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ATHENS ATTENDS FBI-LEEDA TRAINING

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – March 14, 2024 – The City of Athens proudly announces the successful completion of the Media and Public Relations course offered by the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) by two of our esteemed employees. The course, designed to enhance skills in effective communication and media relations within the law enforcement sector, saw Lieutenant Blake Witt and Communications Coordinator Brianna Baker demonstrating exceptional dedication and commitment throughout their training. The comprehensive curriculum provided by FBI-LEEDA equips law enforcement professionals with the necessary tools to navigate and excel in today’s media landscape effectively.

“We are immensely proud of Blake and Brianna for their accomplishment,” said City Manager Deb Wallace. “Their newfound expertise in media and public relations will undoubtedly contribute to our organization’s ability to engage with the public, foster trust, and uphold transparency.”

In addition, the city is thrilled to announce the completion of FBI-LEEDA’s Trilogy Certificate program by Lieutenant Blake Witt. Witt has demonstrated exceptional commitment and proficiency in law enforcement leadership through the completion of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Certificate. This prestigious certification consists of three core courses: Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and Executive Leadership Institute. The Trilogy Certificate program equips law enforcement professionals with invaluable leadership insights and strategies necessary to navigate complex challenges in today’s evolving landscape.

“The attainment of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Certificate is a testament to Lieutenant Witt’s dedication to professional growth and excellence,” stated Chief of Police, Fred Schultz. “We are immensely proud of Lieutenant Witt and confident that the knowledge and skills acquired through this rigorous program will significantly contribute to his effectiveness as a leader within our organization.”

These achievements highlight the City of Athens' ongoing commitment to investing in the professional development of its employees and ensuring the highest standards of performance and service delivery.

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