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Senator Jeff Klein Honors Graduates of First Bronx h.I.r.e. Security Guard Training Course

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Three Day On-The-Job Training Offered at No Cost to Local Community, Graduates Are Now Certified & Job Ready

Interviews for Full-Time Employment with NYC-Based Company to Begin Immediately

BRONX, NY – State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) today honored graduates of the first Bronx H.I.R.E. (Help Identify Real Employment) Security Guard Training course at

Olinville Arms Inc. on White Plains Road in the Bronx. At the ceremony, Senator Klein announced that all graduates would have the opportunity to interview immediately with Griffin Security Services Inc., who is currently looking to fill more than 150 open security guard positions.

“The Bronx consistently has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state and with this dynamic program, we are working hard to change that statistic,” **said Senator Klein.** “The Bronx H.I.R.E. program is a targeted, hands-on jobs program that invests in our people, our community and our businesses. This program works to ensure that each and every job seeker has the chance at real employment, and the opportunity to hone their skills through certificate programs, one-on-one training and more. I want to congratulate the fine men and women who graduated with their security guard license today, and I look forward to working together to connect them with good-paying jobs in the community.”

Participants in the pre-assignment training completed the three-day course and are now licensed and job ready. Senator Klein and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce provided the training at no cost to the local community through their dynamic jobs program, Bronx H.I.R.E. Bronx H.I.R.E. is a distinct, two-part initiative focused on skills training, development assistance and jobs placement for candidates.

“We are thankful for Senator Klein’s funding, which invests in the Bronx workforce. Today is a great example of how Bronx H.I.R.E. provides our future employees with the necessary skillsets and certifications for the 21st century workplace,” **said Michelle Dolgow Cristofaro, H.I.R.E. Administrator and Bronx Chamber of Commerce Chief-of-Staff.**

“Griffin Security Services is proud to partner with Senator Klein’s office to connect hardworking, job-ready individuals with employment opportunities like this one,” **said Shaunte Sullivan, Human Resources Manager at Griffin Security Services Inc.** “By leveraging

resources through public-private partnerships -- both big and small -- we are moving our people and our businesses forward."

To learn more or enroll in Bronx H.I.R.E. visit: www.bronxchamber.org