

[Noble Police Sergeant Promoted](#)

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NOBLE — A Noble police sergeant was promoted to lieutenant in a ceremony at this week's Noble City Council meeting.

Noble native Casey Cottrell received his lieutenant's bar at the ceremony, making him second in command under Noble Police Chief Keith Springstead.

Cottrell attended and later graduated from Noble High School in 2000. He attended Rose State College and transferred to Oklahoma State University Oklahoma City where he earned an associate degree in Police Science.

In August 2001, Cottrell started as a dispatcher with the Noble Police department, by December 2002, he was assigned to the patrol division. He continued training and advancing in the organization.

In 2005, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Springstead said yet again, Cottrell continued his training which contributed to his success.

"His continual desire to attend training and develop himself as well as gain valuable experience by observing other supervisors and learning from them helped to mold and shape him for future leadership in the department," Springstead said.

"This training, education and careful observation of supervisors above him along with the desire to succeed have led us to this moment in his chosen profession."

At the pinning ceremony, Springstead outlined some of Cottrell's accomplishments and leadership responsibilities while serving in Noble, including receiving his advanced law enforcement certificate in 2011.

Other education and training includes completion of Management I and II classes, Leadership Training, 40 hours of Law Enforcement Administration, Progressive Discipline, Moral Mentorship and Staff Development, Supervisory Liability and Ethics Training, "to name a few." Springstead added that throughout his tenure at the department, Cottrell has become a Basic Instructor and completed training certifying him to perform in-house training for Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, Taser and radar.

"In the five years I have been here, he (Cottrell) has always committed to improve himself for the betterment of the department," Springstead said. "This knowledge and experience gained, not only enhanced his wisdom, but improved the leadership ability that he portrays both at the police department and in the community he grew up in."

Springstead said it was with "great honor and distinction" that he presented Cottrell to the Noble City Council, saying that Cottrell deserved the promotion as he was an "individual that helped propel us through some dark times and is helping set the course for the future. I can guarantee that in my absence or beside me, he will act appropriately and be able to make command decisions as required and necessary that will make us all proud of this promotion."

In closing, Springstead said working together with Cottrell and other staff members, the department will move forward to be one that the Noble community can be proud of for years to come.

Cottrell said he was excited to receive the promotion which he'd worked so hard to achieve.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It's going to give me some new challenges and new opportunities to learn and to grow as a supervisor and police officer. I'm always looking for something new and ways to get better."

Cottrell said the main difference in his duties as a sergeant and a lieutenant is that now he'll be supervising the sergeants and taking on a more direct supervisor roll which he likened to middle management in the private sector. So what's next for Cottrell?

He said he hopes to move up again with the ultimate goal at some point in the future to become a chief of police. "I still have a lot to learn and a long way to go," Cottrell said.

Cottrell's wife Darcy, children Terran and Cason attended the pinning ceremony.

His parents, Reta and Jack Cottrell, pinned his lieutenant's bars on his collar.

