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**OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**CROWDER GRANT PROVIDES AREA FIREFIGHTER TRAINING**

**NEOSHO, MO** – Crowder College in conjunction with the Southwest City Fire Department will host a Mobile Water Supply training, May 31-June 1 at the station in Southwest City.

This course is designed for individuals working in the position of driver/operator or who anticipate future promotion to that position.

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 free of charge.

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.

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 will be Greg Hickman, retire Neosho Fire Chief. He said the best time for photos or video would be Saturday morning, weather permitting, from around 10:00 a.m. to early afternoon. If you have any questions please feel free contact our Grants Office, 417-455-5522, at the e-mail referenced in the release or you may contact my office.

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