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WPD Chief Announces New Police Captain Department veteran promoted

Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams today announced Lieutenant Russell Leeds has been promoted to Police Captain. Leeds, a 22-year veteran of the department, will begin his responsibilities as captain of the Patrol West Bureau on Saturday, February 6.

“Captain Leeds has been a resourceful leader and consummate professional throughout his career” Williams said. “His strength lies in his community policing experience and knowledge, which is a significant asset for the community and department. He has proactively tried to improve the areas he’s served.”

Leeds began his career with the Wichita Police Department (WPD) in May of 1988. He has achieved the ranks of Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. His professional assignments have included Patrol, Community Policing, Burglary Detective and Special Community Action Teams (SCAT). As a Lieutenant, he has held section command assignments in the Patrol West Bureau, Financial Crimes Section, and Exploited and Missing Child Unit.

In 1994, Leeds was one of the original officers selected to implement Community Policing in four targeted areas of our city. He established vital and valuable partnerships with the citizens in the North Central area of Wichita and Planeview neighborhoods.

As a patrol supervisor he helped initiate study and research that allowed the WPD to gain access to State grant funds to increase traffic and DUI enforcement efforts. Similarly, as a field supervisor he helped develop a truancy intervention project that helped local schools curb the issue of truancy and get kids back to school.

Leeds’ educational achievements include Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership from Friends University. He has attended numerous seminars and trainings and has been the recipient of several community and WPD awards. His department awards include Bronze Wreath of Valor, several Bronze Wreath of Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service, Safe Driving, and numerous Commendatory Performance Reports.

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