



ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Grady M. Hartman
Sheriff

Daniel L. Hess
Chief Deputy

NEWS RELEASE

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The Oneida County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the graduation of Sergeant Elisha Williams from the FBI National Academy, Session #287 on Friday, September 15, 2023. Sgt Williams joins the distinguished ranks of less than 1 percent of all law enforcement officers to have completed this program.

Sgt Williams shared the intensive ten week course at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia with one hundred and ninety-eight other law enforcement professionals from forty-six (46) states, the District of Columbia, twenty-one (21) foreign countries, four (4) military organizations, and three (3) civilian federal organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI National Academy offers ten (10) weeks of advanced communications, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have twenty-one (21) years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

In addition to completing courses in the psychology of leadership, emotional intelligence, managing the law enforcement image, managing organizational change, and advanced public speaking, Sgt Williams finished the physically challenging "Yellow Brick Road", which concludes with a Marine Corps obstacle course and a 6.1 mile run.

Chief Deputy Daniel Hess said, "We are blessed to have such a qualified candidate go through this rigorous leadership training. We wish Sgt Williams the best in her continued law enforcement career."

A total of 54,565 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in July 1935. Sgt Williams joins retired Detective Sergeants, the late Raymond Zastrow, James Purdy, Glenn Schaepe, retired Chief Deputy John Sweeney and Chief Deputy Daniel Hess as representatives of the FBI National Academy from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Sgt Williams has been with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office for seven years. Sgt Williams currently serves as a Patrol Sergeant and is the School Resource Sergeant for the Rhineland School District.

Any questions about this news release should be directed to Captain Tyler Young at 715-361-5100.

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