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KPD Vintage Police Badge honoring the City of Kearney “Sesquicentennial” 150th Anniversary

The Kearney Police Department is unveiling a vintage police badge to mark the cities Sesquicentennial anniversary. The badge was designed by a 150th Anniversary Committee assembled to reflect the past and honor the future through the badge design. Members of the committee submitted the final design to the Chief of Police in the fall of 2022. The badge will be unveiled to the public during the City Council Meeting on January 24, 2023. Each police officer will be issued this unique badge and wear the badge during the entire year.

“The Kearney Police Department enjoys a strong history, dating back to the official incorporation of the City in 1873 and remains one of the most progressive, innovative, and professional law enforcement agencies in the state. Honoring our past through a commemorative badge was a goal set a few years ago, knowing 2023 would be the 150th Anniversary. This badge will serve as a proud reminder of our progress and strong vision for the future. I am extremely proud of the rich history in Kearney and remain hopeful for a bright future protecting and serving this community.” – Chief Bryan D. Waugh

The badge design reflects the history of the Kearney Police Badge through the years while not a major departure from the current badge worn today. Each badge has the officers badge number and current rank from the Chief of Police, Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, and Police Officers.

In addition to the badge, commemorative coins were designed and shared with all KPD staff. Each marked police car will also display a 150th Anniversary decal in honor of this milestone anniversary for the City of Kearney.

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