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CUTLINE: Students who completed the Basic Peace Officers Training Program at Southern State Community College include: (front, l-r) Michael D. Metzger of Greenfield, Zachery J. Burnett of Hillsboro, Ashley M. Jones of Hillsboro, Nicole V. Michael of Leesburg, and James R. Ball of Leesburg; (back, l-r) Todd D. Fauber of Leesburg, Justin L. Everhart of Washington C.H., James H. Heard of Wilmington, Nathan A. Rahmlow of Washington C.H., Jordan S. Riley of Washington C.H., and Christopher M. Howard of Morrow. Martin C. Becker was absent for the photo.

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 July 10 at the college's Fayette Campus in Washington Court House.

Twelve 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 277 cadets before them since the program started in 1997.

Students who completed the training program include James R. Ball, Martin C. Becker, Zachery J. Burnett, Justin L. Everhart, Todd D. Fauber, James H. Heard, Christopher M. Howard, Ashley M. Jones, Michael D. Metzger, Nicole V. Michael, Nathan A. Rahmlow, and Jordan S. Riley.

Commander Robin A. Roche presented the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy awards. Perfect attendance awards were presented to James R. Ball, James H. Heard, Christopher M. Howard, Nicole V. Michael, Nathan A. Rahmlow, and Jordan S. Riley.

An award for outstanding academic performance was presented to Jordan S. Riley. The leadership awards were presented to Nicole V. Michael and Justin L. Everhart.

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

In recognition of outstanding handgun performance, Justin L. Everhart was presented the Top Gun Award, in memory of Deputy Harry Smithson.

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

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 associate degrees in Assets Protection & Loss Prevention, Criminal Justice, Cyber Security & Forensics, and Law Enforcement.

To learn more about the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, please visit <u>www.sscc.edu/peaceofficer/index.shtml</u>. For registration information, please call 1-800-628-7722, ext. 5615.

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