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McGowan Graduation



Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman announces the graduation of Montgomery County Detective Lieutenant James F. McGowan from the 258th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, provides 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected command officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. Only one half of one percent of all law enforcement officers gets the opportunity to attend the National Academy.

The 258th Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 49 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 26 international countries, three military organizations, and four federal civilian organizations.

Lieutenant McGowan has served with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office since 2000, and currently commands the Detective Bureau's Homicide Unit. Lieutenant McGowan began his law enforcement career with the Hatfield Township Police Department in 1987 and served in both the patrol and detective divisions. He left Hatfield Township to join the District Attorney's Detective Bureau as a Homicide Detective in 2000.

Lieutenant McGowan received his Undergraduate and Graduate degrees in Criminal Justice from DeSales University. He is currently an adjunct professor with the Montgomery County Community College PA and DeSales University, Center Valley, Pennsylvania.

Approved for release:

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