



Mercer Island Police Officer Graduates FBI National Academy

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Mercer Island Police Department is proud to announce Commander Mike Seifert 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. Commander Seifert is the first officer from Mercer Island Police Department to attend this prestigious academy in over thirty years. 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. These graduates return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions, bringing with them a uniquely high level of expertise.

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.

“Commander Seifert has demonstrated tremendous leadership throughout his tenure with our department,” said Police Chief, Ed Holmes. “We are fortunate to expand his skillset with some of the best police training offered in the country. I am confident his fellow officers will reap the benefits of the knowledge he has brought back with him. We pursue training opportunities that make us better police officers because our community deserves the very best of us.”

Mike Seifert joined the Mercer Island Police Department in 2010 following service in the U.S. Army and holds several degrees, including a master’s in Security Management. Prior to his recent promotion to Operations Commander, he served as the department’s School Resource Officer and Personnel and Training Sergeant.

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.