

## Corrections Deputies Earn Academic Awards

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Two recent graduates from the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem earning top awards for academic and firearms proficiency are from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Columbia County Sheriff's Corrections Deputies Tony Weaver Jr. and Jonathan Kernutt were honored as the top scoring members of their Basic Corrections Class. Kernutt finished first out of 39 students in firearms proficiency, safety and excellence in tactics. Weaver was first out of 39 in academic performance.

The two deputies graduated from the Basic Corrections Class #241 July 17.

"I'm am extremely proud of these two deputies," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. "Their efforts in class exemplify the dedication and determination we value and the high standard for which everyone at the sheriff's office should aim."

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Corrections Deputy Kenneth Kernutt (left) and Deputy Michael Beaver (right) receive their certificates from the Corrections Academy, Class #244, for their graduation.