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Kearney Police Captain Promotion

The Kearney Police Department and the Kearney City Manager, Michael Morgan, are pleased to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Kevin Thompson to the rank of Police Captain. Lieutenant Thompson will serve as the Commander of the Operations Division which is primarily comprised of the Uniform Patrol Bureau with additional operational management responsibilities including ESU/SWAT, firearms, and community engagement. The Operations Captain works collectively with the Services Division Captain, Mike Young, and Chief of Police on executive administrative and leadership functions within the police department.

Lieutenant Thompson has been a member of the Kearney Police Department for 28 years, serving assignments in Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Emergency Services Unit Sniper, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, Armorer, Staff Services Sergeant, and most recently the Office of Professional Standards. 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. He is scheduled to attend the FBI National Academy later this year in Quantico, Virginia. Thompson is active in the community, serving on the YMCA board, founder of the Kearney Police Department Pink Patch Project, a member of the City of Kearney Employee Council, and Kearney Police recruitment committee.

Thompsons promotion to Captain is effective February 13, 2022, with an official promotion ceremony during the February 22, 2022 City Council meeting. Thompsons promotion comes after the retirement of long time Kearney Police Captain Byron Patterson last year.

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