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Officer Nate Schwiethale
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Nate Schwiethale began his law enforcement career in 2001 as a patrol officer with the Wichita Police Department in Kansas. As a member of the Advanced Crisis Intervention Team, he was one of the first officers in his department to receive specialized training to help mentally ill individuals. In 2006, he joined the Community Policing Team where he worked to strengthen relationships between the local community and the department. In 2013, he created the department's Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.), which brings together police officers and

homeless service providers to help unhoused people get mental health treatment and permanent housing. H.O.T. has successfully lifted hundreds of Kansans out of homelessness and has been recognized by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and the U.S. Department of Justice as a best practice in law enforcement. He was recently named to the advisory board of the federal government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to assist with creating training materials for H.O.T. to spread nationwide.

Schwiethale has received the Officer of the Year Award from the Wichita Police Department, the Wichita Crime Commission, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He is an honorary member of multiple homeless organizations including the Wichita Homeless Service Coalition, Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care Coordination Team, and the Taskforce to End Chronic Homelessness.

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