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**2019 OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO BE PRESENTED  
VIRTUALLY AT 20th ANNUAL OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION  
AWARDS CELEBRATION**

(OMAHA, Neb.) October 19, 2020 - The Omaha Police Foundation will present its 20th annual Officer of the Year Celebration as a virtual event on Wednesday, November 18 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Twenty-eight Omaha Police Department officers will be recognized for their outstanding work in the prior year. The 2019 Officer of the Year will be chosen from among the honorees. In addition, one officer will receive the Foundation's Community Impact Award.

The public is invited to view the virtual celebration on the Omaha Police Department's YouTube Channel and Facebook Page. In addition, the program will be broadcast from Omaha's Public Access Television station, KPAO (Cox Channel 22/1022 HD and CenturyLink Channel 89).

Jay Noddle, President and CEO of Noddle Companies, is chairing this year's awards celebration. Noddle has been a business and civic leader in the Omaha community since the late 1980s. Acting as both an advisor and principal, he has played a key role in many of the area's most important economic and real estate developments including the Omaha Riverfront Redevelopment, First National Bank Tower, Aksarben Village, One Pacific Place, and the First National Business Park to name a few. Noddle's experience structuring public/private partnerships and managing their implementation has resulted in multiple successful projects enjoyed by the community. His desire to continue community leadership will serve the Omaha area well for many years to come.

"One of the reasons Omaha has steadily grown and prospered is the dedication and professionalism of those who serve in public safety roles. Officer of the Year Awards are a way to recognize excellence in what we believe is the country's finest urban police force," Noddle said. Today, more than ever, it is very important that as a community we recognize the commitment, courage, dedication and sacrifice that all of our first responders demonstrate as they carry out their responsibilities in this most challenging and difficult period of our history."

For questions, contact Omaha Police Foundation Administrator Elizabeth Balazs at [ebalazs@vgagroup.com](mailto:ebalazs@vgagroup.com) or at (402) 345-5401, ext. 102.

**About the Omaha Police Foundation**

Since 1999, the Omaha Police Foundation (OPF) has worked in partnership with the Omaha Police Department to provide financial support and create community partnerships that ensure the Department has highly qualified officers who have the training, equipment and technology to prevent crime, save lives and make Omaha a safer community. Over the past 19 years, the Foundation has raised more than \$5 million to fund a variety of initiatives not covered by funding from the City of Omaha. For more information on the Omaha Police Foundation, visit [www.OmahaPoliceFoundation.org](http://www.OmahaPoliceFoundation.org).