

Jewish Community of Kansas City, Western Missouri and Kansas,

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself to everyone. My name is William Simon Happer, I go by Simon, and I am replacing Chuck Green who recently retired from the Jewish Federation of Kansas City. The Jewish Federation of KC has partnered with my employer, the Secure Community Network (SCN), which is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish Community. The goal of SCN is to ensure the safety, security and resiliency of the Jewish Community across North America.

I am super excited about this opportunity and what the partnership with SCN will bring to the Jewish Community in western Missouri and Kansas. A little about myself. I recently retired from the Overland Park Police Department as Deputy Chief of Police after 35 years of service. During my career with OPPD, I worked in or supervised every area of the department, including patrol, criminal investigations, undercover narcotics investigations, crime prevention, school resource officer unit, the OP Crisis Action Team/ behavioral health unit, Traffic Safety Unit, SWAT, Internal Affairs, Accreditation and Training. I commanded the regional officer involved critical incident investigation team in Johnson County for 12 years and was involved in many regional criminal justice related advisory boards including the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory through the FBI and the KC Regional Fusion Center.

In 2014 as Deputy Chief, I developed a close working relationship with the Jewish community in the KC metro area as the Officer in Charge after the horrific shooting at the JCC and Village Shalom retirement community in Overland Park. I have maintained that relationship and when the opportunity to replace Chuck arose, I jumped at it.

I look forward to meeting all of you, learning more about the Jewish community, and enhancing the partnership between the Jewish Federation of Kansas City, SCN and all the Jewish Community of western Missouri and Kansas. As an employee of SCN, I will be able to assist all of you by providing training to help you and your members remain safe, take appropriate action when necessary, and providing facility security assessments to help you harden and protect your facilities. Attached is a brochure explaining the Secure Community Network and all we have to offer. I will be reaching out to all of you in the future but in the meantime if you need anything, my contact information is:

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