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Kendall County Sergeant Graduates from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Sergeant David Lawson from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC). Sergeant Lawson has successfully completed a ten (10) week leadership training program held in Plainfield, Illinois from January 7 through May 10, 2019. This program, which was implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated over 14,000 students both nationally and internationally.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in a total of twenty-seven core blocks of instruction and additional optional blocks during each session. The major topics of study include: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, and Budgeting and Resource Allocation. Each student is academically challenged through written examinations, projects, presentations and a staff study paper that are all required parts of the curriculum.

Sergeant Lawson has worked in the Operations division of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office since 2005. He has held several positions during his career at the Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Lawson served as a Community Oriented Policing Deputy, School Resource Officer, Juvenile Officer, Evidence Technician, Certified ALICE Instructor, Domestic

Violence Coordinator and has been trained by the Department of Homeland Security as an Active Shooter Threat Instructor. Sergeant Lawson also has served his country as a member of the United States Army. Sergeant Lawson earned his Associates Degree at Joliet Junior College.

Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird strongly believes in continual training and education to help ensure members of the Sheriff's Office are knowledgeable and fluent with current management and leadership philosophies and best practices. The practice of investing in the personal and professional development of employees will assist in providing the best service to the citizens of Kendall County.

“We strive for our supervisors to continue their professional development in order to provide our deputies and support staff with the highest quality of leadership, education, training and resources,” said Sheriff Dwight Baird.

(Pictured from left to right are: Commander Bobby Richardson, Sergeant David Lawson, and Commander Jason Langston).

