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URBANA POLICE LIEUTENANT GRADUATES FROM FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

Chief Larry D. Boone announced that Lieutenant Dave Smysor has graduated as a member of the 291st session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on September 12, 2024. Lieutenant Dave Smysor is one of only a handful of Urbana Police Department officers to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 291st session consisted of two-hundred and four law enforcement officers who graduated today from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 291st session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states, District of Columbia and Guam. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 26 countries, seven military organizations, and seven federal civilian organizations.

Chief Boone said in response to Lt. Smysor's graduation *"On behalf of the entire department, I am incredibly proud of Lt. Smysor for successfully completing the internationally recognized FBI National Academy. This prestigious achievement not only reflects his personal dedication to professional growth but also enhances the capabilities of our department as a whole. We are fortunate to have such a committed and highly trained leader serving our community, and I have no doubt that his experience at the Academy will further strengthen our mission to keep Urbana safe."*

Lt. Smysor is a 23-year veteran of the Urbana Police Department. During his career he has served a myriad of positions, to include patrol officer, field training officer, METRO SWAT operator, detective, sergeant, detective sergeant, Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant, and Patrol Division Lieutenant. Lt. Smysor holds a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University and is also a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.

About the FBI National Academy

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered. A total of 55,186 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

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