

THE SIREN

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WELLINGTON FIRE/EMS

EMS Assist Vehicle

The department is replacing a 2003 pickup with a 2023 Ford 150 pickup through an Enterprise lease agreement. The department requested a pickup over two years ago through Enterprise but due to Covid, vehicle manufacturing was reduced. Finally Enterprise found a vehicle on a dealership lot. The pickup will be used primarily as an EMS assist vehicle but will also be used for administrative purposes. It

is very important that we have at least one person who assists on EMS calls. Complex calls require many tasks to be completed and having three sets of hands some times is not enough. The third person on a call also is vital when handling larger patients to reduce injuries or moving patients down or up stairs or from difficult areas. A pickup instead of a larger truck is the most cost efficient way to assist on EMS

calls. We are excited to receive the pickup and it is estimated that the pickup will be in service for 15-20 years.



Citations

Soon the department will have the capability to issue citations for fire related violations such as illegal burning, failure to comply with a international fire code violation and city fire code violations such as illegal fireworks or violating the shooting times. The department's first approach as has been to

get the owner/occupant of a structure to comply with a violation(s) within a given amount of days on their own without a citation. Those who are illegally burning within the city limits will be given a citation after the first warning. Other violations that are serious in nature will be at the discretion of the fire officer. The

citations will be to appear in city court. A fine and/or to correct a violation will be up to the court. We hope the citations will enhance our code violation issues by speeding up the process to comply with a code violation. Our goal is to ensure that all citizens live and work in a safe environment.

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Summer Safety



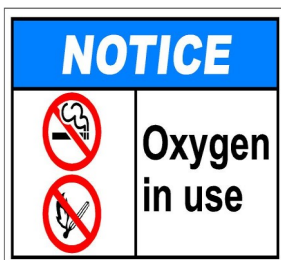
With warmer weather approaching, it is much more common to see children outside playing, whether they are on bikes, playing ball in the front yard or running down sidewalks with their friends. According to the CDC, the #1 cause of death in children ages 1-4 are accidents (vehicle accidents, pedestrian vs. vehicle, drowning, etc.). It should be an important topic to discuss safety aspects with your children

such as looking both ways twice before entering a roadway, either to cross the street or to receive a lost ball. Parents should ensure that, as their children are growing, their car seats are facing the correct direction, that the child's car seat is properly sized and that their child's safety gear (helmets especially) properly fit and are not expired. As swimming

pool season approaches, enroll your child in a swimming class and consider attending a hands-only CPR class with your children. Wellington Fire/EMS offers these free to the public so that you and your children are prepared to administer CPR if the time were to arise.

By Firefighter/Paramedic
Bradley Robinson

Medical Oxygen Fire Safety



Medical oxygen is not flammable, but it can cause other materials that burn to ignite more easily and to burn far more rapidly, and the fire can follow the tubing and cause several other fires to start. The result is that a fire involving oxygen can appear explosive-like. Oxygen is

of great benefit to those in need of respiratory therapy but it should always be handled with caution and awareness of the potential hazards. There are two common ways of providing oxygen therapy. Oxygen can be delivered to your home in the form of a gas in various sized

cylinders or by using an oxygen concentrator. When using oxygen, you should never smoke or be in close proximity of someone smoking. Stay at least 5 feet from gas stoves, candles, lighted fireplaces and other heat sources that may cause ignition.

By Tyler Weiss



Annual fire hose pressure testing.

Department Training

Class presentations in house for April/May were STEMI, Drivers Testing, Dump Tank Operations, Code Blue, Trailering, Obstetrics, Strokes, Boat Operations, Ladders and Confined Space Rescue. Clayton Steele and Cohl Davis attended a wildland fire class in Oxford. Mike Clark attended a trauma conference in Wichita. Jeff Mraz and Sam Pacino attended a leadership class in Derby. Clayton Steele and Bradley Robinson attended an advanced airway class at the Cowley College Sumner campus.

Cardiac Problem

Wellington Fire/EMS was dispatched to a call early in the morning for a patient complaining of chest pain. Upon arrival EMS was greeted by the patient sitting on the front porch showing signs of discomfort. The patient started walking towards the ambulance and then was assisted with help from EMS. Once the patient was seated into the ambulance EMS attached a cardiac

monitor on to the patient. After the paramedic on shift interpreted the cardiac monitor it was found that the patient was in a dangerously fast heart rhythm. The paramedic established an IV and gave a medication to stop the rhythm. This involved temporarily stopping the heart. The dangerous heart rhythm was stopped due to the medication administered by the paramedic. The patient showed

significant improvement from the medication and was transported to the emergency room for further evaluation. Always be sure to contact 911 if you are experiencing any type of chest pain or discomfort. Minutes/seconds count so don't delay treatment.

By Firefighter/EMT JT Yunker

Officer Corner

When I started in 1978 there was no 911, or street names outside the city limits. We received calls from the public on a dedicated Fire phone line and an Ambulance phone line. Bells (loud) inside the station rang for a fire call and a buzzer and small bells rang for an ambulance call. The first person to pickup the phone took the information. You needed to get the information right the first time

because there was no calling back. We had no pagers or phone apps for call back. There was no 911 center to take calls or radio traffic. We had a red phone which sat at dispatch which was called an alerting phone. This phone rang at each employees home repeatedly. A person at the station would repeat information to others as they picked up. Hopefully a few

were at home to respond to the station. There is now a 911 center to notify us of calls and provide further information. We now have two phone apps that will notify each employee of the type of call and what shift or if needed the entire department to report to the station. Thankfully there are now street names in the county. In 1978 we wrote down directions and hoped for the best.

Photographs



Structure Fire 405 S. Hoover



Structure Fire 1200 block North A



Mutual Aid Grass Fire in canyon in Cowley County 2000+ acres

Upcoming Projects, Training, Events

Ambulance remount x 2
Brush Truck replacement
Saws Class May Winfield
KU Fire Class June Wichita
KEMSA Conference August Mulvane
Into the Job August Wichita

Let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter by contacting timhay@cityofwellington.net

If any organization/business would like a "Stop the Bleed" class (30 minutes in length) contact the fire station at 620 326-7443.

Smoke detectors are available from the department at no cost. Combination smoke carbon monoxide alarms are available for home owners only.

Fire extinguisher use class available from the department by calling 620 326-7443.



Around the Station

Participated in Cowley College and Hutchinson Community Colleges career day.

Held CPR/Control the Bleed class for the public with 8 attending.

Participated in career day information with elementary kids.

Instructed 5th graders from Washington & Eisenhower Elementary on CPR

Participated at Lincoln Elementary Patriot Day.

Several hand tools and a new cellar nozzle were purchased for the department.

B shift gave a confined space rescue class to GKN.

Staff are in the process of performing annual pump tests, hose testing and ladder testing.

All shifts have been out painting fire hydrants. About 1/3 of the fire hydrants are done each year. The top of the fire hydrant is painted a color to correspond with the gallons per minute the hydrant will provide. Green is greater than 1000, Orange is 500-1000 and a red top is less than 500 gallons per minute.

C shift visited Kennedy Elementary and had donuts with the students.

The Fire/EMS Chief and Police Chief met with Homestead Assisted Living staff and residents.

Received a grant from the State Board of EMS for paramedic tuition assistance.

Hosted the Sumner County Chiefs association meeting.

Thank you to Sumner County Road and Bridge for helping us move our live fire training shipping containers.

