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SUFFOLK POLICE CAPTAIN GRADUATES FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 23, 2014) The City of Suffolk is proud to announce that Suffolk Police Captain Robert Ross graduated from the FBI National Academy on December 19, 2014. The 258th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women who were hand-picked by their departments and, along with about 250 other officers, completed the 10-week course, which began on October 5, 2014, at the FBI training facility in Quantico, Virginia.

Captain Ross joined the Suffolk Police Department on January 17, 1989. He received his Bachelor of Science from Virginia Tech in 1986. Prior to his employment with the Suffolk Police Department, Ross began his law enforcement career as a Park Ranger with the City of Chesapeake in 1987. In July 1993, Ross was assigned the position of Detective and began his work in Criminal Investigations. He was promoted to the position of Sergeant in October of 2000 and to the position of Lieutenant in November 2012. On January 31, 2013, Ross was promoted to the rank of Captain.

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During his career, Captain Ross has received several Departmental Commendations and Noteworthy Performance Awards as well as the Officer of the Year Award in 1991.

As an FBI National Academy graduate, Ross enters into a select group made up of less than 1 percent of the country's law enforcement officers. The course included instruction in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership development, communication, and health/fitness. FBI Director James B. Comey was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremony.

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Its mission 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. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from over 160 international partner nations.

The National Academy was created in 1935 with 23 students in the first class. It has grown over the years to the current enrollment of more than 1,000 students a year. The FBI National Academy is one of the premier law enforcement academies in the world.

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