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Captain Clements Graduates from Northwestern University Program

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's Captain David Clements recently graduated from the internationally respected Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command.

Clements, a 30-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was one of 20 law enforcement officers to graduate as a member of the School of Police Staff and Command Class #511 after completing the prestigious 10-week course held in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Clements finished as one of the top students in the class.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor provided in allowing me to attend this program," said Captain Clements. "This was a very academic-centered, leadership-oriented course, which focused on providing the skills needed to become a command level officer."

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in a 27 core blocks of instruction and additional optional blocks during each session. The major topics included leadership, human resources, employee relations, organizational behavior, applied statistics, planning and policy development, budgeting and resource allocation.

Students are challenged academically through written exams, projects, presentations and quizzes, along with a staff study paper that is required as part of the curriculum. Students who successfully complete the program earn six undergraduate credits from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

"I congratulate Captain Clements on this great accomplishment," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "This once again demonstrates our commitment at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office to build strong leaders while ensuring that we remain current on topics that improve on the leadership and organization of our agency."

Clements said the course provided him the opportunity to learn a variety of tasks that will benefit him as a newly promoted Captain.



“This has given me a broader perspective of the whole office,” Clements said. “It has allowed me to learn about the different roles within the office and what is needed to be successful in any area of the agency.”

Clements said he believes the skills he gained and the networks he established will benefit him as he takes on more leadership duties within the agency. “A lot of what I learned will definitely help in my current role,” said Clements, who is the new operations captain for the Detention Bureau.

Clements is now the fifth member of the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office to graduate from the Northwestern program. Other graduates include Emergency Services Bureau Chief Mark Mears, the late Law Enforcement Bureau Chief Jeff Teschner and retired Chiefs Darlene Alcala and Charlene Graham.

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