



PRESS RELEASE

Molli Ferency
Public Relations Coordinator
(989) 779-5322 | mferency@mt-pleasant.org

April 29, 2016
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mt. Pleasant Police Captain graduates from FBI National Academy

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. – City of Mt. Pleasant Police Capt. Paul Lauria graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy this month at the FBI campus in Quantico, VA. Lauria was one of 230 law enforcement officers from 31 different countries chosen to attend the prestigious ten-week academy designed to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad.

"The National Academy was outstanding. The FBI instructors were top-notch and I learned a lot about myself and how I can improve as a leader," said Lauria. "The best part was meeting and talking with my fellow classmates from around the U.S. and world. The knowledge and experience that such a diverse group brings is truly what makes the National Academy so unique and valuable."

In addition to participating in specialized trainings and fitness challenges, Lauria completed a number of graduate classes covering leadership in law and personal development. "The biggest takeaway for me was to realize that within our organization, our people are the most important aspect to achieving repeated success," he said. "You can have all the money, tools and gadgets, but without quality people, nothing will be accomplished."

Although he found it challenging being away from his family and the environment in which he is most comfortable, Lauria revealed the ten-week opportunity renewed his appreciation for living in and working for the City of Mt. Pleasant. "When others at the academy shared experiences from their careers and lives, I was reminded of what I have and how good I have it," he said. "We have a wonderful, supportive community with residents who genuinely care about each other, get involved and help to make a difference. Plus, I work for a great organization with great people from top to bottom. These are blessings I'll never take for granted again."

###