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KEARNEY POLICE SERGEANTS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

The Kearney Police Department is pleased to announce the promotions of Sergeant Kevin Thompson and Sergeant Dennis Byrne to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Thompson will serve as the Commander of the Office of Professional Standards. Lieutenant Byrne will serve as a Uniform Patrol Watch Commander.

Lieutenant Thompson has been a member of the Kearney Police Department for 26 years, serving assignments in Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Emergency Services Unit Sniper, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, Armorer and most recently Staff Services Sergeant. Thompson is a graduate of Broken Bow High School, United States Army Veteran, University of Nebraska at Kearney graduate and a graduate of Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. Thompson and his wife Amy reside in Kearney with three children.

The Office of Professional Standards is a new position at KPD. As the Commander, Thompson will be responsible for the oversight, intake and investigation of citizen concerns, manage the departments awards and recognition program, recruitment and hiring process, review and revise standard operating procedures, act as the Public Information Officer with traditional media, manage the departments presence on social media, department image, branding and community engagement opportunities.

Lieutenant Byrne has been a member of the Kearney Police Department for 37 years, serving assignments in Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Emergency Service Unit, Honor Guard Team Leader, Staff Services and most recently Uniform Patrol Sergeant. Byrne is a graduate of McCook High School, United States Army Veteran, a graduate of the United States Military Academy West Point and a graduate of Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. Byrne and his wife Julie reside in Buffalo County have three children.

The Uniform Patrol Commander provides command oversight for our Uniform Patrol shifts each consisting of two Patrol Sergeants and eight police officers. Byrne is replacing former Lieutenant Mike Young who was promoted to Operations Captain in January after Captain Mike Kirkwood retired.

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