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Sheriff Champagne Announces Six Supervisors Graduate from the National Command and Staff College Session 015

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Sheriff Greg Champagne is pleased to announce that six supervisors of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office have just completed the National Command and Staff College Session 015. The S.C.P.S.O. hosted the program for the fifth time in five years at our training facility located on Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling, Louisiana.

Sheriff Champagne stated, "To date, a total of 41 supervisors from the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office have now completed this intensive graduate-level college program preparing them as possible future command staff leaders within our agency. This is the largest number of supervisors from any single agency in the country."

Graduates from the Fifteenth Session of the N.C.S.C. are as follows:

Lieutenant Jeremy Pitchford, Lieutenant Lance Richards, Sergeant Jimmie Stack, Health Services Administrator Kecia Charles, Sergeant Jack Gilboy, and Lieutenant Walter Banks.

The N.C.S.C. consists of an extensive 8-week-long online Leadership Education Program totaling 240 hours of training. The program is concluded with an additional two-week, 80-hour residency that was proudly hosted for a fifth time at the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. The two-week residency is finalized with a Capstone Project research paper and presentation by each attendee. The N.C.S.C. is

comparable to the FBI National Academy and is one of the few intensive college-level training programs for Law Enforcement available in the United States.

The program is the brainchild of Dr. Mitch Javidi, established in 2015 in conjunction with the National Sheriff's Association (NSA), with the N.C.S.C.'s first session being held in 2018 at the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Champagne also collaborated with Dr. Javidi in the creation of the program during Sheriff Champagne's tenure as President of the NSA.

A total of twenty graduates from eight different agencies spanning three states (Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi) attended the most recent session. These graduates have worked tirelessly to complete this course so that they can return to their respected agencies and share their knowledge and lessons learned. Please congratulate the men and women that graduated in the Fifteenth Session of the National Command and Staff College program!

