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◊ RCPD Partners with Nextdoor and the Community ◊



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MANHATTAN, KAN. - The Riley County Police Department announced on December 15, 2014 a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), a free and private social network for

neighborhoods, to build a stronger, safer community with the help of Manhattan and Riley County residents. This program will enable the Riley County Police Department to better communicate with residents and replace the previous neighborhood watch program. This partnership with Nextdoor will also include support from the City of Manhattan, Manhattan Fire Department, Riley County EMS, and Riley County Emergency Management. Each agency has worked together in bringing this program to life.

"This isn't just a police department program. It has so many uses that we know will benefit the community as a whole. We are excited to be a part of it." - Matthew Droke, public information officer for the Riley County Police Department.

Nextdoor has proven to be an essential and well-adopted tool, both in the state of Kansas as well as nationally, with one-in-four neighborhoods using Nextdoor across the country.

With Nextdoor, Manhattan and Riley County residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, garage sales, and even lost pets.

RCPD will be able to share helpful information with Nextdoor members, such as public safety tips, crime alerts, educational information, and updates on activity affecting the local area to Nextdoor websites within Manhattan and Riley County. RCPD will not be able to access residents' websites or content (unless that information is sent directly to them).

Nextdoor is free for residents, the local government, and emergency service agencies. Each Manhattan and Riley County neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood before joining Nextdoor. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by Google or other search engines.

"This is our community at the tips of your fingers. It's Riley County online and you can access it on your computer, tablet, or smartphone." - Brad Schoen, director of the Riley County Police Department.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com. The Riley County Police Department will begin officially using the service on January 5, 2015. RCPD encourages community members to sign up for an account ahead of that time. More information can be found at RileyCountyPolice.org.