



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Blair Myhand, Police Chief **MEETING DATE:** 10/02/2025
AGENDA SECTION: PRESENTATIONS **DEPARTMENT:** POLICE
TITLE OF ITEM: Hendersonville Police Department Honors Lieutenant Matt Capps for FBI National Academy Graduate

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

N/A

SUMMARY:

The Hendersonville Police Department recognizes Police Lieutenant Matt Capps, for his graduation from the FBI National Academy.

On September 4, 2025, Lieutenant Capps was among 254 law enforcement officers graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 295th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included 22 members of law enforcement agencies from 20 countries, 10 members of six military organizations, and four members of federal civilian organizations.

“I would like to extend my thanks to City Council, City Manager Connet, and Chief Myhand for the incredible opportunity to attend the FBI National Academy. This experience has enhanced my leadership skills and broadened my perspective; I am committed to using what I have learned to lead more effectively and serve Hendersonville with excellence. I look forward to bringing back these lessons to help our department continue to grow and succeed.”

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced leadership, communication, 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.

FBI Director Kash Patel delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson Benjamin Adams from the Marion County Sheriff’s Office, Ocala, FL, represented the graduating officers.

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 all the National Academy courses offered.

A total of 56,434 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. Lieutenant Matt Capps continues the legacy of National Academy graduates from the Hendersonville Police Department, joining the ranks of former Police Chiefs John Nicholson and Donnie Parks, as well as current Chief Blair Myhand.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? N/A

If no, describe how it will be funded. N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A