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Kearney Police Captain Kevin Thompson Graduates from FBI National Academy

On September 13, 2022, Chief Bryan D. Waugh announced Captain Kevin Thompson has graduated as a member of the 283rd session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on September 13, 2022, attended by Thompson's family and Chief Waugh. Captain Thompson is the fifth officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Chief Waugh attended FBINA in 2016, Session 263. 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 283rd session consistent of two hundred and thirty-five law enforcement officers from forty-nine states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from twenty-one countries, five military organizations, and five federal and civilian agencies.

"I am incredibly proud of Captain Thompson for representing the Kearney Police Department with professionalism, dedication, and pride while attending the FBI National Academy. I'm certain his experience during the past ten weeks will have a direct impact on the leadership and direction of the Kearney Police Department. We embrace leadership development and education and understand the importance of strong professional relationships. We're thankful for our strong partnership with the FBI Omaha field office and this opportunity." - Chief Bryan Waugh

Captain Thompson has served the Kearney Police Department for 29 years and is currently the Operations Commander. Thompson has worked assignments in uniform patrol, criminal investigations, emergency services unit sniper, firearms instructor, field training officer, armorer, staff services sergeant, and the office of professional standards.

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 53,671 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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