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## **MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR GARY CRAFT GRADUATES FROM FBI ACADEMY**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo is pleased to announce that Chief Investigator Gary Craft graduated from the FBI National Academy (FBI-NA) in Quantico, Virginia on December 16, 2016.

FBI Director James Comey was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony. The 266th Session of the National Academy consisted of 221 men and women from 48 states and international jurisdictions. Included in the class were members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 20 international countries, five military organizations, and eight federal civilian organizations. The FBI-NA is internationally known for its academic excellence for its training of the top 1% of law enforcement executives. The FBI-NA Program offers eleven weeks of advanced executive development training, some of which includes; contemporary issues in law enforcement, psychology of communication, executive leadership, and fitness training. National Academy participants are select officers who have proven records as professionals within their agencies. Since 1972, FBI-NA students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of many courses offered. Chief Craft was the first sworn peace officer from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office to attend the FBI National Academy.



Chief Craft earned his Associate of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Monterey Peninsula College. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management from St. Mary's

College in Moraga, and his Executive Master's Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Chief Craft possesses his Executive Certificate from the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. This is the highest law enforcement certificate issue by POST in California. Chief Craft graduated from the Gavilan Police Academy in 1976 and has now been in his distinguished law enforcement career for over 40-years. The last nine years he has served as Chief Investigator of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Chief Craft began his law enforcement career in June of 1976 as a reserve police officer with the Seaside Police Department. In December of 1976 he became a police officer with the Pacific Grove Police Department working uniformed patrol. In 1980, he joined the Monterey County Sheriff's Office working as a patrol deputy. He worked special enforcement detail (SED), as an investigator, an active SWAT and Tactical team member. While working for the Sheriff's Office, he was selected as "Lawman of the Year" in 1982 and "Investigator of the Year" in 1989. In 1994, he joined the Monterey County District Attorney's Office and continued his investigative career. He was District Attorney "Investigator of the Year" in 1999. He promoted through the ranks to Chief Investigator and now oversees the Bureau of Investigation. His duties include supervising two Investigative Captains and a bureau of 37 people. He oversees specialized units within the office including Major Crimes, Special Investigations, Fraud Units, Domestic Violence, Gangs Crimes, Prison Crimes, Child Abduction Unit and Sexual Assault Units. The Bureau of Investigation also assists other law enforcement agencies within Monterey County with public corruption investigations, officer involved shooting and in-custody death cases.

Chief Craft has received numerous awards and attended several outstanding training seminars throughout his law enforcement career; however, he has always wanted to attend the FBI National Academy. According to Chief Craft, "*the FBI National Academy training is, by far, the best law enforcement training for police executives in law enforcement today.*" Chief Craft said he was honored to be selected to attend the FBI National Academy training by District Attorney Dean D. Flippo and to represent Monterey County at this prestigious training. He is very proud to be a member of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.