



Air Force One during Presidential visit
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A City government newsletter that promotes Transforming Wichita, an organizational improvement initiative supporting Visioneering Wichita

Budget Message from City Manager



City of Wichita employees,

As the adoption of the 2008-09 Budget and the 2007-2016 Capital Improvement Budget approaches, this is an appropriate time to express gratitude to our diligent City employees, particularly those who were involved in the time-consuming and demanding budget process.

Thank you Strategy Team members, who reviewed City services and strategies and made funding recommendations to the City Council.

Thank you Project Team members who provided technical expertise, assisted Strategy Teams and reviewed recommendations for City Manager and City Council review.

Thank you Department Heads and other top administrators, who continue to embrace an evolving budget process that promotes inclusiveness, transparency and outcomes.

Thank you Mayor Brewer and the City Council, whose input, direction and advocacy on behalf of citizens adds legitimacy to a complex budget process.

The 2008-2009 Budget is a guiding organizational document that reflects efficiency, financial stewardship and best organizational practices.

My goal is to continue seeking your ideas and deeds designed to transform the annual budget exercise into an inviting process that better engages employees, City government stakeholders and elected officials. The process hasn't yet fulfilled that ambitious goal but that's the honorable journey I hope we share.

The budget process should support the guiding principles of Transforming Wichita (TW), the second-year organizational improvement initiative that promotes the core principles of Integrity, Respect, Inclusion, Stewardship and Excellence, or IRISE.

The budget process should also be consistent with Managing For Results (MFR), the budget component of TW that emphasizes performance and best results, known also as outcomes.

This budget funds outcomes important to achieving success related to the primary goals established by the Wichita City Council, the seven elected officials who represent citizens. Those primary goals are 1) Safe

and Secure Community, 2) Core Area & Neighborhood, 3) Economic Vitality and Affordable Living, 4) Quality of Life, and 5) Efficient Infrastructure.

Though City Council direction provides substantial guidance, producing a budget for a diverse organization of 3,000-plus employees remains a challenging undertaking. The ramifications can be profound and long lasting.

I encourage you to view the annual budget process as if it's a family's household budget. Like a family, City government must live within its means. It must distinguish between needed services and desired services and make decisions accordingly. And, just like the average family budget, it must be flexible and responsive, ready to deal with the unforeseen as well as the predictable.

As important as the numbers are in any budget, the outcomes will still require the conscientious effort of our dedicated staff to make it work.

For more details, please view the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget at www.wichita.gov.

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Q & A With Ted Cooper



Ted Cooper is leaving the City after 17 years as a Food Inspector and Food Section Supervisor with the Environmental Services Department to join the ministry.

He was born on February 13, 1952, in Miami, Florida. He graduated from McArthur Senior High School in 1970 and then attended St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C. He graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in Biology/Chemistry and Mathematics.

Q What are some of your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy sports like football, basketball, golf, and fishing. I also really love music

and singing. I play the conga drums and have sung in my church choir for 20 years.

Q Who have been your mentors and how have they shaped you?

Chief Williams has been very encouraging to me over the years. His message has been to be confident and positive in everything I do. Also, Pastor Junius Dotson encouraged me spiritually. He helped motivate me to persevere and never quit before reaching my goal.

My good friends Glendell Henderson, Rick Jones, and Michael Woods have been like brothers to me, encouraging me along the way.

Q What is the last book you read that you would recommend and why?

A book by James Moore called Attitude is Your Paintbrush. His main message is that generally our attitude is due to what we've gone through in our past - good and bad. He says we must learn to evaluate what has happened in our lives, but leave it in the past and don't let bad experiences

determine our future. We must allow God to come in and heal us.

Q Explain the origins of your interest in the Ministry and do you have a favorite scripture?

I care deeply what happens to people and want to help when I can. The Ministry will allow me opportunities to help in a greater way. My favorite scripture is the 23rd Psalm because God is letting us know He is with us on our journey and we are not alone. He will be with us always.

Q You sometimes grilled during departmental special occasions. Who cooks better BBQ, you or the Mayor?

The Mayor - his BBQ is excellent. I'm moving on to another career so it's not like I'm trying to score any points. His BBQ is hard to beat.

Q If you could attend a significant or historical event, which would it be and what would you be doing?

I think it would be a significant event to reach out to young gang members. I would try to teach them a better way by

teaching them to love themselves. You first must love yourself before you can love others. Guns and violence are not the solution to problems.

Q We know you will be leaving the City soon. Any other comments you would like to make?

