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State Park Superintendent Recognized for Top Academic Award at State Law Enforcement Academy

Santa Fe, NM - State Park Superintendent Randy Bates was awarded the Top Academic Award from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety at their Law Enforcement Academy Class # 193 graduation ceremony held earlier this month. Bates is the Park Superintendent at Conchas Lake State Park, where more than 162,000 people visited last season.

“The Division is proud to have a leader in law enforcement academics and an all-round superb superintendent leading the team at Conchas Lake State Park,” said Barry Lucero, Law Enforcement and Boating Safety Bureau Chief. “Superintendent Bates is a wonderful addition to our parks law enforcement and management team and will be a great asset to the Division.”

The Top Academic Award is awarded to the student who receives the best overall scores in academics during the sixteen-week session. The Department of Public Safety trains law enforcement recruits for most state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies from around the state except for New Mexico State Police and the Albuquerque Police Department, which have their own academies.

“I am humbled to be recognized for this award and thankful for the great opportunity that lies ahead with New Mexico State Parks,” said Superintendent Bates.

For more information about Conchas Lake State Park or law enforcement opportunities in New Mexico State Parks, please visit nmparks.com or call (575) 868-2270.



Top Academic Award winner Randy Bates, Conchas Lake State Park Superintendent

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