

Mark C. Curran Jr. Sheriff

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Two Sheriff's Sergeants Graduate Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Sergeant Keith Kaiser and Sergeant Christopher Covelli from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) Class #433.

Lake County Sheriff's Corrections Re-Entry Specialist Todd Fletcher was invited to lead the Invocation and Benediction at the ceremony.

The ten-week School of Police Staff and Command program was held in Evanston, Illinois at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. Since the program's inception in 1983, Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety has graduated tens-of-thousands of students both nationally and internationally. The School of Police Staff and Command provides college-level instruction in a total of twenty-seven core blocks of instruction during each session. The major study topics include leadership, human resources, employee relations, organizational behavior, applied statistics, planning and policy development, budgeting and resource allocation.

Sergeants Kaiser and Covelli along with their class colleagues, raised over \$20,000 as a legacy gift for the educational fund of the two young daughters of Bolingbrook Police Officer Steve Alexander. Officer Alexander was tragically killed while attending a funeral in Ireland. Officer Alexander's father, mother, and brother were also killed in the crash.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "I firmly believe in the importance of high-level education for our staff, especially those serving in our command level positions. Sergeant Kaiser and Sergeant Covelli spent the last ten weeks being challenged academically and professionally. I look forward to them utilizing their education and newly learned concepts to continue 'raising the bar' at the Lake County Sheriff's Office."

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Photo 1 (L-R): Chief Jonathan Petrillo, Deputy Chief Michael Keller, Sergeant Christopher Covelli, Sergeant Keith Kaiser, Deputy Chief Scot Kurek, and Undersheriff David Hare