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News Release

Commission recognizes pair of recently promoted police officers

Lt. Jason Legleiter, Sgt. Wade Hammond lauded Sept. 17 by commissioners

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (September 24, 2019) — The City Commission of Arkansas City recognized and congratulated a pair of promoted Arkansas City Police Department officers at its meeting Sept. 17.

The two officers recognized Sept. 17 are Lt. **Jason Legleiter**, who was promoted from sergeant, and Sgt. **Wade Hammond**, who was promoted from the rank of master police officer.

“These distinguished young men go the extra mile to learn and grow as officers,” said Police Chief Dan Ward. “They both continue to hold the bar high for what they expect of themselves and others.”

Both Hammond and Legleiter recently transitioned back from ACPD’s investigations unit to regular patrol duties as part of the night shift.

About the promoted officers

Lt. Jason Legleiter has been with the Arkansas City Police Department for 13 years, serving as a patrol officer, master police officer, School Resource Officer (SRO), detective and patrol sergeant, as well as an investigations sergeant.

He also has been the department’s lead trainer for the ALICE active shooter civilian response protocol. ALICE, used primarily in public schools, stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate.

“Additionally, Lt. Legleiter has served as the field training unit supervisor, ensuring we are providing the best on the job training for our new officers,” Ward said.

Legleiter also has coordinated training efforts for all new officers who enter the police department, from the time that they are hired to the time that they are put on the streets as a fully certified police officer with the department.

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He holds an associate's degree from Cowley College and currently serves as a member of the Cowley College Criminal Justice Advisory board.

Legleiter received Distinguished Service Awards in 2007 and 2008, and he was the Officer of the Year in 2009.

In addition, he has had extensive training in the areas of investigation and crime scene investigation.

He also has completed the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Central States Law Enforcement Executive Development seminar, FBI Supervisor Leadership Institute, FBI Command Leadership Institute, FBI Executive Leadership Institute and Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center's (KLETC) middle management course.

Sgt. Wade Hammond has been with the police department for four years, serving as a patrol officer, master police officer, community policing officer and detective with the Cowley County Drug Task Force.

"Sgt. Hammond's efforts within the investigations division were very proactive," Ward said.

"His drive to learn about the field in which he works extends not only to learning for himself, but also teaching his coworkers through up-and-coming officers."

Additionally, Hammond has been a member of the department's community engagement and recruitment teams. He also was recognized as the Officer of the Year in 2018.

Hammond holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and has previous experience as both a coach and teacher.

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