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Crowder College Webb City to Dedicate First Responder Monument

Webb City, MO – A dedication and tribute ceremony will be held Thursday, September 11, at 11am. at Crowder College Webb City facility for its First Responder Memorial Monument.

This monument is a tribute and memorial to first responders who serve our community and nation. As part of the recognition and honor of the police, fire, and emergency service personnel of our area, their symbols have been placed in the monument. A historic bell, along with our national flag has also been incorporated into the structure.

According to the Dawson family who graciously donated the monument, the #10 farm bell was purchased in the 1970's from an antique dealer located in downtown Webb City. The former Southwestern Bell office building, located on Broadway, was acquired by Dawson Heritage Furniture about the same time which had a prominent keystone design. The bell was installed as an accent and became part of the logo for the company. Today, the building is now the Webb City Police Headquarters and the keystone remains a part of the historic structure.

"We are proud to have this monument as a part of the Crowder College campus in Webb City as a reminder of the dedication and service of first responders and their efforts to help their fellow citizens and our communities.," stated by Cyndi Adamson, Webb City Campus Director.

Members of the Webb City ROTC, Carl Junction Dynamics and Trumpet players from the Carl Junction High School will participate in the ceremony. The Webb City and Carl Junction Rotary Clubs are sponsoring an appreciation barbecue at the fire station after the ceremony.

Crowder College in Webb City is located at 600 S. Ellis, Webb City. The monument stands to the west of the main entrance to Dawson-Spencer Hall. Community members and first responders from the area are encouraged to attend.

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For more information or for First Responders to rsvp for the meal please call 417-673-2345.