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The Fairbanks Police Department is pleased to welcome back Deputy Chief Brad Johnson, who successfully completed and graduated from the 235th session of the F.B.I.'s *National Academy* program on December 12th, 2008.

Further information on the National Academy is available on the attached U.S. Department of Justice press-release.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 12, 2008

Two hundred fifty-six law enforcement officers graduated today from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia. The 235th Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 50 states. All states are represented. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 26 international countries, four military organizations, and four federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 11 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 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, Keechant Sewell, she is Detective Sergeant of the Nassau County Police Department in Mineola (Long Island), New York. A total of 42,204 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in July 1935. Of this number, approximately 24,692 are still active in law enforcement work.

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