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# Media Release

## Groat Graduates from National Criminal Justice Command College

### Santini Graduates from Forensic Science Academy



Lieutenant Steve Groat



Colonel Jeffrey Faries, Detective Roger Santini, Linda C. Jackson

Lieutenant Steve Groat recently graduated from the 8th Session of the University of Virginia National Criminal Justice Command College. The NCJCC is a 10 – week intense training program that is targeted to mid-upper level law enforcement supervisors in state, county, or municipal agencies. The Command College is uniquely designed to provide an integrated, cutting-edge approach to criminal justice education through a framework of leadership and collaboration. Lieutenant Groat was one of twenty one graduates that were selected from the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend. Their curriculum and topics of instruction included leadership, management issues, forensic science, collaboration and negotiation and legal issues. Lieutenant Groat joins Captain William “Keith” Early, Captain Wayne Newsome, Lt. Dann Ferguson and Lt. William Anspach as alumni of the program.

The Department would also like to announce the recent graduation of Detective Roger Santini from the 84<sup>th</sup> session of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy. The objective of the Academy is advanced training of qualified crime scene search officers. Law enforcement personnel learn to properly recognize, document, collect and preserve items of physical evidence found at crime scenes for laboratory examination. The course provides students with the necessary background information and practical application techniques which, when coupled with the student’s previous experience, permit maximum utilization of forensic science in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals in the Commonwealth of Virginia.