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Another FBI Academy Graduate for Tigard

On December 16, 2016, Tigard Police Commander Jamey McDonald graduated from the FBI National Academy. The academy is a professional development course for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. It 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.

In addition to Commander McDonald, 221 other law enforcement officers participated in the graduation program held at Quantico, Virginia. McDonald, a 15-year veteran of the department, participated in the 266th Session of the National Academy, consisting of men and women from 48 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 20 international countries, five military organizations, and eight federal civilian organizations. FBI Director James Comey was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 11 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. Areas of study include Public Speaking, Fitness in Law Enforcement, Leading At-Risk Employees, Employment Law Issues for Law Enforcement Administrators, Media and Managing the Law Enforcement Image, Leadership, Ethics and Decision Making. Attending the academy also afforded McDonald an opportunity to study and network with some of the top police executives from around the world. "The experience was invaluable," said Commander McDonald.