



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Captain Tu Farhan Graduates the 285th FBI National Academy



From left to right: Chief Jim Morris, Capt. Tu Farhan and Deputy Chief Dan Janickey



From left to right: FBI Director Christopher Wray with Capt. Tu Farhan

Colonel James A. Morris, Police Chief, and the Vienna Police Department congratulate Captain Tu Farhan, who graduated as a member of the 285th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on March 16th, 2023.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers eleven weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. Nationally, fewer

than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions. The program also emphasizes physical fitness. Students train with academy fitness instructors during their eleven weeks at Quantico to tackle the “Yellow Brick Road,” a grueling 6.1-mile run and obstacle course. Upon completing the course, they receive the coveted yellow brick to signify their accomplishment.

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 54,154 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.

The 285th session consisted of two hundred and forty-seven law enforcement officers from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 28 countries, four military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony.

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