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## **News Release**

### **Chief Joseph Cardella and Captain Donnie Smith attend National Sheriffs' Association Homeland Security Leadership Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center**

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St. Charles Louisiana - Chief Joseph Cardella and Captain Donnie Smith attended the first National Sheriffs' Association Homeland Security Leadership Academy hosted by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) in Glynnco, Georgia from September 14-24, 2015. This initiative was developed by the National Sheriff's Association in collaboration with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Chief Cardella and Captain Smith experienced the first of its kind training that explored the contemporary issues impacting the law enforcement profession. The Academy provided participants not only with courses on crisis management, leadership, and terrorism awareness, but also the opportunity to engage with fellow senior sheriff's office and police leaders from across the country. Topics discussed included timely matters such as mental health issues, public perception of police and community safety.

Chief Cardella and Captain Smith were honored to be a part of the first Homeland Security Leadership Academy at FLETC. The NSA will continue to provide oversight and support of this exciting program.

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