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Darien Police Sergeant Recognized by U.S. Justice Dept Data & Science Program

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Darien Police Sergeant Jeremiah Johnson, Ph.D., is one of 11 law enforcement professionals nationwide to be selected for participation in the U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Law Enforcement Advancing Data and Science (LEADS) program.

— [an announcement](#) (*slightly edited*) from *Darien Police Department*

In a notification letter, Dr. Nancy Rodriguez, Director of the NIJ, said Johnson's selection was in "recognition of Sgt. Johnson's ability to effectively infuse research into policy development within the Darien Police Department ..."

The LEADS program carries a goal of "identifying and developing the next generation of law enforcement leadership, and encouraging the use of evidence-based research to advance criminal justice throughout the nation."

Johnson will travel to San Diego, California in October to participate in round-table discussions including the International Association of Police Chiefs Research and Advisory Committee and the NIJ's research track "What Works and What Matters in Policing."

"This is not only an extraordinary honor for Sgt. Johnson and the Darien Police Department but also a tremendous opportunity for Sgt. Johnson to bring back to Darien recommendations and new ideas in furtherance of excellence," Darien Police Chief Duane Lovello said. "I am very proud of Sgt. Johnson's accomplishments here."

Johnson, a 14-year veteran of the Police Department, is a U.S. Army Reserve veteran. He received his B.A. in sociology from Geneva College; an M.S. in justice administration from Western Connecticut State College; an M.A. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice; and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the City University of New York Graduate Center.

Johnson is currently assigned to the Patrol Division and was previously assigned to the Detective Division. He also served as an acting lieutenant in the Patrol Division.