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City of Osage Beach Receives Missouri Blue Shield Designation

Osage Beach, Mo. – The City of Osage Beach has officially received the Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS). This honor highlights our community’s strong commitment to public safety and ongoing support for the men and women in law enforcement.

“I’m excited to share that our department has been awarded the Blue Shield Community designation by the State of Missouri,” said Osage Beach Police Department Chief Todd Davis. “It shows how seriously we take public safety and how hard we’ve worked alongside the community to make our city a safer place for everyone.”

Launched by Governor Mike Kehoe in January 2025 through Executive Order 25-03, the Missouri Blue Shield Program recognizes cities and counties that go above and beyond to reduce crime, strengthen partnerships between law enforcement agencies, and build meaningful connections with the communities they serve. Osage Beach is honored to be among the select communities leading the way in keeping Missouri safe.

“Public safety is the foundation of a thriving community and state. It affects everything from families feeling secure to businesses having the confidence to invest and grow,” said Governor Kehoe. “We designed the Missouri Blue Shield Program to recognize communities that go above and beyond in creating a place where people want to live, work, and build their futures. A Missouri Blue Shield designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of local governments across Missouri who are leading the way in making public safety a priority.”

“The Department of Public Safety is proud to work alongside communities like Osage Beach that have shown exceptional dedication to enhancing public safety,” said Mark James, Director of the Missouri DPS. “This program is about fostering collaboration between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Our goal is to support these efforts, providing resources and guidance to help communities build sustainable, long-term solutions for crime reduction and public safety.”

Eligibility and Program Details

Communities are eligible for a Missouri Blue Shield designation based on their dedication to reducing crime, making substantial investments in public safety, and developing strong

collaboration with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. Each participating community's commitment will be reviewed annually to ensure continued alignment with the program's goals.

Participation Incentives

Communities that earn a Missouri Blue Shield designation will receive grant funding for law enforcement training and equipment as part of Governor Kehoe's Recommended Budget for the State Fiscal Year 2026. Communities will also be featured on Governor Kehoe's social media pages as well as the DPS website to highlight their participation in the program.

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