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Promotions and Replacements Highlight Freeholder Meeting

Mays Landing: As summer winds down, Atlantic County Sheriff Frank X. Balles is pleased to announce the hiring of six individuals who will join the ranks of the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office as well as promotions of a sergeant and lieutenant. "I am thrilled to be able to replace the officers we have lost due to retirement and transfers while allowing these individuals a chance to begin a rewarding career in law enforcement," Balles said. Residing throughout the county, the officers have completed extensive background investigations as well as mental and physical evaluations prior to beginning the Atlantic County Police Academy this morning.

The newly hired officers will be administered the Oath of Office by Sheriff Balles on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Meeting. The meeting begins promptly at 4:00 pm and will be held at the Stillwater Building at 201 S. Shore Rd., Northfield. Friends and family, as well as media, have been invited to attend the meeting. The officers are: Ian Brown, 25, Mays Landing, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Stockton University; Jonathan Camp, 31, Mays landing, Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from ACCC, Corrections Officer for 5 years; Anthony Gonzales, 34, Galloway, New Jersey Air National Guard, served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Korea; Braun Hurley, 28, Galloway, New jersey Air National Guard, twice deployed to Afghanistan; Joseph Ripa, , Galloway, Army National Guard, deployed to Iraq and Qatar; William Schellhas III, 26, Collings Lakes, Corrections Officer at Atlantic County Justice Facility.

Also included in today's ceremony will be the promotion of two individuals who are currently with the ACSO: Officer John D Legg will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and Sergeant Mark Lacy will be promoted to Lieutenant. Legg, 30, has been with the department since 2007 and Lacy was hired in 1987 and has been a sergeant since 2009. Both promotions will be to fill positions vacated by retirement.

If you are interested in a career in law enforcement go to www.nj.gov/csc for more information.

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