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La Porte Sergeant graduates from State Leadership Program



The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas
Leadership Command College
Class 82
2018

The La Porte Police Department is pleased to announce that, on September 28th, 2018, Sergeant Bennie Boles graduated from the Leadership Command College – Class 82, of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The program, taught by a consortium of universities throughout Texas, provides law enforcement administrators and executives with the skills necessary to effectively manage police agencies and deliver a high level of service to their various communities. The recent completion of the Command College adds to Boles' Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership, and he is on track to complete his Master's degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University in August of 2019. Sergeant Boles is a U.S. Army veteran, has 19 years of service with the La Porte Police Department, and currently serves as the Administrative Sergeant for the agency.

To elaborate on the Leadership Command College process, the first Module focuses on the topic of leadership and is taught at the Center for Executive Development at Texas A&M University. Module II, presented at Texas Woman's University, focuses on the political, legal, and social environment of law enforcement. The program then concludes with training in law enforcement administration at the third module, which is held at Sam Houston State University. Each of the three 3-week modules attended by participants in the program is taught by top national and international law enforcement experts. Topics include leadership, professional ethics and integrity, communication, and personnel management issues. The Command College curriculum also strives to keep participants on top of contemporary issues in Criminal Justice.

This program is one of many offered by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT), headquartered on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The Institute, known as "LEMIT," has been training law enforcement managers and executives since its inception in 1987. LEMIT offers numerous seminars, training for police chiefs, and the leadership program, which is one of the premier law enforcement academies in the nation. No tax monies are

necessary to support LEMIT, which is funded by a surcharge on criminal court costs; affording eligible Texas Law Enforcement managers and executive's essential professional development. Between one and two thousand Texas law enforcement personnel benefit from LEMIT training each year.

For more information on the La Porte Police Department's leadership initiatives, please contact the department at 281-471-2141 or for information on LEMIT, contact Monique F. Rodriguez at 936-294-1670.