

# Commander is seventh in department to attend FBI

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Though he's been with the Farmington Hills Police Department 22 years, Commander Pat Browne figures he could still learn a thing or two about police work.

That's why he was among 268 law enforcement officers who attended the 200th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. Browne graduated March 24, after completing a rigorous 11-week course at the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Va.

"It's been in existence since 1935, and it was established to help police officers in support positions to increase their knowledge, as well as networking with other officers," Browne explained.

Students pursue five specific areas of study, in fields like forensics and leadership management. They are introduced to cutting edge technologies and undergo rigorous fitness training.

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"There are things we couldn't do four to five years ago that we can do now," he said.

Networking also provided a wealth of information for Browne. The class included officers from across the U.S. and 34 from other countries.

"In our class, we had four officers from the New York Police Department who share some of the things that brought about the double-digit reduction in their crime rate," Browne said.

One of their resources is a computer program that evaluates crime statistics and determines where crimes will occur. Browne also learned how officers in similar-sized communities handle their jobs.

Along with what he learned in the classroom, Browne brought back a fresh perspective and a new enthusiasm for his job.

"All of the classes were very beneficial," he said. "The more knowledge you gain in these areas, the more you can contribute to the community."

Browne is the seventh Hills officer to graduate from the Academy, according to Chief Bill Dwyer, who is also among the alumni.



Honored: Commander Pat Browne talks about his experience at the FBI Academy.

## Report card

### Schools chief gets A's and raise

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Clarenceville Board of Education trustees have faith in its superintendent, giving Tom Tattan a 2-percent raise after a stellar performance review.

Tattan earned outstanding ratings in seven improvement goals set out by the board.

With the pay boost, Tattan's salary increases to \$101,360 for the 2000-01 school term. He will also receive an additional \$1,000 for professional development and \$50 more for transportation expenses.

At its April 12 meeting, the board extended his contract to run through June 2005. Tattan moved to the Clarenceville district in 1996 from Plymouth-Canton schools where he served as executive director of curriculum and instruction.

The Clarenceville district includes portions of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township.

"He's doing exactly what he's been asked to do," said John Kanyo, Clarenceville board president.

"He's very well focused and very good financially. He works well with (business director) David Bergeron to make sure the district is financially viable."

"For our district our size, that is very key to us." Tattan oversees a district of 1,860 students, 280 employees and a \$14.5 million operating budget.

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Tattan is credited for helping raise the middle school's academic performance and improving the district's physical structures through a voter-approved sinking fund.

He's also guiding the district's ongoing National Accreditation Association's Transitions Improvement Process.

Those feats would not be possible without a supportive board of education, Tattan said. "The relationship is very positive," Tattan said. "It allows us to continue to move forward as a district and I appreciate that."

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