I have had ups and downs like everyone and I have learned a lot. I'll miss many good friends, but I feel the time has come to pursue another path. The Chief Executive of the Universe, Jesus Christ, has called me to other work.

The call to ministry has been a daily presence in my life for several years. I had to learn the hard way that my arms are too short to box with God. I have accepted the call and my life has changed and God has opened some unbelievable doors for me. I have been assigned as the Minister of Congregational Care at Saint Mark United Methodist Church here in Wichita. I am looking forward to the change and my last day with the City of Wichita is August 3rd.

Meet Lavonta Williams: District 1 Council Member

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Wichita City Council elected former middle school teacher Lavonta Williams to fill the District 1



Council seat. Williams will fill the final two years of a four-year term.

A graduate of Wichita Heights High School, Williams has a bachelor's of science degree in education from Emporia State University. Williams retired after 35 years with the Wichita Public School District. Her civic involvement includes Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN), Visioning Wichita participation, and other community and youth related boards.

Williams' priorities as a council member are all of the goals that have been set by the Council. "I am very interested in economic development and job creation for our citizens. More jobs available may cut down crime and address the Safe & Secure Community goal established by Council. And, of course infrastructure in our community is also important as we address street conditions and flooding. I plan to have town hall meetings with homeowners and neighborhood association

presidents to address their issues, so that we all have ownership in our community as we go forward for the next few years."

Williams said her interest in local government stems from a zoning case she and her neighbors opposed. "That really spurred my interest," Williams recalled. "As the council member who represents District 1, I want to encourage people to be empowered and to get involved before something is wrong."

Library

The winner of the Ed Brown Excellence in Service Award for Summer 2007 is someone who equals summer joy to thousands of children at the Westlink Branch Library each year: Children's Librarian Betty Zajkowski. As one customer writes, "I just have to write and tell you what a wonderful experience it is every time I walk into the Westlink branch. It is such a friendly and warm atmosphere that it



Betty Zajkowski (left) is honored with the Ed Brown Excellence in Service Award by Social Events and Recognition Team Leader Jennifer Martin.

is a joy to go check out books. My children and I always go early on the first day of the summer reading program to sign up. Mrs. Zajkowski always takes time to make each child feel special. I had my two children and my friend's two children. Each child was treated exactly the same way. Great! Even though a large number of children walk through those doors, the feeling at Westlink is the feeling you get from a small town library. You are recognized and made to feel welcome. After growing up in the small town of Wellington, I didn't think a city the size of Wichita could duplicate that feeling in its libraries. I was wrong."

Door-to-Door Collects Oral Histories from Wichitans

StoryCorps Door-to-Door, a national oral history project to

instruct and inspire people to record each other's stories in sound, came to the Wichita Public Library June 17-18. You may be familiar with StoryCorps from KMUW: excerpts from StoryCorps interviews are aired during National Public Radio's Morning Edition on Fridays. Twelve people were chosen by a panel of judges to participate in Wichita's StoryCorps visit and have their stories archived in the Wichita Public Library's Local History collection as well as the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center.

What sorts of fascinating stories were shared? All kinds! Participants revealed life experiences on the farm and in the city; in war and in peace; in times of great struggle and great happiness. There were stories shared that captured the nation's attention, such as the funeral of President Eisenhower or testing of the hydro-

gen bomb, and others that previously went unnoticed, such as the story of the first Mexican restaurant in Wichita or the personal importance of the purchase of a pair of red shoes.

StoryCorps' visit to Kansas was made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council, a non-profit cultural organization that invited StoryCorps to Kansas as part of an ongoing statewide initiative called Kansans Tell Their Stories, and the Kansas Health Foundation, a private philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans. Local partners included the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum and KMUW.

Transforming Wichita & Training

CU Catalogs Now Available

The distribution of the Fall, 2007 City University Catalogs is now underway.

"We're excited about the new course offerings," said Chris Atlee, Manager of Learning and Development. "We're listening to the requests and have made some additions that will benefit all City employees."

The major additions come in the way of Supervisory Development. "We had such a huge response to the course 'Supervisory Development for the Non-Supervisor,' we've added two different sessions of the course. 'Effective Supervisory Practices' and 'A Supervisor's Guide to Human

Resources' have also been added. We anticipate that these courses will fill quick. So, if someone is interested, they should enroll now."

CU Catalogs are available with each CU Advisor, or by contacting HR - Learning & Development at 268-4535.

