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Johnston Police Department Welcomes Lateral Transfer Officer Kerr

JOHNSTON, Iowa – The Johnston Police Department welcomed a new member to their department on Monday, March 16, 2020, as Mayor Paula Dierenfeld officially swore-in Officer Beth Kerr.

“We are pleased to welcome Officer Kerr to our department as she comes to us with seven years’ experience in law enforcement,” said Police Chief Dennis McDaniel. “Our team continues to grow, and we are certainly proud of being able to recruit top-notch talent through the lateral transfer program we have implemented. Officer Kerr is one of those lateral transfer members, so having her experience and knowledge will allow her to transition into the department seamlessly.”

Beth Kerr is our newest member of the department previously working as a patrol officer with the North Platte Nebraska Police Department, where she held additional positions including Public Information Officer, community outreach coordinator and D.A.R.E. instructor. Prior to this position, she worked with the Dawson County Nebraska Sheriff’s Office as a civilian jailer and sworn deputy. She is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as an active duty Intelligence Specialist from 2001-2007 on the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy. Officer Kerr received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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