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OCSO CAPTAIN ONE OF COUNTRY'S NEWEST FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY PROGRAM GRADUATES



Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Captain Michael Card is one of the country's newest graduates of the FBI's prestigious National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies.

"Captain Card's recent graduation is a source of pride for all of us here at the Sheriff's Office and it will greatly benefit our agency and the citizens we serve," said Sheriff Larry Ashley. "Graduates bring back new partnerships and probable solutions to many complex and contemporary challenges facing our profession. Knowing Mike, I think our greatest challenge as an agency will be trying to keep pace with all the new things he will want to implement upon his return."

On average, graduates from the FBI National Academy Program typically return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

Captain Card was among 230 law enforcement officers - representing 47 states, 27 international countries, four military organizations, and two federal civilian organizations - who successfully completed the program on December 11th.

"This was the most mentally and physically demanding course I've taken in my career, and also the most rewarding," said Capt. Card. "Not only do you get to learn from FBI and other subject matter experts, but from law enforcement leaders from around the world. It was also inspiring to see the level of dedication from law enforcement professionals who attended from around the United States and beyond, working to make their communities safer. I am proud to call them my professional counterparts, and also my friends."

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