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Detective Sergeant Thomas Fragassi graduates from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

Niles, IL – The Niles Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Detective Sergeant Thomas Fragassi from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Sergeant Fragassi has successfully completed the ten (10) week Staff and Command Program held in Evanston from March 14 – May 20, 2016. This program, which is implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated 14,000 students both nationally and internationally. Sergeant Fragassi was a student in SPSC Class 396th which accomplished a total of 42 students for the ten week period.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in total of twenty-seven core blocks of instruction and additional optional block during each session. The major topics of study include: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation.

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

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the Law Enforcement Community. Since its inception, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the area of Police Training, Management Training and Executive Development.

The Niles Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Sergeant Fragassi's attendance at this program. Many of the programs graduates do go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within the respective agencies.



Media Attached (Left to right – Deputy Chief Joseph Penze, Chief Dennis J. McEnerney, Det. Sgt. Thomas Fragassi, Deputy Chief Vince Genualdi)