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Lt. Matt Stewart Graduates from FBI National Academy

Two Hundred twenty-one law enforcement officers including Lt. Matt Stewart with the Joplin Police Department graduated on March 28, 2014 from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia. The 256th Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states. Included in the class are members of the law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 23 international countries, five military organizations, and two federal civilian-organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Director James Comey was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy Instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Lt. Stewart earned 17 hours of college credit from the University of Virginia while attending the training. He accumulated 225 hours of classroom education time and also 30 hours of physical fitness training. Lt. Stewart was also able to complete the Yellow Brick Road Challenge which includes a 3 mile obstacle course located at the Marine Corps Base and then followed by a 3 mile run. Lt. Stewart also completed the swim challenge which consisted of swimming 34 miles over the course of the ten week period. The 34 miles represents the distance from Quantico, VA to Washington DC via the Potomac River.

Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to learn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

A total of 47,254 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. Of this number, approximately 29,741 are still active in law enforcement work.
