

Promotion day

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Norman officer receives his lieutenant bars

Police

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Norman Police Officer Marcus Savage was promoted to lieutenant during a ceremony at the police department Friday.

“From Day One, I saw great leadership in him,” Norman Police Chief Keith Humphrey said. “[Savage] has the potential to become the chief of this department one day.”

Born and raised in Norman, Savage, a 13-year

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Brayden Savage, right, pins lieutenant bars on husband, Marcus Savage, during his promotion ceremony Friday at the Norman Police Department.

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Norman Police Chief Keith Humphrey, left, talks about Marcus Savage, right, during his promotion ceremony Friday at the Norman Police Department.

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NPD officer, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1993, retiring in 2012 at the rank of gunnery sergeant.

Savage joined the Norman Police Department in 2005, graduating from the department's 42nd police

“Because of his selfless generosity and willingness to go above and beyond in the service of others, he has made a lasting impact in the lives of countless students and families.

“I’m sure he’ll remain engaged with our students and those he’s impacted so deeply. We’re sad to see Marcus go and we will miss him tremendously, but we’re also extremely happy for him and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

academy. He was promoted to master police officer in 2009 and then sergeant in 2015.

Savage has been a part of several special department teams and served various roles, including SWAT, Honor Guard, Crisis Intervention Team and police training officer.

In his new role, Savage will supervise the secondshift patrol division. And he's not the only one excited about it.

"He's the real deal," NPD Major and Savage's now supervisor Ricky Jackson said. "He's one of very few people within the department that I've never heard one negative comment about."

Prior to being promoted to lieutenant, Savage served as a school resource officer, or SRO, for Norman Public Schools, alternating between Norman's four middle schools and 17 elementary schools, something he and several others are going to miss.

"I'm going to miss the kids," Savage said.

And they are going to miss him.

"Officer Savage has been a shining example of all that is great about our SRO program," NPS Superintendent Nick Migliorino said. "He exemplifies the care and compassion our SROs have for the all the students who walk our halls every day.

"We look forward to continuing our work with the many great officers provided by NPD."

During the ceremony, Humphrey told a story about a situation involving an NPS parent who was unable to take her child to school because of car issues.

"She was without proper transportation, and Savage ensured she got that proper transportation," he said.

Out of his own pocket, Savage helped the woman put tires on her car, get a wheel alignment and a fulltune up. "He's a shining example of a great police officer and, in general, a great person," Norman Police Maj. Kevin Foster said.

The SRO program was implemented in 2016 and is a cooperative venture between the city police and NPS to put commissioned officers in schools.

Norman Public Safety Information Officer Sarah Jensen said nine NPD officers serve as SROs, including one supervisor. There are two officers at each high school, one at each middle school and they all rotate between the elementary schools.