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Highland Village Police Commander Graduates from the FBI National Academy

Police Commander Karl Schlichter, a 15-year veteran of the Highland Village Police Department, graduated from the 265th Session of the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on Friday, September 16. Schlichter received his graduation certificate from FBI Director James Comey.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

"Developing the talents and skills of one of our own is one of greatest assets we can provide in maintaining excellence in the Highland Village Community Policing model," stated City Manager Michael Leavitt. "Commander Schlichter's opportunity to participate and graduate from the FBI National Academy is what we must do to help our Police Officers understand many of today's issues and to instill the training and leadership in our Public Safety."

The 265th Session of the National Academy consisted of law enforcement officers from 47 states and 24 countries. The 230 graduates are leaders and managers of state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and international law enforcement agencies. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every U.S. state and territory and from international partner nations.

Police Chief Doug Reim, himself a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 240, and the entire Highland Village Police Department are very proud of Commander Schlichter's accomplishment. Schlichter will now be a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc., a dynamic organization of law enforcement professionals who actively work to continue developing higher levels of competency, cooperation, and integrity across the law enforcement community.