

# Sheriff



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## **SHERIFF PRAISES NEW OCSO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES**

Five Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Sergeants are among twenty-seven first-line supervisors to graduate from the Florida Leadership Academy of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute October 21st.

The goal of the four week course is to hone leadership skills to better "support the needs of their agency and the community as they prepare for future challenges", according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.



(From left to right: Sgt. Fred Lithgow, Sgt. Shannon Tait, Sgt. Laurie Keller-Lithgow, Sgt. Ron Kimble, Sheriff Larry Ashley, and Sgt. Micah Redmon)

In a news release, the FDLE said, "The goal of the Florida Leadership Academy is to prepare first-line supervisors in criminal justice organizations to exemplify the character and integrity expected of criminal justice professionals, and examine the various components necessary to be an effective leader."

"We rely heavily on these front-line supervisors who serve as role models for their shifts. They need to be able to analyze situations quickly and help solve problems with good judgment and thorough knowledge of policies, procedures, and laws. I am proud of the accomplishments of our new graduates from the Florida Leadership Academy," said Sheriff Larry Ashley.

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"The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate"