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Probation and Parole Leader Selected for National FBI Training

Academy to focus on comprehensive leadership development

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections is pleased to announce the selection of Probation and Parole (P&P) Assistant Director Jennifer Bush as a participant in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy Session 296 in Quantico, Virginia that begins today, September 29. Participation is by invitation only for selected leaders from state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and international law enforcement agencies.

The National Academy is a 10-week professional development program for high-level law enforcement officials from around the world who have been nominated by their agency heads for demonstrated leadership qualities. The program focuses on leadership development, contemporary policing practices, and networking.

"Nominating Assistant Director Bush was an easy decision because she consistently exhibits outstanding job performance, integrity, determination and dedication," said Probation and Parole Director Corey Acosta. "This opportunity will undoubtedly unlock her untapped potential as she continues her career trajectory in the field of public safety."

Bush, a Baton Rouge native, joined the Department in 2002 and began working in P&P in 2007. She currently works at the Department's Baton Rouge Headquarters where she oversees parole violations, sex offender management, emergency operations, and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) extraditions. Bush is also responsible for the Fugitive Recovery Unit and Body Worn Camera/Taser Unit.

"Being nominated by my leadership and receiving the acceptance letter from the FBI are certainly defining career moments," said Jennifer Bush. "I'm ready to embrace this transformative journey of challenging world-class academic instruction and intense physical training, which will prepare me to handle real-world scenarios in the future."

Bush will join other distinguished law enforcement professionals from across Louisiana, including Louisiana Department of Transportation (DOTD) Major Tommy Stubbs; Lt. Clint Hebert, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office; Lt. Alex Dantagnan, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office; and Lt. Jordan Logan, Zachary Police Department. The Department is extremely proud of this group who will represent the great State of Louisiana with distinction.

The program also aims to raise law enforcement standards, improve knowledge, and foster global cooperation in the administration of justice. It also provides participants with advanced training, fosters collaboration among law enforcement professionals from various agencies, and includes a competitive fitness test, which is known as the iconic Yellow Brick Road obstacle course.

"There's nothing more satisfying than seeing a deserving leader, such as P&P Assistant Director Bush, participating in high-level national training," said Secretary Gary Westcott. "The FBI's selection of Bush is validation and proof of what's possible when you serve with a spirit of excellence and integrity."