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**2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD FOR NEW CLASS OF ADULT
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

HONOLULU – The Department of Public Safety (PSD) today welcomed a new class of adult correctional officers at a graduation ceremony and luncheon held at the Hale Koa Hotel. 27 recruits graduated from Basic Corrections Training (BCT) and 10 non-uniform civilian PSD staff members graduated from Corrections Familiarization Training (CFT).

Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald was the special guest speaker at today's graduation ceremony.

BCT is an 8 week training that includes 440 hours of classroom time and physical training. Recruits learn suicide detection and prevention, first aid, CPR, crisis intervention, gangs and subcultures, use of weapons, self defense tactics and physical agility training. CFT is a 10 day training that includes 80 hours of instructional time to educate non-uniform Public Safety employees on basic correctional practices.

"This current class of corrections recruits worked hard over the past 8 weeks to learn what it takes to handle one of the toughest jobs out there," said Sergeant Avery Gomes, BCT Sergeant in Charge. "An adult corrections officer isn't just a peacekeeper in the prisons and jails. They are counselors, mediators, mentors and, above all else, professionals."

This is the last class to be held before the planned revamp of the Basic Corrections Training. The next class will not be held for 4 months.

"This class was postponed for a week so we could implement some of the improved physical skills training and classroom instruction," said Max Otani, Deputy Director for Corrections. "In the next four months, we will be updating the basic corrections training to give our incoming corrections officers, as well as current employees, the most current and proven training currently in practice around the country."

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The graduates have been assigned to the following correctional centers/facilities:

Maui Community Correctional Center	7
Oahu Community Correctional Center	8
Women's Community Correctional Center	2
Halawa Correctional Facility	9
Waiawa Correctional Facility	1

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