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Johnston Promotes Three Supervisors Within the Police Department

JOHNSTON, Iowa – The Johnston Police Department was proud to promote three members to supervisors during the City Council meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019. Those members included Sergeant Zach Grandon, Sergeant Steven JJ Johnson, and Lieutenant Steve Nore.

“I am proud to have each of these members playing a significant role within this department because they have proven their potential and demonstrated their commitment to the betterment of this organization,” said Police Chief Dennis McDaniel. “Leadership within this department is about helping others around you shine and this is exactly what each of these members has done. We are here to protect and serve our community and I am proud to have each of these members standing beside me in a leadership role.”

Sergeant Zach Grandon has been with the Johnston Police Department since 2007. He has most recently been serving as the department’s Community Affairs Officer where he was heavily involved in implementing crime prevention, education outreach, and community policing strategies. He has previously served as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, and has served as the department’s head union steward for several years. Zach is a certified instructor in ALICE, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), and Below 100. As a sergeant, Zach will be appointed to lead and continue the growth of the department’s Community Policing Unit and will take over daily supervision of Johnston’s two school resource officer positions.

Sergeant Steven JJ Johnson has worked as a Johnston police officer since 2012. Before joining the department, he served in the Iowa Army National Guard completing two tours overseas and served our country for a total of seven years. Johnson has gained professional experience in specialty appointments including property and evidence technician, Crime Scene Investigator, Traffic Investigator, firearms instructor, rifle instructor, high threat close quarter battle Instructor, and has served as an Officer in Charge. During the past year, JJ has been a Detective and was tasked with coordinating narcotics investigations for the department.

Lieutenant Steve Nore began his law enforcement career in 2004 with the Polk City Police Department and came to the Johnston Police Department in 2006. He has served as a field training officer, Verbal Defense and Influence instructor, was a member of the Suburban Emergency Response Team and was a detective for three years prior to being promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2015. Lieutenant Nore has developed advanced skill sets in active threat response and tactics, is the department’s lead firearms and rifle instructor and Rangemaster, is a member of the Active Threat Working Group through Polk County Emergency Management, and is on the executive board of the Iowa Law Enforcement Intelligence Network.

He recently graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command completing advanced coursework in leadership, budgeting, resource allocation, statistics, and project management.

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