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MDOC Chief Investigator Graduates FBI National Academy

JACKSON – The head of investigations for the Mississippi Department of Corrections is among the latest graduates of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Sean K. Smith was one of two law enforcement officers from Mississippi in the 265th Session of the National Academy. This invitation-only opportunity is offered to the top 1 percent of the law enforcement community.

The 265th Session consisted of men and women from 47 states, 24 international countries, three military organizations, four federal civilian organizations and the District of Columbia.

Smith completed 17 hours of college courses during the 10-week program. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program covered communications, stress management, advanced leadership, psychology, and other subjects in addition to the physical training associated with the program.

Smith, who graduated Sept. 16, said attending the FBI National Academy is one of his foremost professional experiences.

“The FBI National Academy is an incredible program that focuses on best practices in leadership for law enforcement,” Smith said. “I believe the networking opportunity and training will be invaluable in my leadership role at MDOC. I had the opportunity to focus on executive leadership for 10 weeks and bring this training back to MDOC.”

Smith has worked with MDOC for 20 years. He has led the Corrections Investigation Division (CID) since 2012. He has a bachelor’s degree from Jackson State University.

“Congratulations to CID Chief Smith for this most significant accomplishment,” Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. “MDOC is honored that the FBI provided this opportunity to our agency.”

The National Academy Program, operated by the FBI since 1935, has a rich history of networking senior law enforcement officials across the globe. Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents, and other staff members, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. The students earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia.

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