

Dear K.C.P.D family,

The first day of fall is Tuesday the 22, 2026. It's hard to believe we are going to change to another season of the year here in Kansas City. However, in scripture we find it reminding us that, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." — Ecclesiastes 3:1

Fall reminds us that God works faithfully through every season. Leaves change, daylight shortens, temperatures cool, and the earth prepares for what is ahead. In law enforcement and police department service, seasons change too. Some shifts are quiet; others are heavy. Some days bring gratitude from the community; others bring stress, criticism, grief, or danger. Yet through every season, the Lord remains steady.

For the officer on patrol, the dispatcher answering the call, the records clerk handling the details of the reports, the jail staff, command staff, chaplains, administrative personnel, and every employee who keeps the department moving, your work matters. God sees the service that others may never notice. He sees the long hours, the difficult decisions, the compassion shown to hurting people, and the courage required to keep showing up.

As the fall season settles upon us, may it remind us to let go of what weighs down the soul and to hold fast to what is eternal. The changing leaves preach a quiet sermon: God is not absent in change. He is Lord over seedtime and harvest, over calm days and hard calls, over beginnings and endings. The badge, the radio, the desk, the uniform, and the daily responsibilities are all places where faith can be lived with humility, integrity, and love for our neighbor.

Take some time this week before each shift or workday, pause for one quiet moment and pray: "Lord, guide my words, steady my mind, guard my heart, and help me serve with wisdom and compassion." Look for one opportunity to encourage a coworker, thank a department employee whose work is often behind the scenes, or show patience to someone under pressure.

In Closing, the season may change, but the Lord does not. Be faithful on watch, steady in service, and confident that God walks with you through every call, every task, and every day. Know that your Chaplain team is praying for you, and we are just a phone call away.

Respectfully submitted,

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