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Press Release

Lt. Arnett completes leadership program through Northwestern

School of Police Staff and Command Online part of ongoing ACPD training

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 11, 2015) — An Arkansas City Police Department officer recently completed advanced online training in leadership through Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Lt. Chris Arnett, an Arkansas City native who has 17 years of service with ACPD and oversees a patrol shift, completed all of the requirements of the School of Police Staff and Command Online (SPSCO) course, for which he earned six credit-hours of continuing education.

"Congratulations to Lieutenant Arnett for his admirable achievement," said Police Chief Dan Ward.

SPSCO is an intensive program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior leadership positions by combining academic principles with practical applications.

This online course uses the same curriculum as the on-ground program, and incorporates adult and problem-based learning models.

During the semester-long course, Arnett studied statistics, organizational behavior, principles of leadership, human resources, workplace relations and strategic planning.

His continuing education is part of ACPD's dedication to the betterment and improvement of its officers as a means of attaining its goals of serving and protecting the citizens of Arkansas City with accountability, character, pride, and dedication.

"As outlined in the department's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, ACPD acknowledges its responsibility to assist employees in their development, and is committed to supervisor development and mentoring programs," Ward said.

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"Preparing the next generation of leaders at all levels of the agency is an important responsibility of every quality-driven organization. As part of the department's overall training program, we are committed to leadership training for supervisory personnel."