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Parma Police Captain graduates from FBI National Academy

PARMA, Ohio - Parma Police Captain James Blair recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Captain Blair was one of 230 Law Enforcement Officers who graduated on March 28, 2016 from the National Academy and the fifth officer from the Parma Police Department to graduate from the program. The 263rd Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states. Also included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 27 international countries, four military organizations and five federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence the national Academy Program offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training for officers that have 19 years of law enforcement experience. Capt. Blair as a 24-year veteran of the Parma Police Department and his service in the United States Army well qualified him to represent the department at this prestigious academy.

The graduating officers were represented by the class spokesperson, Larry Dyess, Captain, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Metairie, Louisiana and the principal speaker at the ceremony was FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe. A total of 49,021 graduates now represent the alumni of the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935.