



## CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Blair Myhand, Police Department **MEETING DATE:** April 3, 2025

**AGENDA SECTION:** Presentation

**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**TITLE OF ITEM:** Hendersonville Police Department Honors Captain Trae Laws for FBI National Academy Graduation

### **SUGGESTED MOTION(S):**

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#### **SUMMARY:**

The Hendersonville Police Department recognizes Police Captain, Trae Laws, for his graduation from the FBI National Academy.

On March 13, 2025, Captain Laws was among 244 law enforcement professionals graduating from the 293rd session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This elite program included participants from 48 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, 24 countries, eleven military organizations, and four federal civilian agencies.

“I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to City Council, City Manager Connet, and Chief Myhand for the incredible opportunity to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy,” said Captain Laws. “The training provided was exceptional and will significantly enhance my ability to serve the citizens of Hendersonville.”

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.

The graduation featured remarks from FBI Director Kash Patel, while Class Spokesperson Josep Walehwa of the Brea Police Department in California 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 55,941 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. Captain Trae Laws 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**