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Mayor Fulop Swears in 28 New Police Officers, more than 80% Represent Minority Populations

Decreasing Crime Attributed to Fulop Administration’s Strategic Efforts and JCPD Growth

JERSEY CITY, NJ – Mayor Steven M. Fulop joined Public Safety Director James Shea, Police Director Tawana Moody, Acting Police Chief Robert Kearns, and the Jersey City Police Department this morning to swear in 28 of the newest officers graduating from the police academy. As a result of the Fulop Administration’s diversity recruitment efforts, *80% of the new class represents minority populations to better reflect the City’s diverse community.*

“Earlier this week, we announced historic progress in our fight against crime as we close out 2023 with the lowest homicide rate in Jersey City’s history and the lowest among the top 100 largest cities throughout the entire East Coast. We look forward to continued progress, and today’s graduates play a key role in expanding our public safety efforts and community building as they start their careers with the greatest police department in the state,” said **Mayor Fulop**.

Since taking office in 2013, Mayor Fulop has hired 815 police recruits and made over 650 promotions within the JCPD. The newly sworn officers represent various cultural backgrounds, including 13 Hispanic officers, 5 Caucasian officers, 5 African American officers, 3 Middle Eastern officers, 1 Asian-Hispanic officer, and 1 East Indian officer.

“Our focus on enhancing the number of police officers citywide has allowed for increased patrols in targeted areas. Additionally, our diversity recruitment also allows for greater



focus on proactively strengthening community relations with the officers who are out in the neighborhoods every day and night,” adds **Director Shea**.

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