Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer and Balearic minister of public administrations and modernisation Isabel Castro took part today in a ceremony to award accreditation to three law enforcement agents from Formentera and one from the Eivissa town of Sant Joan who successfully completed a training initiative. Known as the "quarantine course", the programme was unable to unfold according to initial plans due to the covid-19 pandemic.

Additional attendees included the head of the regional emergencies office, Jaume Barceló; Formentera interior conseller Josep Marí; Balearic School of Public Administration (EBAP) director Mercedes Riera; chief of local police Fèlix Ramos and other figures of authority.

Highlighting collaboration between local and regional governments as "fundamental", President Ferrer held up further coordination as "pivotal to filling the gaps in our force and ensuring proper provision of this essential service, particularly given our local law enforcement's proximity to islanders and amid situations like the one we've seen in recent months". "We'll continue working to achieve the police force that Formentera needs", said Ferrer, "with the number of officers we need, and with the stability and training opportunities that are needed as well."

Housing and travel grants

Ms Castro indicated that two of the 29 officers currently in basic local police training are from Formentera, and that, considering the course is being held off the island, those students are eligible for up to €1,215 in housing and travel subsidies from the EBAP.

Castro affirmed that both the Govern balear and EBAP were "sensitive to the enormous sacrifice that far-from-home trainees must make in order become public servants". "I imagine no one understands that sacrifice quite so much as our two Formentera officers", she said. Participants in the 41st basic training course at EBAP Mallorca also include 18 officers from Eivissa, nine from Menorca and seven from Mallorca.

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