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### **First Female Ventura Police Sergeant Graduates from Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute**

The Ventura Police Department is proud to announce that Sergeant Sarah Starr graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute on August 23, 2019. She is the first female Ventura Police Officer to graduate from the 8-month leadership program. This intensive program, designed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, trains supervisors on the importance of leadership, ethics, decision making and management.

Sergeant Starr has been a police officer for 15 years. She began her career in 2003. She was promoted to Corporal in 2007 and to Sergeant in 2014. She has her master's degree in Public Administration. She has served as a Patrol Officer, Major Crimes Detective and Field Training Officer. She has also served as a trainer for Scenario Based and Tactical Decision Making Under Stress, as a member of the Peer Support and Trauma Support Team, as a member of the Rifle Team and was the Assistant Team Leader on the Crisis Negotiations Team. She was recently assigned to the Professional Standards Unit where she will oversee training and hiring. In her new role she will be responsible for helping the City of Ventura select the most qualified people to serve the community.

"There aren't very many jobs out there that let you do something different every day and challenge you both mentally and physically. Our department is a great place to work especially because of the great group of people I serve alongside. I feel very lucky to have found my career path here at the Ventura Police Department. I can't imagine doing any other job," said Sergeant Starr.

The Ventura Police Department is committed to providing the community with the best trained police professionals to serve and protect Ventura.