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## Making History

### FBI National Academy to Welcome Local Deputy

*Four times a year, 250 senior police officers from around the world arrive at the secluded campus of the FBI's training facility in Quantico, Virginia.*

This spring a select group of law enforcement leaders will reside at the FBI's National Academy for ten weeks while participating in undergraduate and/or graduate college courses on topics like cyber crime, behavior analysis, forensic investigations, and counterterrorism. Extreme physical training and conditioning are part of the program too as attendees prepare for the ultimate fitness test - the "Yellow Brick Road", a grueling 6.1 mile run through a Marine made obstacle course.

The NA, short for National Academy, is considered to be most prestigious and exclusive law enforcement training available in the world. This April, Caroline County native Lt. A.W. Lambert, will make history when she enters the 245th session of the NA and becomes the first Caroline County law officer to ever participate in the 76 year old training program. An opportunity shared by fewer than 1,750 female law officers worldwide since the program began in 1935. *"I am proud to have been selected to represent the Caroline County Sheriff's Office. I am truly grateful to Sheriff Lippa for this once in a lifetime opportunity."* commented Lambert.

As one might expect, admission to the NA is extremely competitive. The process begins with a nomination by the head of a law enforcement agency. This is followed by interviews, a thorough background investigation, and a detailed fitness physical to ensure that

strict height/weight specifications are met. Those few who do get accepted often wait one to three years before an available slot opens up. In fact, less than 1% of all law enforcement officers will ever be invited to attend the academy.

*"Although free to attend, the FBI National Academy training that Lieutenant Lambert receives will be priceless for this office and the continued public safety of Caroline County. The National Academy will provide her a professional network that will serve her for the rest of her career. She is very deserving of this rare opportunity and I congratulate her on being accepted to this fine institution."* commented Sheriff Lippa.

This won't be the first time however, that Lambert will leave her mark on history. In 2006, Lambert became the first female Caroline County deputy to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Then, three years later, she became the first in Caroline and one of only a few females regionally, to earn the rank of Lieutenant, which is the minimum rank required for acceptance into the NA.

In fact, Lambert's history with the Caroline County Sheriff's Office goes back much further than many realize. Lambert's late mother, Barbara W. Wright retired from the Caroline County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service. *"Her work had a strong influence on my life. So much in fact, that I knew at an early age that I wanted a career in criminal justice."* said



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Lambert. *"I miss her dearly, but know that she is with me at every step of my career. I know she would be proud"*

Continuing education has been a long standing priority of Sheriff A.A. "Tony" Lippa, Jr. . Former Lt. Mike Hall received specialized training from Virginia Tech while Major C.S. Moser has attended the Public Safety Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Since being elected in 2004, Sheriff Lippa has elevated the Caroline County Sheriff's Office to new levels of professionalism. The CCSO was state Certified in 2006, state Accredited in 2008, and by summer's end will have a new first for his office - an FBI National Academy graduate.