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PRESS RELEASE ***Coffee with a Cop 2019***

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The Parsons Police Department is participating in the national Coffee with a Cop day on October 2, 2019 at 8:00am at the local McDonalds.

This will give citizens an opportunity to sit down and talk to some of our professional staff and enjoy a hot cup of joe. This event is to help citizens meet their local officers and have friendly conversations. We are hoping that we have a great turnout this year. We participated in the event in 2018 shortly after Chief Robert Spinks took the helm and had a pretty good turnout.

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. They also promote; Building relationships. One cup at a time. According to coffeewithacop.com "Coffee with A Cop was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 when Officers from the Hawthorne Police Department were looking for ways to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for

establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our nation's communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. The Hawthorne Police Department hit upon a simple plan to break through the barriers that have been built over the years—a cup of coffee. Coffee with a Cop events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together."

Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks says, "this event is important for the citizens and the officers alike. I want people to know my staff in a positive light and not just focus their attention on the office of the chief. I may run the police department, but the true backbone is the men and women who patrol these streets and that is who you will meet on October 2nd. Come and talk, ask them questions, enjoy a cup of coffee and build a relationship."