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WPD/WFD to Host Law Enforcement, Fire Expo

Citizens will get up close look at specialized police, fire units

The Wichita Police Department, Wichita Fire Department and several other law enforcement agencies will take part in a law enforcement and fire expo at Towne West Square on Saturday, April 24th.

The event, which begins at noon and lasts until 4:00 p.m. will feature police vehicles from specialty units such as the WPD Explosive Ordinance Demolition Unit (Bomb Squad), SWAT Team, Air Section and Mounted Unit. Fire Department apparatus also will be on hand for public inspection. Other agencies taking part in the expo include the Kingman County Sheriff's Department, the El Dorado Correctional Facility, the McConnell AFB Fire Department, the Goddard Police Department and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

"The purpose of the exposition is to give citizens a better understanding of some of the technologies the Wichita Police Department uses to better serve the citizens of Wichita," said Sergeant Clark Bolan of the Patrol West Bureau. "The exposition also gives the members of those units an opportunity to demonstrate their equipment and answer questions from citizens."

Bolan said most adults like to see and hear how some of the more technical items work, such as equipment from the E.O.D. Unit and SWAT Team. Younger people and children are usually intrigued by the department's Air Section helicopter and Mounted Unit horses.

Officers will be on hand to distribute crime prevention information on several subjects, Bolan said. "The expo is also a good way for WPD officers and citizens to interact in a positive setting."

The Air Section's helicopter is scheduled to land at Towne West at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to be on hand for that landing.

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