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Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command Graduation

Detective Sergeant Sonny Streit and Sergeant Keunte Mallett have graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

The DeKalb Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Detective Sergeant Sonny Streit and Sergeant Keunte Mallett from the School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC), which is an academically rigorous full-time, 10-week management program for public safety professionals. Detective Sergeant Streit and Sergeant Mallett successfully completed program as a member of SPSC Class #608, which was held in DeKalb, IL from February 10 – June 20, 2025.

Since 1983, when its first class commenced, approximately 22,000 law enforcement leaders have graduated from the internationally recognized School of Police Staff & Command program. The School of Police Staff & Command provides upper-level college instruction in a total of 27 core blocks of instruction plus elective blocks during the challenging course. The major topics of study include such critical topics as: Leadership & Management; Human Resources; Employee Relations; Contemporary Policing; Organizational Behavior; Planning & Policy Development; Budgeting and Resource Allocation; and, Media Relations.

Each student is academically challenged through written examinations, projects, presentations, and quizzes in addition to a staff study research paper that are all required parts of the curriculum. Upon successful completion, students may be awarded a total of 6 units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The DeKalb Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Detective Sergeant Streit and Sergeant Mallett's participation in this program. Many of the program's graduates go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the law enforcement community. Since then, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the areas of Traffic Crash Investigation & Reconstruction and Law Enforcement Management & Leadership Education.

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