Correction in the CU 2007 Fall Catalog

Information on the following class was omitted: Page 14 - "Stress Management: Keeping Your Cool", Facilitator: Gordon Rogers, EMPAC Location: 10th Floor Training Room Time: Nov. 5, 2007, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Customer Service to be Next Focus of TW

A second major component of

Transforming Wichita is the focus on Customer Service we deliver to both external and internal customers. "The City used to have a great training program on Customer Service," said Chris Atlee, Manager of Learning & Development. "It was just time to grab the manual off the shelf and blow off the dust." Beginning with the 2007 Fall CU course listing, "Enhancing Your Customer & Quality Service Skills" course will be offered on a monthly basis. Employees are encouraged to attend. "It will eventually become a required course for all new employees to the City through their orientation," said Atlee.

July IRISE Winners

Robert Anderson	Police
Carolyn Bowen	H.R.
Mitch Coffman	Planning
Russ Eckert	Finance
Gwen Harris	Library
Randy Harrison	IT/IS
Bruce Herbert	Library
Carmen Johnson	Finance
Tom Kerschen	OCI
Ron Kinkor	Water
Tim Martz	Park
Betty Morgan	P.W.
Forrest Nagley	Transit
Tammy Penland	H.R.
Regina Richardson	Finance
James Russell	Transit
Mike Wilson	Fire
Karen Wolf	Airport
Betty Zajkowski	Library
Rema Venkatassubban	Library

Planning

Office Remodel

Walz Harman Huffman Construction has completed Phase II of the 'public spaces' remodel on the 10th floor. This phase included renovating the large conference room in the northwest corner, the ante-room adjacent to the large conference room and elevator hallway as well as converting the north hallway into a storage area. This work completes the 10th floor remodel project. Planning staff has received many compliments from citizens about the refurbished public spaces.



Wireless Communication Master Plan

This plan includes regula-

tions regarding location of towers that enable the use of cellular phones. In the past, some citizens have expressed surprise when a large cellular tower has been constructed somewhat close to their residential neighborhood, but they had not been included in the notification process.

In June, the City Council voted to proceed with formal consideration of proposed amendments to the Wireless Communication Master Plan. Included in these proposed amendments is a map of properties that would be eligible for construction of a cellular tower that could be approved administratively by City staff and not require a public hearing with the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and approval by the City Council. The map of eligible properties for cellular towers would help to alleviate the concerns of residences when a cellular tower is under construction.

The schedule is to meet with representatives from the wireless communication industry in July to review the proposed

amendments with them. This will be followed by presentations to the District Advisory Boards in July and August. The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in October, and the City Council will review this issue in November.

Historic Preservation

Michael and Bonita Fieser (L.W. Clapp House) and John Belford (Keep Klean Building) were the first recipients of the new "Heritage Award." The award recognizes the dedicated efforts of property owners in preserving historic buildings or structures, according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation. Both parties recently completed extensive rehabilitation of their respective properties. The Historic Preservation Board has recognized the efforts of both property owners and presented them with a Heritage Award certificate.

The L.W. Clapp House (1847 N. Wellington Place) was built in 1887 by Lewis W. Clapp, businessman, civic leader, mayor and developer of the City's park system. Designed in the Queen Anne style by architects Terry and Hayward, the three-story home features varied surfaces and multiple porches. The Clapp House is now the residence of the Fiesers'.



L. W. Clapp House

Exterior Paint Still Available

The Neighborhood Improvement Services Division began the Annual Paint Program on April 1, 2007. This program provides exterior paint to income-qualified homeowners located in the Redevelopment Incentive Area (bound by I-235 on the west, Pawnee on the south, Hillside on the east and 25th Street on the north). The Paint Program provides up to \$150 in free paint and primer and the

homeowner applies the paint to the structure. A senior citizen or a handicap/disabled head-of-household with no other means/ways of applying the paint to the structure may apply for a paint labor grant to apply the paint to their house. The benefits of the Paint Program are many: Applying paint to homes preserves the exterior and extends the life of the home for homeowners on limited incomes – and equally important, a fresh coat of paint improves the 'curb ap-

peal' of the neighborhood, which is consistent with one of the City's goals – increased and sustained neighborhood vibrancy (Core Area and Neighborhoods).

Paint is still available! If you are interested or know someone who would benefit from the Paint Program, please contact Neighborhood Improvement Services at 462-3712 for additional information.



