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## News Release

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### **Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr. Graduates from FBI National Executive Institute**

(North Charleston, S.C.) On September 25, 2015, Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr. Esq. successfully completed and graduated from the FBI National Executive Institute (NEI) Session 38.

This intensive executive leadership training program met one week in March, one week in June, and one week in September at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Sheriff Cannon will become a member of the National Executive Institute Association, which has a membership of more than 1300 chief executives of the largest law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe. Sheriff Cannon is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Sheriff Cannon graduated with 39 other chief executive law enforcement leaders from the United States.

In August of 1975, FBI Director Clarence Kelley tasked the Management Science Unit of the FBI Academy to develop a proposal for a law enforcement executive training program. The resultant proposal was presented to the Major Cities Chiefs (MCC) at their meeting in Denver, Colorado during the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference the following month. The MCC overwhelmingly endorsed the proposal. Topical areas selected for the program included: national and international political, economic, and social trends affecting the policing function; ethics and integrity; the effects of affirmative action on hiring and promotional policies; media relations; labor relations; the future structure of police organizations; financing of police operations; training and legal issues; labor relations; and the impact of criminal activity on policing.

As of July 2013, there have been 36 NEI Sessions held by the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia. More than 1,300 law enforcement executives have graduated from the program, including approximately 200 FBI personnel. Nominations for new participants are solicited annually by the FBI Training Division through our local FBI offices. Domestically, these usually include the chief executive officers of full-service law enforcement agencies which are the primary providers of law enforcement services to a

population of 250,000 or greater and have a complement of at least 500 sworn law enforcement officers—agencies that are among the 150 largest law enforcement agencies in the United States.

Nominees are chosen law enforcement executives who meet the NEI selection criteria and who will contribute to NEI concerning their country's contemporary law enforcement challenges. FBI field division heads are nominated and approved by FBI Headquarters to increase and enhance liaison with their local law enforcement partners.

The NEI has been variously described as the "Director's Own Program" and as the crown jewel of the FBI's executive training initiatives. It has led to the design and implementation of the Bureau's Law Enforcement Development Seminar (LEEDS) program and the Leadership in Counterterrorism Program.

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