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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 03-17-2006, Two hundred and fifty-one law enforcement officers graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia. The 224<sup>th</sup> Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 21 international countries, four military organizations, and two Federal civilian organizations.

Admission to the academy is very limited: only ½ of 1 percent of all law enforcement in the free world is invited by the Director of the FBI to attend the academy.

Assistant Chief of Police Steven Harrison was chosen to attend this session of the National Academy. Asst Chief Harrison has been with the department for 9 years and has moved from patrol officer through the ranks to his current position of Assistant Chief. Asst Chief Harrison is the first officer with the Commerce Police Department to attend the FBI National Academy. This is a prestigious academy that only selected law enforcement officers are invited to attend. The training that Asst Chief Harrison received will not only benefit him in his career in law enforcement, but will be an asset to the Commerce Police Department. I would like to commend Asst Chief Harrison for his interest in furthering his education in Law Enforcement and for his interest in the Commerce Police Department.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

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 field of expertise.

Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

The graduating officers were represented by the class Spokesman, Assistant Chief of Police Daniel V. Garcia, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas. A total of 39,227 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in July 1935. Of this number, approximately 22, 838 are still active in law enforcement work.