Credit Union Awards Scholarships

Wichita Federal Credit Union awarded eight deserving young people with \$500 college scholarships in June. A committee including Mike Greene (PW) Mike Hollimon (Housing), and Jean Zoglman (Airport) ranked the applicants based on grade point averages, extracurricular activities, community service,

career goals, letters of recommendation, and written essays. The 2007 scholarship recipients are:

- Lori Coykendall, daughter of Charles and Sandra Coykendall. She will be attending McPherson College, majoring in Optometry.
- Sarah Davidson, daughter of Robert and Deborah Davidson. She attends Cowley County Community College, majoring in Music.
- Nicole Mercer, daughter of Tim and Shelly Mercer. She attends Peru State College, majoring in Physical Therapy.
- Haley Marceau, daughter of Lori and Tony Marceau. She will be attending K State, majoring in Veterinary Medicine.
- Stacie Hinkel, daughter of Jay and Deborah Hinkel. She will be attending Southwestern College, majoring in Nursing.
- Sarah Whittredge, daughter of James and Dorothy Whittredge. She plans to attend K State, majoring in Psychology.
- Katy Ann Hendricks, daughter of John and Deidra Hendricks. She will attend Bob Jones University, majoring in Women's Ministries.
- Atlee Vogt, son of Roger and Joni Vogt. He is attending Butler Community College, majoring in Administration of Justice.



Pictured L to R: Wayne Warfel (Credit Union CEO), Atlee Vogt, Katy Ann Hendricks, Haley Marceau, Dana Winkler (Scholarship Committee Chair) Nicole Mercer, Darren Moore (Credit Union Board President), Sarah Davidson, Sarah Whittredge. Not Pictured: Lori Coykendall and Stacie Hinkel.

New Generic Drug Available

Zolpidem, a generic formulation of the brand-name prescription medicine Ambien, has been released. This drug was approved for the short-term treatment of insomnia. It is available in 5mg and 10mg dosages.

New Partnership with SRS

One of Wichita's most impoverished neighborhoods is now receiving additional social services, thanks to a collaborative effort between the City of Wichita and the State of Kansas. The Colvin Neighborhood City Hall, located at 2820 S. Roosevelt in the Planeview area, now has a full-time Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) case manager, Frances Negron-George.

"We were very pleased to have been selected by SRS as a location for this valuable service," said District 3 Council Member Jim Skelton.

"Planeview is home to some of our poorest residents and doesn't offer a lot of services in the immediate area. This partnership between City and State is designed to make a positive difference in the neighborhood."

Negron-George has worked for SRS for four years. She has experience as a benefits administrator and as a bilingual family educator. She has a degree in Public Administration from Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Negron-

George is available at the Colvin Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"I am very pleased to be a part of the Planeview community and Colvin team," said Negron-George. "Due to the language barriers and transportation issues that the citizens here experience, I feel like I'm in just the right spot."

The Colvin Neighborhood City Hall was selected among sev-

eral possible sites to house the case manager. SRS officials considered several factors in making their site selection, including economic need, cultural needs, availability of public transportation and other available resources.



Wichita Kids are “Hooked On Fishing”

About 150 children and 25 Wichita Police Officers took part in the second annual Hooked On Fishing event on Saturday, June 9.

“This event is a great opportunity for young people from around the area to get involved in fishing, one of America’s great pastimes,” said

Officer Justin Whyte, the coordinator of the event.

Hooked on Fishing gave youth who don’t normally have an opportunity to fish a chance to try their luck at a local lake. The event, which was sponsored by the Tackle Depot, Taco Bell, Pepsi, Texas Roadhouse, Barney’s Deep Dis-

count, George Lay Signs and Allen-Lee Screen Printing, took place at Harrison



Park, 1300 S. Webb Road. “Each child who participates in the event will receive a T-shirt, fishing tackle, and a fishing pole, all at no cost,” said Whyte. “There were also door prizes that children won just for showing up.”

WPD Plays Key Role in Presidential Visit

On July 15, 2007, the President of the United States visited Wichita. This visit turned out to be the longest and most complex visit by a President to Wichita.

The Wichita Police Department played a pivotal role in that visit. WPD’s involvement included developing and implementing the Presidential Visit Operation Plan, partnering with more than a dozen agencies and organizations, and implementing a strategy that addressed a multitude of details related to President Bush’s visit.

“Those partnerships resulted in a lot of inter-agency cooperation,” said Special Operations Bureau Commander Captain Terry Nelson. Some of the agencies involved included the U.S. Secret Service, Sheriff’s Office, Kansas Highway Patrol, the

Wichita and Sedgwick County

fire departments, the Wichita P.W. Department, the Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas, the Boeing Company, the U. S. Air Force, and others.”

