

## 06-02-1903 Kansas City MO – Joseph P Keenan – LEO Flood Rescue

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Police Officer

**Joseph P. Keenan**

Kansas City, Missouri Police  
Department

End of Watch:  
Tuesday, June 2, 1903

Age: 31

DOB: January 26, 1872

Tour of Duty: 3 years

Cause of death: Drowning

At 1:00 pm on June 2, 1903, Officer Keenan and Officer Emmett Clune were attempting to take two people to safe ground during high waters from the second story of the Adams house at 1032 Union Street. They were on the way to the viaduct when the officers' boat capsized and Officer Keenan was swept away in the flood waters. Officer Clune and the two men they were attempting to rescue were able to make it to shore.

Officer Keenan was a member of the police force for three years.  
Interred: Mount St Mary's Cemetery.



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<https://www.odmp.org/officer/reflections/7380-patrolman-joseph-p-keenan>



**Patrolman**

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## **PATROLMAN JOSEPH P. KEENAN**

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### **Kansas City Police Department**

**End of Watch:** Tuesday, June 2nd, 1903

**Incident Date:** not available

**Cause:** Drowning (Accidental)

**Service:** not available

**Age:** not available

### **INCIDENT**

Patrolman Joseph Keenan drowned in the Missouri River while attempting to rescue three men during a period of severe flooding.

He was in a boat taking the men to safe ground when it capsized, throwing everyone into the water. The other three men were rescued but Patrolman Keenan drowned.

<http://www.nleomf.org/newsroom/news-releases/deadly-dangers-patroling-our.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

In 1903, Kansas City (MO) Patrolman Joseph P. Keenan drowned when he was swept away by flood waters while attempting to take a group of citizens to safer ground.