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Sheriff's Sergeant Graduates from Prestigious National Command & Staff College

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff Sgt. Brian Ziolkowski graduated on October 11 from the elite National Command & Staff College's Command and Staff Leadership program Session #26. Ziolkowski is the first from the agency to attend this prestigious program for public safety leaders and elite military units.

Sgt. Ziolkowski is a 22-year veteran of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office and is currently sergeant overseeing the civil/fugitive division.

The 10-week Command and Leadership program consisted of online and in-person classroom instruction to develop present and future leaders through modern learning experiences. The program, which included participants from throughout the country, culminated with a two-week residency at Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana.

As part of the course curriculum participants were required to complete a capstone research proposal focused on a significant and timely law enforcement topic. The project required extensive research, critical thinking and writing. Ziolkowski's team presented on "Fentanyl Exposure to Law Enforcement". The presentation/proposal was awarded the prestigious 2024 Top Research Award for Session #26.

"I congratulate Sgt. Ziolkowski on this great accomplishment. Completing this rigorous program will only enhance his leadership skills, which benefits our agency and the community we serve," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "The commitment and dedication that he put forth, while still performing his duties as Sergeant is a great testament to his outstanding work ethic. I am excited to see the concepts and skills Sgt. Ziolkowski is going to bring to the agency from this experience."

Sgt. Ziolkowski initiated the process of attending the National Command & Staff College as he sought a command-level course that focused on promoting leadership. He completed the 41 online learning modules that focused on individual, group, leadership and agency prior to attending the two-week residency portion of the program. The residency portion of the program focused on building skills in areas such as authentic and deliberate leadership, recruitment/retention, wellness, communication and facilitating critical special incidents.

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