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We congratulate Chief Jeff Schenk on His graduation from the 600th class of Northwestern University prestigious School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC).

SPSC is an intensive ten-week leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions.



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Chief John Waxweiler
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Dear Chief Waxweiler:

Sergeant Jeffrey A. Schenk of the Lockport Township Park District Police Department has now formally completed the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University on May 23, 2025. A copy of any Absentee reports that were submitted to the Center during this ten week program by your officer are also included here.

We would recommend that you have your graduate submit a written report to you concerning the content of the course, describing the principles, techniques and methods discussed that would relate to your organization. We encourage your graduate to make recommendations to your office on such topics as improved service to the community, organizational improvements, and management concepts that may benefit your department.

To assist your agency in any way we can, also included in this correspondence is a sample Press Release. It is formatted to meet the informational needs of your local media should your agency choose to make a formal announcement of your officer's successful completion of the School of Police Staff and Command.

Lastly, it has been our privilege to contribute to the educational and professional advancement of your officer. It is our promise that we will continue to offer you and your organization the very best Management and Leadership training available. We will welcome the opportunity to be of service to your department in the future to include Management Training, Accident Investigation, Supervision Training, Leadership Development or police related practical training programs.

Sincerely,

Michelle Camden
Director

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cc: Sergeant Jeffrey A. Schenk

Northwestern University Center for Public Safety

School of Police Staff and Command Graduation Press Release

Sergeant Jeffrey Schenk has graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

The Lockport Township Park District Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Sergeant Jeffrey Schenk from the School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC), which is an academically rigorous full-time, 10-week management program for public safety professionals. Sergeant Schenk successfully completed program as a member of SPSC Class #600, which was held in Plainfield, IL, from January 13 – May 23, 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 Lockport Township Park District Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Sergeant Schenk'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.