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## Thirty-One Law Enforcement Executives Complete Prestigious ARKANSAS LEADER Program

**June 17, 2009, Little Rock, AR**—Thirty-one law enforcement executives graduated on June 12, 2009, from *Arkansas Leader*, a leadership program that is sponsored annually by the Criminal Justice Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The graduation ceremony was held at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center with Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter serving as the keynote speaker.

Each year, the Criminal Justice Institute and the FBI carefully select participants to attend *Arkansas Leader*, a program that has been designated one of only sixteen Regional Command Colleges officially recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the Nation. Tailored to meet the educational needs of law enforcement heads of agencies and other leaders within the criminal justice system, *Arkansas Leader* emphasizes challenges of leadership, advancement of the law enforcement profession, development of the individual and agency, and enhancing community relationships. Nationally-recognized conference speakers and presenters are selected to ensure the law enforcement executives are informed, not only of practical procedures for managing their agency or department, but also of the latest trends, technology, and problems impacting our society.

Since 2001, 235 law enforcement leaders from 137 different agencies in five states have completed this distinguished and prestigious program.

“In law enforcement today, the ability to lead has never been as crucial to the success of a police agency,” says James Clark, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute. “The graduates of this program have proven to be an outstanding group of leaders who are truly committed to advancing the law enforcement profession in their communities and throughout the State. We commend them for their participation in *Arkansas Leader*.”

The following law enforcement executives participated in the program:

**Mark Allen**.....Arkansas State Police  
**Ross H. Batson**.....Arkansas Highway Police  
**Brian Catlett**.....Shrewsbury Police Department  
**Tony L. Coffman**.....Bryant Police Department  
**Tim Cook**.....Bella Vista Police Department  
**Bill Cooley**.....Hot Springs Police Department

<b>Stanley Crisp</b> .....	Camp Robinson Department of Public Safety
<b>Jeff Davis</b> .....	Arkansas Highway Police
<b>Jerry Digman</b> .....	Arkansas State Police
<b>Tracy D. Edgin</b> .....	Russellville Police Department
<b>Jeff Holmes</b> .....	Arkansas Highway Police
<b>Lance Huey</b> .....	Grant County Sheriff's Office
<b>Dolores J. Hutcheson</b> .....	Mena Police Department
<b>Charles T. Jenkins</b> .....	Jacksonville Police Department
<b>Christopher W. McCann</b> .....	Normandy Police Department
<b>Richard G. Norris</b> .....	Hot Springs Police Department
<b>Michael L. Paillou</b> .....	Crestwood Police Department
<b>Robert D. Rawlinson</b> .....	Pine Bluff Police Department
<b>Jeff F. Sanders</b> .....	Wynne Police Department
<b>James Speer</b> .....	Arkansas Highway Police
<b>Max Allen Spriggs</b> .....	Little Rock Police Department
<b>Jack Stepp</b> .....	Arkansas Highway Police
<b>Kyle Stokes</b> .....	White County Sheriff's Office
<b>Joseph Taylor</b> .....	Conway Police Department
<b>Ross A. Thompson</b> .....	Blytheville Police Department
<b>Michael Thompson</b> .....	Farmington Police Department
<b>Jack Thompson</b> .....	Seminole Police Department
<b>Robert Eric Webb</b> .....	Searcy Police Department
<b>Larry C. White</b> .....	Ladue Police Department
<b>Michael A. Wiegand</b> .....	Eureka Police Department

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