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## Local Law Enforcement Officer Graduates from FBI National Academy



The Cheverly Police Department is proud to announce that Sergeant William Blount graduated as a member of the 296<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on December 11th, 2025. Sergeant Blount is the first officer in the history of the Cheverly Police Department to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

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

The 296th session consisted of two hundred and fifty-four law enforcement officers who graduated today from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 296th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class also included members of law enforcement agencies from 24 countries, four military organizations, and two federal civilian organizations.

Sergeant Blount has more than twenty years of law enforcement experience, retiring from the Prince George's County Police Department where he spent the last 14 years supervising a U.S. Marshals Task Force. In that role, he coordinated efforts between multiple local and federal agencies to track, target, and apprehend some of the most violent felons in the Washington Metropolitan region. His extensive experience in law enforcement operations, tactics, and training, open communication style, commitment to community engagement, and energetic leadership serves as an unparalleled example for others to emulate.

Sergeant William Blount, Cheverly Police Department

Deputy Chief Krauss and I could not be more proud of Sergeant Blount's accomplishment. Graduating from the FBI National Academy is a tremendous achievement and one that reflects years of hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to both personal growth and our profession. Sergeant Blount has consistently demonstrated leadership, integrity, and a genuine dedication to serving others. We know the experience and perspective he gained through the Academy will stay with him throughout his career, and we are grateful to have him represent our department so well. His success is well deserved, and we look forward to the continued impact he will have on our organization and our community.

About the FBI National Academy:

The FBI National Academy started in 1935 as the FBI Police Training School in D.C. to professionalize law enforcement, moving to its permanent home at Quantico, Virginia, in 1972, where it has grown to offer a 10-week program for senior law enforcement leaders from the U.S. and other nations, focusing on academics, leadership, and fitness.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits all the National Academy courses offered. A total of 56,688 graduates has completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

Please join me, Deputy Chief Krauss, Town Administrator Galloway, and Cheverly's Mayor and Council in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Sergeant Blount and his family on this tremendous and well-deserved accomplishment.

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