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# Anna Police Chief Jeff Caponera Graduates from the FBI National Academy – 276<sup>th</sup> Session

**(ANNA, TEXAS JUNE 14, 2019)** – The Anna Police Department (APD) is proud to announce Anna Police Chief Jeff Caponera graduated June 7, 2019 from the FBI National Academy in the 276<sup>th</sup> session. Yesterday was the first day back to full duty at Anna Police Headquarters for Chief Caponera after ten weeks at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

The 276th session of the National FBI Academy consisted of men and women from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 35 countries, five military organizations, and seven federal civilian organizations. In all, two hundred fifty-six law enforcement officers graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia last Friday. Among the graduates were four other Dallas/Fort Worth area law enforcement officers from the Arlington Police Department, Garland Police Department, North Richland Hills Police Department and Terrell Police Department.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

“Graduating from the National Academy was the greatest accomplishment of my career. I am honored to be a member of such an elite group of law enforcement executives from around the world.” Caponera said. “I am thankful Anna city leaders understand the value in investing in the best training programs at all levels or our rapidly growing police department.”

Caponera explained he came away from the 10 weeks of training with a wide range of new ideas which will help him further lead the Anna police department in protecting the fastest growing city in Collin County. In addition, Caponera said he established 255 valued relationships with the other law enforcement leaders in this class, as well as with the instructors and academy staff.

Caponera has served with the Anna Police Department for 11 years and he was named police chief in July 2018. Caponera has a total of 24 years of experience in law enforcement. He holds a TCOLE Master Peace Officer License and certifications in the following: Field Training Officer, Instructor, Grant Writing, Sexual Assault-Family Violence Investigator and Hostage Negotiator. Caponera has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from Regis University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. He is also a graduate of the 53rd School of Executive Leadership from the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration.

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“Our city is currently the fastest growing municipality in Collin County and a well-trained, highly professional police force is key to attracting companies and residents to Anna,” said Anna City Manager Jim Proce. “The foundation for this kind of quality police force is having solid leadership at the top which can lead, train, retain and attract good police officers.”

Attorney General William P. Barr and FBI Director Christopher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson Brian J. Issitt of the Phoenix Police Department represented the graduating officers. Chief Caponera received his diploma from FBI Director Wray (MEDIA - photo below and JPG attached).

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National FBI Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered.

A total of 52,026 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

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Anna Police Chief Jeff Caponera



FBI Director Christopher Wray (L) – Chief Caponera (R)

Link to FBI Twitter Page with the Graduation Announcement

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