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## **CCSO captain named to FBI National Academy**

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Capt. Fletcher Ferguson has been selected by the FBI to participate in the next class of its prestigious National Academy.

Capt. Ferguson will report to Quantico, Va., on Jan. 10 to begin the National Academy's 10-week course, which brings together law enforcement from across the country and around the world. Participants are nominated by their home agency and must complete a rigorous written application, medical exam and physical fitness test.

Facilitated through the University of Virginia, the classes Capt. Ferguson will take will focus on leadership training, crisis negotiation and resiliency, among other topics. In addition to taking daily academic classes, writing papers and taking exams, National Academy members will participate in physical fitness classes and attend networking events.

"I'm thankful the Sheriff's Office recognized the value in allowing me to expand my leadership training and saw that this training will provide long-term resources for the agency," Capt. Ferguson said.

Sheriff Kristin Graziano said she is proud that the agency is sending Capt. Ferguson to the FBI National Academy, and she is not surprised that he was selected.

"Ferguson has been an integral member of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and I've gotten to know him well over the years," Sheriff Graziano said. "I know that he will make us proud and bring back tools and knowledge that complements our mission of Service Beyond the Call."

**About Capt. Fletcher Ferguson:** Capt. Ferguson, 41, graduated from The Citadel in 2003 with a degree in history. He has been employed at the Charleston County Sheriff's Office since

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August 2003. Capt. Ferguson is the SWAT assistant commander, the commander of the Honor Guard and a member of the agency's peer support team. In his role as captain, he oversees training for law enforcement deputies, as well as detention deputies at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. From 2007 to 2016, he served in the Coast Guard Reserves. A native of North Carolina, Capt. Ferguson resides in the Charleston area with his wife and two sons.

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