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BPD Congratulates Lt. Joshua Osborne For Graduating From FBI National Academy

On March 16, 2023, The Birmingham Police Department announced that Lieutenant Joshua Osborne will graduate as a member of the 285th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation takes place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on March 16, 2023. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its 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 285th 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 Lieutenant Joshua Osborne on a job well done. He is deserving of this opportunity of attending and completing this program. He is a prime example and exemplifies our core values of having commitment to serving our citizens, excellence in his work, and integrity to ensure that our police department operates at the highest level. Congratulations again” explained Chief Scott Thurmond, Chief of Police for the Birmingham Police Department.

Lieutenant Joshua Osborne



Lieutenant Joshua Osborne started his career in April of 2009 and has had the privilege of serving in several capacities during his time with the Department. He began at South Precinct as a Patrol Officer, then joined the Precinct Task Force, and later became a Field Training Officer. After his time in Patrol, he moved to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team. Soon after, he was assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Unit as a Detective and helped to implement the Violence Reduction Initiative and worked as part of a collaborative effort with the Department's federal partners to curb violent crime. In February of 2018,

Lieutenant Osborne was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and moved back to South Precinct where he oversaw the Precinct Task Force. In May of 2019, he moved to the City-Wide Task Force, which was part of an all-out effort, to bring about crime reduction. Upon completion of this endeavor, Lieutenant Osborne was transferred to the Tactical Operations Precinct where he served as the Administrative Sergeant and as one of the SWAT supervisors. Upon his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, he served

as the West Precinct Delta Shift Commander. Lieutenant Osborne is currently the Tactical Operations Executive Officer.

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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