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NJ Parole Officer Makes History at FBI National Academy

TRENTON – Captain Steven Tallard, of the New Jersey State Parole Board, on Sept. 12, 2008 became the first parole officer in history to graduate from the prestigious FBI National Academy (FBINA) in Quantico, Virginia.

Established in 1935, the FBINA is a professional course of study for US and international law enforcement leaders. Its mission is to enhance law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation on the local level, and create partnerships that span state and national lines. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, the US territories, and over 150 foreign nations.

“Governor Corzine’s crime plan calls for greater levels of interaction and intelligence sharing among law enforcement agencies at all levels,” Parole Board Chairman Peter J. Barnes Jr. said. “Captain Tallard truly represents New Jersey’s parole officers: Solid professionals who are deeply committed to preventing crime and contributing to the successful reentry and rehabilitation of ex-offenders.”

Tallard attended the FBINA’s rigorous, 10-week course along with 250 law enforcement officers from 49 states and 24 nations. The Academy had never, in its history, included a parole officer. In addition to grueling academic coursework and physical training, the FBINA graduates developed meaningful contacts and partnerships that will last throughout their careers. “This was a great honor, and it recognizes that the New Jersey State Parole Board has entered a new era,” Tallard said. “Our parole officers have a much more intensive law enforcement focus, including intelligence sharing partnerships with the FBI and US Marshals Task Force, sex offender supervision, street gang suppression, criminal investigations and homeland security.”

Tallard is an 11-year veteran of the New Jersey State Parole Board. He is one of two parole officers who led the creation of the agency’s Sex Offender Management Unit (SOMU), responsible for one of the largest sex offender supervision caseloads in America. A story on his historic graduation from the FBINA can be found in this [corrections industry newsletter](#).

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey’s lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey’s primary law enforcement

agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle and risk of crime.

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