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Lt. Colonel Lawrence O'Toole Completes Executive Leaders Program *Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security*

On February 28, 2013, Lt. Colonel Lawrence O'Toole, Commander of the Bureau of Community Policing, completed the Executive Leaders Program at Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Lt. Col. O'Toole, a 29-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, was chosen because of his extensive policing experience and recognized leadership associated with the disciplines that comprise homeland security.

The goal of the Executive Leaders Program is to enhance senior leaders' capacity to develop policies and strategies while strengthening working relationships across the jurisdictional boundaries of regions, agencies, local-state-tribal-federal governments and the private sector. Students study the interdisciplinary concepts that comprise homeland security.

Chief Sam Dotson, said, "This is an exceptional program and we were honored to have had a member of our department participate. I am confident Lt. Col O'Toole will share the knowledge he gained through the program with the senior leadership of the department and will help implement strategies to better serve our citizens."

Participants met for four one-week intensive sessions over a nine-month period at the Navel Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California. The 32 participants included professionals from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as well as emergency management, law enforcement, fire safety, state and municipal governments and the private sector.

The Executive Leaders Program was launched in August 2006 as part of a series of graduate and executive level education programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, and developed and conducted by the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

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