



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Sergeant Pam Juelharte Becomes Department's Second Graduate of West Point Leadership Training



On May 22, 2008 Town of Vienna Police Sergeant Pamela Juelharte became the second member of the agency to graduate from the West Point Leadership Course. The West Point Leadership Course is an academically challenging compilation of behavioral science theories which is taught at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly, Virginia. Students participate in group problem solving activities and case studies which enhance their leadership abilities.

During the sessions, much emphasis is placed on practical application of the learned theories. The final examination involves actual issues and cases from the student's workplace. The program focuses on four major areas associated with leadership skills:

The Individual
The Group
The Leader
The Organization

Developed and instructed by Retired Army Colonel John Halste, first line supervisors in the police arena are afforded some of the same training that officer recruits receive at the West Point Military Academy. The course enhances the leader's skills and abilities and affords them the ability to rectify issues before they become problematic.

Participation in the intensive course is voluntary and Sergeant Juelharte was required to devote much extra time in preparing for the classes. Speeches, essays, and reflective projects, were all requirements of the course. The graduation was held at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The Town of Vienna Police are members of the Academy along with the police departments of Fairfax County, Herndon, and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

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