



# NEWS RELEASE

*City of Pueblo Police Department*

## **Local Law Enforcement Officer Graduates from FBI National Academy**



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Pueblo, CO - On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Chief Chris Noeller announced that Deputy Chief James V. Martin has graduated as a member of the 283rd session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on September 13, 2022. Deputy Chief Martin is the most recent leader to join the ranks of past and present Pueblo Police Department command staff 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 ten 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 283rd session consisted of two hundred and thirty-five law enforcement officers from forty-nine states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from twenty-one countries, five military organizations, and five federal and civilian agencies.

Chief Noeller stated, "I appreciate the opportunity given to the Pueblo Police Department by the FBI in allowing Deputy Chief Martin to attend the 283<sup>rd</sup> session of the FBI National Academy. The quality of training presented during this program is unmatched. The knowledge Deputy Chief Martin gained will be a benefit to the Pueblo Police Department and the community."

Deputy Chief Martin has been with the Pueblo Police Department since 2002.

Over the past 20 years, he has served in several assignments to include the Patrol Division, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Crimes Against Property, Patrol Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Training Officer Administrator, Watch Commander for Watches II and III, and Captain of the Special Services Division, which encompasses Internal Affairs, Professional Standards and Training, School Resource Officers, and the Code Enforcement Unit.

He was promoted to Deputy Chief in October of 2021 and currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Operations, overseeing Patrol and Traffic.

Deputy Chief Martin received his master's degree from Capella University in Criminal Justice.

The Pueblo Police Department is constantly striving for training and learning opportunities for our officers to ensure we provide the best possible service to our community. The FBI National Academy provides an excellent training and learning opportunity for our police leadership. Pueblo Police have had 20 graduates of the FBI National Academy with 4 graduates currently serving our community.

#### **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 53,671 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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