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Press Release

Mount Pleasant Police Lieutenant Kyle Holcomb Graduates from FBI National Police Academy

Mount Pleasant Police Department Lieutenant Kyle Holcomb graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia, on June 14, 2013.

Holcomb was among 216 law enforcement officers who participated in the 253rd session of the National Academy Program, which is internationally known for its academic excellence. As FBI National Academy graduates, these law enforcement leaders enter into a select group made up of less than one percent of the country's law enforcement officers. Each academy member is hand-picked by their departments, goes through a rigorous background evaluation and selected based on a regional process conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The FBI National Academy is dedicated to the improvement of law enforcement standards and has long been a benchmark for professional continuing education. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from over 150 partner nations. Police officers who attend the Academy return to their communities better prepared to meet criminal challenges.

FBI National Academy training is provided at the Quantico campus by the FBI Academy staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees. Many are recognized internationally in their fields. The program offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training to U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. Participants take undergraduate and/or graduate college courses in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership development, communication, and health/fitness.

The overall goal of the Academy is to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world.

The 253rd session included men and women from 48 states, 24 international countries, three military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations. A total of 46,826 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in July 1935. More than 29,313 are still active in law enforcement work.