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PRESS RELEASE

Lt. Mark Mears Graduates from Prestigious FBI Academy

Sumner, WA— Sumner Police Lt. Mark Mears has graduated from the FBI's National Academy, a rigorous and competitive 10-week program designed to highlight leadership and physical training.

Mears, who has worked for the Sumner Police Department since 1997, graduated from the Academy on September 14, 2007. He was one of only 287 officers to attend the prestigious program from around the nation.

During the 10 weeks, academy trainees live in a dorm on a Marine Corps base and attend University of Virginia accredited graduate and undergraduate courses that include classes on interpersonal communications for law enforcement executives, executive leadership, stress management, counter-terrorism, and labor law. "I really appreciated the opportunity to attend the academy," said Mears. "I learned the very latest aspects of leadership, management, science, and technology related to law enforcement. I want to thank Mayor Dave Enslow, the City Council and City Administrator John Doan for allowing me to attend and their commitment to leadership within the Sumner Police Department."

Candidates must go through a highly competitive process before being selected for this honor. That process includes a nomination by the candidate's top departmental official, interviews of the candidate and his co-workers to determine leadership skills and abilities, a background check, a determination of physical fitness and support of former National Academy graduates.

"We are very proud of Mark and are looking forward to the knowledge and experience that he brings back to the entire Sumner Police Department and community," said City Administrator John Doan.

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