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ROCKFORD POLICE ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF HOEY GRADUATES FROM NATIONAL FBI ACADEMY

Rockford, IL – Rockford Police Assistant Deputy Chief (ADC) Patrick Hoey is among a prestigious group of recent graduates of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy (NA) Program, a professional course of study for law enforcement leaders in Quantico, Virginia. Hoey’s participation followed a selective vetting process of which less than one percent of candidates are chosen.

The program offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training provided by FBI NA instructional staff, Special Agents and advanced degree staff, many of whom are known internationally for their expertise. Included in the two-hundred twenty-five person graduate class are members of law enforcement agencies from forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, twenty-three international countries, 5 military organizations, and 5 federal civilian organizations.

“Participating in the FBI National Academy was a great experience,” said Hoey. “In addition to the coursework, it was a huge benefit to engage in meaningful discussions with colleagues from diverse departments of varying staffing levels, structures and city populations.”

Hoey participated in 6 classes, 4 of which were Master’s level for which he will receive a certificate in graduate studies from the University of Virginia. His classes included Fitness for Law Enforcement, Constitutional Law, Media Messaging, Emotional Intelligence, Leadership Context and Culture, and Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement. The latter included many discussions about the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, a model of which Rockford is an early adopter.



“I’m proud to share that Rockford Police Department had already implemented many of the changes the 21st Century report addressed and I’m excited to apply the additional strategies learned to the department’s current efforts in ensuring a safe community,” Hoey continued.

“The FBI National Academy is an extraordinary opportunity for senior-level police leadership to attend. Specifically, NA provides the setting for exposure to evidence-based and contemporary policing practices along with Constitutional Policing Practices, which assists Assistant Deputy Chief Hoey in his work within an urban police environment. The 10-week program has provided Assistant Deputy Chief Hoey with some valuable information and insights into our current policing issues,” said Police Chief Chet Epperson.

During his program, Hoey also completed the elite Yellow Brick Road fitness challenge which consists of a 2.8 mile obstacle course through the woods followed by a 3.4 mile run.

“I am proud of ADC Hoey’s ongoing commitment to excellence and successful completion of the FBI National Academy,” said Mayor Larry Morrissey. “Our entire community will benefit from his hard work.”

Hoey returns to his role as public information officer, effective immediately, and may be reached at 815-987-5822 or phoey@rockfordil.gov.

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