

FKCC Graduates Basic Law Enforcement Academy #44



FKCC President Dr. Larry Tyree congratulates Alecia Kovach on graduating from Basic Law Enforcement Academy #44, while (left) MCSO Captain Penny Phelps, Chief Tommy Taylor, Sheriff Bob Peryam, and (right) FKCC Coordinator Christine Collins look on proudly.

KEY WEST, FL, August 23, 2011— Florida Keys Community College’s Institute for Public Safety marked the graduation of its Basic Law Enforcement Academy #44 with a ceremony on Monday, which was also the first day of the fall semester. Eight students, six of whom were female, successfully completed the 770-hour training program held on the college’s Key West Campus. Upon passing the state certification exam, each will become Florida Law Enforcement Officers.

FKCC President Dr. Larry Tyree and Director for Public Safety Marc Halvorson each addressed the graduates, as well as the keynote speaker, FKCC instructor Captain Penny Phelps of the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office.

Halvorson recognized the best and the brightest of the class with awards. Class Captain Massiel Brimo was awarded for her academic achievement. Jarvis Osorio was recognized for his “Top Gun” shooting skills and physical fitness. Alecia Kovach also received a physical fitness award.

FKCC's Basic Law Enforcement program satisfies the training requirements of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. Program coursework surveys the criminal justice system and provides training in basic law and legal procedures, communications, vehicle operations, investigations, defensive tactics, first aid, traffic stops, firearms, patrol techniques and crowd control.

FKCC is currently accepting applications for four upcoming academies: a part-time, daytime Corrections to Basic Law Enforcement Crossover Academy beginning in November at the Key West Campus; a full-time, daytime Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Key West Campus beginning in January; and two part-time, night time Basic Law Enforcement Academies on both the Key West Campus and in the Upper Keys Center, also beginning in January. For more information about FKCC's Institute for Public Safety, visit <http://www.fkcc.edu/academics/criminal-justice.da>.

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