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## **Kyle Stoker earns Law Enforcement Analyst Certification**

*Stoker is one of only three certified crime analysts in the metro*

**(Raytown, Mo.)** – Capt. Michelle Rogers of the Raytown Police Department says civilian Kyle Stoker earning his law enforcement analyst certification through the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) and becoming one of only three in the metro, was a point of pride for the department.

Stoker has been preparing for this certification for the last two years. In August, he took the test and passed, joining the ranks of only two other certified analysts in the metro with this coveted distinction. In fact, there are less than 100 certified crime analysts in the world.

As a crime analyst, Stoker sifts through tons of reports and other information to detect patterns, solve community problems, correlate suspects, forecast crimes and allocate resources to make the agency more effective. He also identifies trends and shares information with other police departments. All of which affect the bottom line: improving safety and quality of life for residents.

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“I read every single police report, every day, to spot hot spots and trends,” said Stoker. “I can provide stats on demand; track all crimes in Raytown and put numbers on crimes in the city,” he said.

Stoker’s background includes three years’ experience as a patrol officer for Olathe, Kansas. For more than a decade, Stoker has worked as a civilian for Raytown Police Department and established the Crime Analysis Unit, making himself the first crime analyst in Raytown.

In 2014, Stoker was named Civilian of the Year by his peers in the Raytown Police Department. In 2020, he was bestowed IACA’s President Award for dedication to his profession and the association.

In addition, Stoker is training director for the IACA’s training committee. He is also vice president of membership for the Mid-America Regional Crime Analysis Network.

“Kyle is very respected in the law enforcement community,” said Rogers. “We are so fortunate he chose Raytown.”

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