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City of Garden Plain Appoints Crownover as Chief of Police

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At the May 7, 2025 City Council meeting Garden Plain Police Lieutenant Bryan Crownover was promoted to and appointed as Chief of Police. The appointment follows former Chief Gene Garcia's retirement in March.

"I'm excited and grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the Garden Plain community and lead the Police Department. I'm honored the Council selected me to serve as Chief" said Crownover following the announcement.

Crownover has spent his life as a public servant. When he was 19 he joined the Air National Guard and served 9 years including being activated during Desert Storm. Following his military service he obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Washburn University. Crownover's 35-year law enforcement career includes 5 years with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in Topeka and 21 years with the Kansas Highway Patrol. While with the Highway Patrol he was a K-9 handler, Range Master, and EMT. Crownover has also completed the FBI's Executive Leadership Institute and the Kansas Police Administrators Seminar.

"On behalf of the City Council, we are pleased to announce Crownover's appointment as Chief of Police" said Mayor Kevin Hammond. "We are fortunate to have someone with his credentials and experience serving in this important role. He's very dedicated to the Garden Plain community and serving our citizens."

Crownover has been married to his wife Mayra Crownover-Sandoval for more than 15 years.

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