



CUTLINE: Students who completed the Basic Peace Officers Training Program at Southern State Community College include: (l-r) Michael L. Rapp of Hillsboro, Justin R. Wright of Jeffersonville, Whitney L. Wightman of Washington C.H., Dylan M. Crusie of Greenfield, Adam M. Greenlee of Greenfield, and Chad A. Stanforth of Sabina. Absent from the photo is Dustin C. Cummings.

## **SSCC Basic Peace Officers complete training**

The cadets of Southern State Community College's Basic Peace Officers Training Program were recognized at a special ceremony held Dec. 17 at the college's Fayette Campus in Washington Court House.

Seven cadets were recognized for completing the six-month program which covers the fundamentals of entry-level peace officer training and includes courses in laws, administrative functions, firearms, human relations, criminal investigations, traffic accident investigations, traffic enforcement, patrols, civil disorders and prisoner bookings. Students earn 16 college credit hours which may be applied to the law enforcement associate degree program at Southern State. The new cadets join approximately 270 cadets before them since the program started in 1997.

Students who completed the training program include Dylan M. Crusie, Dustin C. Cummings, Adam M. Greenlee, Michael L. Rapp, Chad A. Stanforth, Whitney L. Wightman, and Justin R. Wright.

“I’m grateful you stuck with a tough program and have seen it through to completion; our communities are safer because of your service,” said Dr. Ryan McCall, SSCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, who provided the opening remarks.

“This program prepared you as cadets, but the rest is up to you,” said guest speaker Brian Carlson, Special Agent in Charge at the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. “Pursue your career with vigor and enthusiasm, and seek new education and training opportunities.”

Guest speaker Nick Thompson, Chief of the Hillsboro Police Department, addressed the families seated in the audience. “Give them your love and support. They’re going to see things the rest of the citizens are not exposed to. Without the understanding of my wife and daughters, I don’t think I could have made it through.”

Following the opening speeches, Commander Robin A. Roche presented the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy awards. Perfect attendance awards were presented to Dustin Cummings, Dylan Crusie, Adam Greenlee, Michael Rapp, Whitney Wightman and Justin Wright. An award for outstanding academic performance was awarded to Adam Greenlee.

In recognition of outstanding psychological survival fortitude, Dustin Cummings was presented the Fighting Spirit Award, in memory of Sgt. Tim Fryer.

In recognition of outstanding handgun performance, Dylan Crusie was presented the Top Gun Award, in memory of Deputy Harry Smithson.

In recognition of maintaining outstanding physical condition, Justin Wright was presented the Physical Fitness Award, in memory of Davide A. Soprano.

“We’ve become family,” said Cadet Adam Greenlee who was invited to provide the student remarks. “We’ve laughed and fought, had our ups and downs, but through it all it’s been a pleasure!” Greenlee shared highlights of the cadets’ journey throughout the program.

Most coursework for the training program takes place at Southern State’s Fayette Campus in Washington C.H. Instructors are recruited from various state, county and local law enforcement and corrections agencies. In concert with the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, Southern State also offers an associate’s degree in law enforcement.

To learn more about the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, please visit [www.sccc.edu/peaceofficer/index.shtml](http://www.sccc.edu/peaceofficer/index.shtml). For registration information, please call 1-800-628-7722, ext. 5615.