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Suffolk Police Lieutenant Graduates FBI National Academy

SUFFOLK, VA (September 19, 2011) The City of Suffolk is proud to announce that Police Lieutenant Janet Brandsasse graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico on September 16, 2011. The 246th session of the FBI National Academy consisted of men and women representing law enforcement agencies from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 28 international countries, three military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

Lt. Brandsasse joined the Suffolk Police Department in September 1995. She worked in uniform patrol and obtained numerous certifications as an Accident Reconstructionist, Crime Scene Technician, and Breathalyzer Operator. She was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2005, and currently serves as Lieutenant of Criminal Investigations.

Lieutenant Brandsasse is a mere three credit hours away from receiving her BA degree in Criminal Justice, and will soon graduate from Old Dominion University. Her husband, Gerald Brandsasse, also a Lieutenant with the Suffolk Police Department, graduated from the same FBI National Academy in June 2009.

Lt. Brandsasse retired from the United States Navy after 25 years of service, 10 of which were active duty. The remaining years were served as a naval reservist

stationed at Little Creek Amphibious Base, where she served most recently as the Commanding Officer of three locally-based security detachments.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions. FBI Director Robert Mueller was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremony.

Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

The graduating officers were represented by the class spokesperson, Colonel James D. Previterra, with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa, Florida. A total of 45,031 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935.

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