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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **APD COMMANDER COMPLETES COMMAND COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

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The Albany Police Department announced today the graduation of one of its management team members from a command-level leadership course administered by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). Albany Police Lieutenant John Geissberger, currently assigned as Support Services Division Commander, recently completed the prestigious POST Command College, held in San Diego, California. At a morning ceremony on September 14, 2016 Lt. Geissberger and his twenty classmates were presented with their graduation awards and certificates.

The Law Enforcement Command College is an 18-month program designed to prepare today's law enforcement leaders for the challenges of the future. Participants study emerging issues in law enforcement, leadership theory, strategic planning, and organizational problem solving. Students attend six sessions, each one week long, approximately eight weeks apart. After a six-month period during which they finish their studies off-site, students reconvene for a three-day session that concludes with graduation ceremonies.

The program is distinct among California law enforcement training in that the instructors are primarily subject matter experts from academia, industry, and government, but not law enforcement. Students in the program must be nominated to attend by their agency chief executive and are selected by an interview panel of law enforcement leaders from throughout California.

Program participants also conduct a research project on an emerging issue of their choosing, and author a summary article, which is submitted for publication. Lt. Geissberger's research on how the public's demand for police accountability will impact police report writing in the year 2023 and his related journal article has been accepted for publication in Volume 50, No 4, of the *Journal of California Law Enforcement*.

The Albany Police Department congratulates Lieutenant Geissberger on his accomplishment.

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