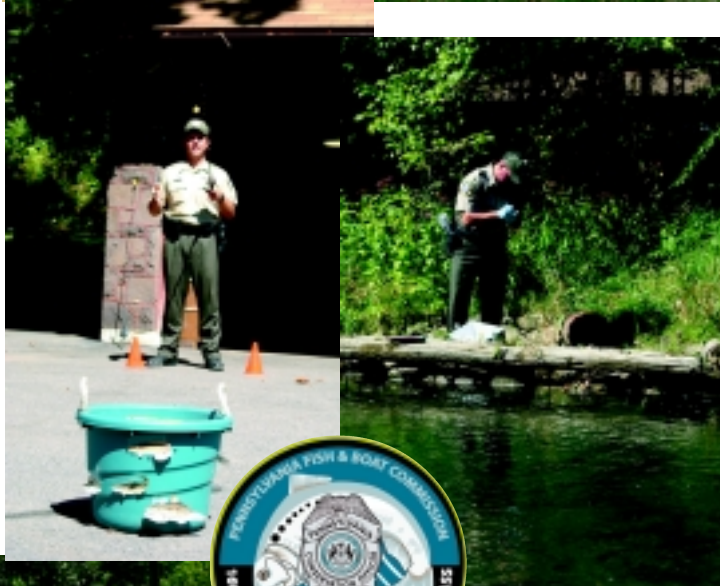


16th Waterways Conservation Officer Class Graduates



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From left, WCOs Sodmont, Woleslagle, Walsh, McMann, Furlong, Deppen, Visosky, Quarracino, Kyler and Dick.



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The 16th Waterways Conservation Officer Class graduated during ceremonies at the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's Harrisburg headquarters September 13. For the 10 members of the class, the ceremonies marked the completion of a course of training that began more than one year ago. The officers first completed Municipal Police Office Training, provided by the Pennsylvania State Police, before entering special training at the Commission's H.R. Stackhouse School of Fishery Conservation and Watercraft Safety. In addition to classroom instruction on subjects as diverse as fish recognition, water pollution investigation, public speaking, standard operating procedures and reptile and amphibian identification, the officers completed field training exercises with experienced waterways conservation officers.





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Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Eakin administered the constitutional oath of office to the new officers. Sergeant Byron L. Locke of the Pennsylvania State Police Northwest Training Academy provided the keynote address. Vincent D. Dick Jr. responded on behalf of the graduating class. WCO Dick's message was followed by presentation of diplomas and credentials by William Sabatose, Commission President, and Peter A. Colangelo, Executive Director.

The newly graduated officers now join the Commission's law enforcement arm, comprised of some 100 waterways conservation officers and 240 deputies. ☐

Name	Graduation Award(s)	Assignment
Douglas L. Deppen	Public Speaking	Southcentral Regional Office
Vincent C. Dick Jr.	Most Improved Shooter	N. Montgomery County
Lawrence P. Furlong	Leadership	S. Allegheny County
Emmett M. Kyler III	Reptile & Amphibian ID, BUI Enforcement	Beaver County
Thomas J. McMann	Top Shooter	Cumberland County
Anthony J. Quarracino	Edward W. Manhart Academic Achivement Award	Southcentral Regional Office
Matthew J. Sodmont	Teamwork	N. York County
Matthew J. Viosky	Physical Fitness	Delaware County
Michael P. Walsh	Leadership	Potter County
Chad A. Woleslagle	Leadership	Southcentral Regional Office