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DPR Graduates 20 Ranger and Lifeguard Cadets

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) graduated 20 cadets yesterday, after they completed a nearly eight-month long training program. An audience of family members, friends and DPR staff applauded as the class of cadets received their badges to officially make them rangers and lifeguards.

The department employs over 600 peace officers to ensure public safety and protection of park resources. Rangers and lifeguards provide not only law enforcement and emergency medical response, they also provide public education, interpretation and program management.

Graduates of this class will be stationed at 15 park units throughout the state. Their training included lessons in making physical arrests, conducting investigations, performing search and rescue activities, defensive tactics and firearms use. Cadets were also trained in visitor assistance, public education and interpretation, and park resource protection and management. Academy instruction prepares the students mentally, morally, emotionally, and physically to enter and successfully complete the Field Training Officer's Program, which is comprised of 13 more weeks of on-the-job training.

The following is a list of the graduates and the state park unit each will join:

Rangers

- **Addison Fisher** - Millerton Lake State Recreation Area
- **Andrew Dobbs** - Seacliff State Beach, Santa Cruz District
- **Armando Arteaga** - Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Central Valley District
- **Briana Kennedy-Feldhaus** - Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area
- **David Jackson** - Lake Perris State Recreation Area, Inland Empire District
- **Jesse Norton** - Hollister Hills Sector, San Andreas District
- **Joseph Jackson** - Bodie State Historic Park, Sierra District
- **Joshua Wilson** - Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, Gold Fields District
- **Kevin Overduin** - Mojave Sector, Tehachapi District
- **Peter Brandt** - Asilomar Sector, Monterey District
- **Rachel Pitz** - Lake Oroville Sector, Northern Buttes District



- **Torrey Francois** - Salton Sea Sector, Colorado Desert District
- **Trevor Morgan** - Candlestick State Recreation Area, Bay Area District

Lifeguards

- **Arlen Diepenbrock** - Pismo State Beach, Oceano Dunes District
- **Byran Kine** - Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Central Valley District
- **Dennis White** - North Sector, Orange Coast District
- **Killian Rose** - North Sector, Orange Coast District
- **Matthew Pasquarella** - Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, Gold Fields District
- **Nicholas Sterrenburg** - North Sector, Orange Coast District
- **Wesley Ewart** - North Sector, Orange Coast District

The California Department of Parks and Recreation offers careers in many disciplines such as public safety, operations, maintenance, resource management, interpretation, as well as park planning design. For information on these opportunities, please visit www.parks.ca.gov/jobs.

California's state parks and the recreational programs supported by the DPR provide opportunities to connect with families, friends and communities. Off-highway motor vehicle recreation, boating activities, horseback riding, on- and off-road cycling, hiking, camping, rock climbing, tours, hikes, school group enrichment, and special events are just some of the activities enjoyed in 280 park units organized into 22 field districts throughout the state.

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