



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Lieutenant David M. Yingling Graduates Johns Hopkins University**

On May 27, 2010 Lieutenant David M. Yingling received his Master of Science Degree from Johns Hopkins University. For the past eighteen months Lieutenant Yingling has participated in Johns Hopkins Police Executive Leadership Program (PELP).

"Johns Hopkins PELP Program is an intense course of study for public safety executives leading to a graduate degree in management. This award-winning program has been cited as one of the premier public safety executive education programs in the nation. Currently in its fifteenth year, the program remains the flagship program for the division and serves as the model for all division programs. The curriculum consists of 15 three-credit courses covering areas including leadership, change management, building quality organizations, management decision-making and ethics and integrity." (JHU website, 2010)

Lieutenant Yingling is a twelve-year veteran of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and is currently assigned to the St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from St. Mary's College and, now, a newly-bestowed Master of Science in Management degree from Johns Hopkins University.

"We are very proud of Lieutenant Yingling's accomplishment. Law enforcement organizations today operate much like large business corporations. Gone are the days where police officers need only attend a basic entry level training academy and annual in-service training. To effectively serve and protect citizens, police organizations must progress with the times. Police departments must work harder and smarter to combat crime effectively. This includes developing progressive strategies, implementing technology and educating law enforcement personnel beyond the basics." (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)

Because law enforcement realizes the importance of continuing education, many police organizations and individual officers are developing structured career paths to enhance their technical and managerial skills in the profession. Lieutenant Yingling dedicated many hours managing his full-time law enforcement duties and attending classes full-time to complete his graduate degree while also spending important time with his family.

Lieutenant Yingling's wife Julie, a patrol sergeant with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was very supportive of her husband during the entire process. The Yinglings had to cope with rotating shift schedules, work responsibilities and many hours of homework but they still managed to find quality family time together. "This was a challenging endeavor for David, trying to juggle our family and work life to accommodate his school schedule; but the knowledge he gained will

benefit the Sheriff's Office and St. Mary's County. I have never been more proud of him.” (Sergeant Julie Yingling)

“Lieutenant Yingling is a shining example of our best of the best. He realized the importance of professional development and took the initiative. He is a mentor to many young deputies and a valued leader in our organization. Congratulations Lieutenant Yingling.” (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)

“I would also like to extend congratulations to Lt. Patrick D. McDowell of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and Corporal John Elliott of the Charles County Sheriff's Office who also graduated and earned Masters degrees from Johns Hopkins University's Police Executive Leadership Program.” (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)



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