



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Commander Attends Training**

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Commander Captain Daniel Alioto recently graduated the Drug Enforcement Administration's, Drug Unit Commanders Academy (DUCA), No. 68. DUCA is a two-week training program specifically designed for commanders of state, local, federal, and foreign drug enforcement units. The program provides training on topics including new trends in drug trafficking, asset forfeiture, money laundering, risk management, operational planning, clandestine laboratory operations, computer investigations, conflict resolution, legal issues for management, and executive decision-making.

The Drug Unit Commanders Academy is offered quarterly and entry into the program is extremely competitive. Prospective commanders must be nominated by the Special Agents-in-Charge of the local DEA field offices to be eligible for participation in the program. The training is conducted through the DEA Leadership Development Unit and held at the DEA Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia. All associated costs for the training are provided by the DEA. Commanders in Captain Alioto's training class traveled from across the nation and around the world, including Suriname and Ghana, to attend the program.

"I appreciate the nomination from our DEA partners at the Washington, DC office to DUCA 68. I would also like to thank Sheriff Timothy Cameron for realizing the importance of this training and for allowing me to attend. I look forward to incorporating the information and techniques learned into our Vice/Narcotics Unit to combat the use, possession and sale of drugs in St. Mary's County." (Captain Daniel Alioto, Commander Vice/Narcotics)

"We were very fortunate for Captain Alioto to secure a position in such a prestigious training opportunity. The training will aid in our relentless quest to improve drug investigations and enhance the expertise of the deputies assigned to our Vice/Narcotics Bureau. I am very proud of Captain Alioto's and the Vice/Narcotics Unit's efforts. Captain Alioto's leadership and hard work, along with the hard work and dedication of the deputies assigned to his unit, have significantly reduced the ability of drug dealers to conduct business in St. Mary's County. Congratulations Captain Alioto for a job well done." (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)



Sheriff Timothy Cameron and Captain Daniel Alioto