



City of Basehor, Kansas

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BASEHOR POLICE CHIEF KEVIN SELF RETIRING AFTER 31 YEARS OF POLICE SERVICE

BASEHOR, Kansas – April 28, 2025 – The City of Basehor wishes to announce the retirement of Police Chief Kevin Self. Chief Self began his service at the Basehor Police Department in 2020 as the Deputy Police Chief and was promoted to Chief of Police in 2021.

Chief Self has served as a law enforcement officer since 1994 and has served in Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, Fairway, Mission, and Basehor. During his years of service, Chief Self served as a Motorcycle Officer as well as a Canine Officer. Chief Self also served as a Defensive Tactics Instructor as well as a Firearms Instructor.

During Chief Self's time with the Basehor Police Department, many successes were accomplished under his leadership. The Basehor Police Department received grant dollars for training equipment such as a de-escalation training simulator. This training equipment is used not only by the Basehor Police Department, but other law enforcement agencies within Leavenworth County. Additionally, the Basehor Police Department was awarded grant dollars for the purchase and implementation of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) so that Basehor Police Officers could have mobile access in their vehicles when responding to calls for service.

Under Chief Self's leadership, the Basehor Police Department has also increased safety measures, including the deployment of body worn cameras. Chief Self also secured new automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for all City facilities to assist members of the community in case of emergencies.

The most recently completed community survey in 2025 indicated the Basehor Police Department has improved significantly under Chief Self, including significant increases in satisfaction with the overall feeling of safety in neighborhoods and the overall quality of local police protection. Additionally, that same survey indicated that the City of Basehor's Police
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Department ranks 33% above the regional average and 37% above the national average for satisfaction with the overall quality of police services.

These are just a few of the many accomplishments that Chief Self has been able to achieve during his service with the Basehor Police Department. We would like to thank Chief Self for his commitment and dedication to the community, and additionally thank Chief Self's wife and family for their service and commitment to Basehor as well. As a City, we wish Chief Self and his family nothing but the best in this next chapter. Most especially, we thank Chief Self for his service, and we will miss our Chief and friend.

Chief Self's last day will be June 23, 2025. The City will be sharing details soon regarding the City's plan for a reception to celebrate Chief Self's service. This information will be circulated on the City's social media platforms and the City's website.

An additional success of Chief Self was succession planning for continuity of services for the Police Department. Deputy Chief Clifton Oblinger will be promoted to Interim Chief effective June 24, 2025.

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