



SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS HIRED SIX (6) DETENTION DEPUTIES UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE. IN APRIL, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOWERED THE MINIMUM HIRING AGE FOR DETENTION DEPUTY FROM AGE TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN. SHERIFF GARY STEED INTRODUCED THIS CHANGE IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE APPLICANT POOL FOR THE POSITION OF DETENTION DEPUTY AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE A MORE DIVERSE WORK FORCE. THE LATEST CLASS OF RECRUIT DEPUTIES IS THE FIRST TO HAVE RECRUITS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE AND INCLUDES ONE EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD, TWO NINETEEN YEAR OLDS, AND THREE RECRUITS WHO ARE TWENTY YEARS OLD.

ACCORDING TO SHERIFF STEED, "THE COMPETITION TO HIRE THE LIMITED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BETWEEN OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS TREMENDOUS. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE PROGRESSIVE METHODS IN ORDER TO HIRE THE BEST CANDIDATES." ANOTHER BENEFIT TO HIRING RECRUITS FROM THAT AGE RANGE IS THE FACT THAT IT ALLOWS THOSE EMPLOYEES A CHANCE TO WORK IN THE CAREER

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FIELD THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH IT, RATHER THAN TAKING ANY NUMBER OF OTHER UNRELATED JOBS WHILE WAITING TO REACH THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE.

ANY PERSONS, AGE EIGHTEEN OR OLDER INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DETENTION DEPUTY FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CAN APPLY ON LINE AT WWW.HREPARTNERS.COM.

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