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### **BPD Congratulates Our Officers Graduating from FBI National Academy**

On December 8th, 2022, The Birmingham Police Department announced that our Assistant Chief La'Quaylin Parhm Mack and Lieutenant Field Morton will graduate as a members of the 284th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation takes place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on December 8, 2022. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for it academy excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend.

The 284th session consisted of two hundred and thirty-seven law enforcement officers from forty-nine states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcements from 25 countries, 5 military organization, and 5 federal civilian organizations.

“On the behalf of the Birmingham Police Department, we would like to congratulate both Assistant Chief Parhm Mack and Lieutenant Morton on this great accomplishment. Both graduates are deserving of this opportunity of attending and completing this program. Both graduates are the embodiment of our core values of having commitment to serving our citizens in their specific roles, excellence in their work, and integrity to ensure that our police department operates at the highest level. Congratulations again to both” explained Chief Scott Thurmond, Chief of Police for the Birmingham Police Department.



### **Assistant Chief La'Quaylin Parhm Mack**

Assistant Chief La'Quaylin Parhm Mack made history as the first female to be appointed as the Assistant Chief of the Birmingham Police Department. She has served the citizens of Birmingham for 14 years and maintained an exemplary record of exceptional leadership, as well as a reputation for honesty, candor, and high ethical conduct. In November 2021, Mayor Randall Woodfin appointed her as the Assistant Chief. Mack has maintained a record of success in applying management, creativity, and analytical abilities to represent the interests of the BPD and the community. Noteworthy contributions include (a) establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lawson State Community College, Birmingham Municipal Court, and the Birmingham Police Department (BPD), (b) launching a General Educational Development (GED) Program inside the city jail, (c) and addressing the language barrier to improve relations with the Hispanic community through the development of a Spanish Training Program, "*Being Bilingual on the Beat*," in partnership with several colleagues. She also spearheaded rebranding the BPD, developing core values, and

improving accountability for sworn personnel through an enhanced conversion process for new service badges.



### **Lieutenant Field Morton**

Lieutenant Field Morton began his law enforcement career with the Birmingham Police Department in 2004. After successfully completing the Police Academy, he was assigned to the West Precinct. During his time there, he served as a utility officer, beat officer, and task force officer. In July 2011, he was reassigned to the Homicide Unit as a detective, where he remained until October of 2015 when he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In June 2022, Lieutenant Morton served as the Deputy Operations Section Chief to oversee numerous branches for the 2022 World Games. After the completion of the 2022 World Games, Lieutenant Morton was selected to command the Robbery/Homicide Section.

### **About the Birmingham Police Department**

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

### **About the FBI National Academy**

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 many of the courses offered. A total of 53,908 graduates have 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.

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