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**CROWDER GRANT PROVIDES AREA FIREFIGHTER TRAINING**

**NEOSHO, MO** – Crowder College in conjunction with the Neosho Fire Department will be hosting a Driver/Operator training Sunday, May 12, 9:30 am, at the Neosho High School Parking lot.

Crowder College was awarded a \$10,000 grant through the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety to collaborate with southwest Missouri fire departments to provide much needed training for regional fire fighters. The grant offered training makes it possible for area fire fighters to hold classes locally.

Crowder College is partnering with the Ozark Gateway Fire Chiefs Association to provide training at various locations within the 9-county service region and at times most convenient to the fire fighters. Crowder College has met with fire fighter leadership from Joplin, Redings Mill, Carthage, Monett, Neosho and Webb City fire who have urged Crowder College to pursue this contract as there is a great need for training in the southwest corner of Missouri.

Upcoming courses include a Mobile Water Supply class May 31 and June 1 in Southwest City. For more information on the courses being offered e-mail: [publicsafetyproject@crowder.edu](mailto:publicsafetyproject@crowder.edu)

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Lead instructor for the class this Sunday is Brian Powell from Redings Mill. Neosho Fire Chief Mike Eads may also be at the training on Sunday to provide interviews. If you have any questions please feel free contact our Grants Office at the e-mail referenced in the release or you may contact my office.

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