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MDOC CID Director Attends Fifth Annual FBI Regional Command College at UM

Oxford, Miss. - Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Corrections Investigation Division Director Ken North joined other law enforcement officials from Mississippi and Louisiana, attending the fifth annual Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Regional Command College on the campus of The University of Mississippi from July 27 to July 31. The University Camps and Conferences Department, Division of Outreach and Continuing Education hosted the event.

The Command College was made possible by a joint collaboration of the FBI and the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP). According to Executive Director of the MACP, Ken Winter, the Command College opens many new doors of communication and training for the 62 state law enforcement attendees.

“It gives some small town chiefs and departments with only 5 or 6 staff the opportunity to receive a level of training that they would not otherwise get,” Winter said. “You had small departments and large departments along with state police, representatives from the Bureau of Narcotics, and several sheriffs, too. Throughout the week, we also gave them the opportunity to have an interchange of ideas and open up the lines of communication.”

FBI Special Agent Steven Godfrey, Sr. said the Command College is a form of training much like LEEDS, the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminars, a two-week seminar for executives that requires them to travel to Quantico, Virginia for training. Godfrey said the instructors of the Command College were either from the local field office or from the FBI Academy in Virginia. Winter said the Division of Outreach and the University served as a great host and even better learning environment for the Command College.

“Obviously, FBI staff teaching the Command College gives credibility to the courses, but at the same time, having it here at The University of Mississippi adds credibility to it as well,” Winter said.

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