

CITY FIREFIGHTER TRAINING



Firefighter simulation practice for city fire crew/photos courtesy of David Stimatze



by Krista Norton Reporter

City firefighters participated in continuing educational training Saturday, March 23, using an emergency driving simulator brought to Syracuse from the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute. According to Chief David Stimatze, this trailer has been here before, but with some newer firefighters, he felt like it would be great training and a good refresher for others. “This was a two-hour commitment from the firefighters,” explained Stimatze, “One simulator was a single seat and the other had two seats.” Stimatze explained that in the two-seater, the passenger could alert the driver of dangerous situations such as a motorist running a stop sign, or a pedestrian entering the roadway. As the firefighters got into the seat of the simulator, it was taking the same steps exactly like getting into the actual fire truck. “Making sure your seatbelt is on, starting the engine, getting flashers going, releasing the engine brake,” explained Stimatze. “The pedals operated just like the truck and even simulated the necessity

to turn on the water pump before exiting the truck at a fire.” They were also able to adjust the simulator to the type of vehicle the firefighter was driving. Whether it was an ambulance, the firetruck, a pumper or water truck, even a chief’s suburban. Another unique feature to help with training was to change weather conditions from rain, snow, fog, wind, daylight, or dark. It also gave the drivers repetitions that they need to watch for such as pedestrians, cars along the road, watching drivers at stoplights who may think they have the right of way, even an ambulance entering the roadway. “When we are in high-stress environments, we revert to what we know and this was an advantage to review,” said Stimatze, “In the event of an accident in the simulator, they were able to push a back button to practice the scenario again, unlike in real life,” said Stimatze. “This simulator helps train us until we can’t get it wrong, rather than train until we get it right, so it becomes second nature,” said Stimatze, “We have to get to the emergency fast, but we have to get there safe!”

Public Notices

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MERGER OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that Dream First Bank, National Association, Syracuse, Kansas, has made an application to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for permission to merge with BancCentral, National Association, Alva, Oklahoma. Dream First Bank will survive the bank merger. It is contemplated that all branches of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated. This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by April 27, 2025: Director for Licensing, 1050 17th Street, Suite 1500, Denver, Colorado 80265 or by emailing LicensingPublicComments@occ.treas.gov. The public may find information regarding this application, including the date of the end of the public comment period, in the OCC Weekly Bulletin at www.occ.gov. Requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be made to the Director for Licensing at 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201, or by emailing Licensing@occ.treas.gov.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF A BANK BY A BANK HOLDING COMPANY

Legacy Financial, Inc., 509 North Main Street, Johnson, Kansas 67855 intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of BancCentral, National Association, 604 Flynn Street, Alva, Oklahoma 73717. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application/notice to Jeff Imgarten, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198 or via email to KCAApplicationComments@kc.frb.org. The comment period will not end before 30 days after the date of this publication, and may be somewhat longer. The Board’s procedures for processing applications/notices may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications/notices may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board’s procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application/notice, contact Jeff Imgarten at (816) 881-2073. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application/notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

Public Notices

Farming and Ranching of County Roads

Farming and Ranching of county road right-of-way is both increasing road maintenance cost and adversely affecting traffic safety. Cultivation reduces the capacity of the ditch and results in poorer drainage and weak sub grade during wet weather. Growing crops and grazing cattle restrict sight lines at intersections and along the roadway and driveways which can contribute to traffic accidents. The County Commission requests that the farmers help maintain good road drainage and safe roads by refraining from cultivating on the road right-of-way. The right-of-way is most common back from the existing ditch. If no ditch is present stay back from the edge of the road a distance of 10 feet on minor roads and 15 feet on major roads. State law makes it unlawful for any reason to farm or ranch the right-of-way with out the proper permitting from the Hamilton County Commission. As a Commission we do have the authority to recover the cost of restoring the right-of-way, and may exercise that option where ditches have been farmed shut. Crops growing on the right-of-way are legally considered an obstruction and a nuisance and shall be mowed like normal vegetation. To promote safety on our rural county roads, please report any safety issues, or right-of-way widths to the Road Department by calling 620-384-5135.

Public Notice



GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Hamilton County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

- Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
- Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Hamilton County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th St., Topeka, KS 66612.

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

New Inmates: 0

Released Inmates:

Jose Antonio Cortes Flores, 37, 315 3rd St., Tribune, Kansas. Arrested on: 03/21/2025; Contract Housing Greeley County (Bonded Out)

Edgar Hernandez, 27, 100 S Hamilton St., Syracuse, Kansas Arrested on: 03/18/2025; Charges: DUI and No Driver’s License (Released to Federal Authorities)

Total Inmates: 6

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