Police major graduates from prestigious Southern Police Institute

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Police Major Joseph Wiesman, commander of the Dayton Police Department's East Patrol Operations Division, recently completed an intensive, 12-week accredited college educational program for police command personnel at the Southern Police Institute at University of Louisville.

The 143rd Administrative Officers Course included classes on leadership, police administration, legal issues, and organizational performance and behavior.

“This course is academically rigorous. Forty-eight graduates from 18 states and 43 law enforcement agencies from across the nation completed their course of study this semester amid the uncertainty and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said SPI Director Cindy Shain.

Since 1951, the Southern Police Institute has served to further its mission of enhancing the professionalism and the effectiveness of police executives around the world.

“The course itself was very demanding, however, the added challenges created by COVID-19 illustrated the students’ dedication and commitment,” Major Wiesman said. "I learned a lot, not only about police administration, but also leadership, especially during this time of crisis. The graduates of the Administrative Officers Course are well positioned to help improve their communities and their organizations."

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