nicholas M. Podolek  
Trey A. Quinones  
Zachary L. Ziegler

**Troop K, Philadelphia (11)**

Abel P. Almonte-Martinez  
Julian A. Brown  
Nicholas J. Ciszak

Francis E. Krouse, IV  
Angelo R. Primavera  
Juan M. Rosario, Jr.  
William H. Schwartz  
Dillon J. Shamanow  
Isaiah T. Sligh  
Steven A. Vitale, Jr.  
Edwin S. Waters, Jr.

**Troop L, Reading (3)**

Cindy J. Maldonado  
Jacob A. Solonoski  
James D. Stine

**Troop M, Bethlehem (7)**

Gabriella A. Baboolal  
Francis K. Baluyot  
Thomas T. Bolesta  
Madison Cruser  
Matthew F. Destefano  
Casey J. Grube  
Teo Ridge

**Troop P, Wilkes-Barre (3)**

Tiana R. Bradley  
Joshua M. Company  
Brody R. Miller

PSP's latest hiring cycle is open until May 29, 2026. Those interested in becoming a state trooper can find application requirements, job benefits, and other details at [PATrooper.com](http://PATrooper.com).

Photos of the event will be available from [Commonwealth Media Services](#).

For more information about the Pennsylvania State Police, visit the [PSP website](#).

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