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WESTMINSTER POLICE COMMANDER GRADUATES FROM FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

On Friday, September 15th, 2017, Lieutenant Nikki Heuer completed her studies and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia. She joined 223 other senior law enforcement officials from across the United States and 22 foreign countries in completing the rigorous course of study.

The FBI National Academy is a 10-week residential senior management and leadership training program hosted by the FBI at their Training Academy in Quantico Virginia. The National Academy is widely regarded as one of the finest training opportunities for senior law enforcement officials in the world. Through her participation in the program, Lieutenant Heuer earned graduate credit for her studies through the University of Virginia. Her studies during the program included classwork and research on such topics as effective leadership, managing organizational change and development, advanced psychology for communication and officer wellness and vitality.

Chief Jeff Spaulding, Deputy Chief Tom Ledwell and City Administrator Barb Matthews attended the graduation ceremony at the FBI Training Academy on behalf of the City. Chief Spaulding commented, *"We are all very proud of Lieutenant Heuer for this significant personal and professional accomplishment. She is now one of only four members in the history of the Westminster Police Department to complete this prestigious training program. Providing for the professional development of our command staff is key to ensuring that we are prepared to face the challenges of providing quality public safety service in today's complex and demanding environment. My thanks go out to Lieutenant Heuer for her hard work and dedication and to the FBI for the opportunity to participate in such a valuable training experience."*

In reflecting on her experience in the National Academy, Lieutenant Heuer noted, *"My experience during the FBINA allowed me to obtain a wealth of knowledge pertaining to various areas where leadership is important within law enforcement. It was physically and mentally challenging and has provided me with tools to grow as an individual and within my profession."*

Lieutenant Heuer returned to her normal duties as Commander of the Support Services Division on September 18, 2017.

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