In all, more than 100 WPD officers and personnel were involved in protecting the President. The plan utilized dozens of law enforcement officers from other agencies, more than 1,000 personnel hours of time expended, fire apparatus and ambulances, 15 dump trucks

that served as a temporary barrier near the Boys and Girls Club, and a motorcade that included more than 30 vehicles and motorcycle officers.

“Overall, the operation was nearly flawless, something that speaks well of the cooperation among all the many agencies and organizations involved,” Said Nelson.



President Bush at Boys & Girls Club
Photo courtesy of Wichita Eagle



Presidential motorcade
Photo courtesy of Wichita Eagle

Teamwork Triumphs at 10th & Volutsia

Citizens and city officials alike breathed a sigh of relief on July 16 as a demolition crew razed one of the most controversial blighted properties in the city.

The residence at 10th and Volutsia had been an environmental and aesthetic sore spot for several years, but this

month’s coordinated action by a team of city resources brought a decisive end to the problem.

As neighborhood residents cheered the proceedings, and media coverage documented the historic moment, workers from the Office of Central Inspection, the Wichita Fire De-

partment, Public Works and the City’s demolition and asbestos survey contractors demolished the crumbling trash-filled building and hauled away the debris.

In the true spirit of Transforming Wichita, the Wichita Fire Department provided the necessary moisture to keep

the dust and debris from blowing through the neighborhood. Concerns about possible asbestos contamination, combined with the difficulty of assessing the content of the junk-filled building, presented a unique challenge.

Coventry Offers FirstHelp

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The nurse will ask you some questions about your problem. Tell them where it hurts, what it looks like, and what it feels like. Then, the nurse

can help you decide if you need to:

- Go to the hospital
- Go to your doctor
- Care for yourself at home

The nurse will even call you back later to see if you feel better.

Remember you can call FirstHelp anytime.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, go to the nearest hospital or dial 911.



Mid-Continent Shatters Passenger Record

Wichita Mid-Continent Airport set a traffic record with 151,236 passengers in June, surpassing the previous record of 145,636 in June 2004. The record also marks an increase of 10.22% over June 2006 and the ninth consecutive month that passenger traffic has increased at

Mid-Continent. For the year, passenger traffic is up 6.22%.



“The rising traffic numbers are the latest example that the affordable airfare collaboration is successful,” Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer said. “Affordable airfares are tremendously important to the local and state economy.”

“It’s great to see more people taking advantage of our fine

air service offered at Mid-Continent,” Victor White, Director of Airports, said. “This is monumental and promising. With non-stop service to Los Angeles starting this month and Frontier’s low-fare service coming in October 2007, the future looks even brighter.

City Employees Volunteer at Science Olympiad

Wichita State University hosted the National Science Olympiad competition May 18-19, 2007. Libby Albers, Laura Quick, Doris Leslie and Kay Drennen, Environmental Services staff, along with Vaughn Weaver, Water Utilities employee, worked with the Lincoln, Nebraska Groundwater

Foundation, sponsoring organization for the Division B Awesome Aquifer event. Sixty middle school teams from forty states competed in this day-long activity where students were tested on their knowledge of groundwater issues, and skill in building and demonstrating aquifer concepts. The two Kan-

sas teams placed 10th and 51st in the Awesome Aquifer, while a New Jersey team took first place.

Parents thanked the volunteers for their help in making the event happen.



Students at Science Olympiad

“Legacy of Kansas” Mural

A decorative glass tile mural is the latest addition to our

“Adventure Playground” in Grove Park. The beautiful art-

work is the product of efforts from about 150 area art students who attended Buckner, Isely and Mueller schools and should be proud of their accomplishment. Their tile mosaic was created and developed under the direction and guidance of schoolteacher and local artist Tina Murano. The Park Department provided the design, construction observation and landscaping

for the seatwall.

The tile mural has been named “Legacy of Kansas” and includes many interesting pieces such as the state bird, the meadowlark, bison and sunflowers to name a few.

Dr. Glen Dey, a District I Park Board member, applied for the grant for the mural.



Congratulations to these employees who reached 10 or 25 year career milestones with the City this month. Contact Carolyn Bowen in Human Resources if you have questions regarding the Career Awards Program.

<u>July</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Kevin Fasig	Airport
Michael Kollmeyer	IT/IS
Eugene Jacobs	Police
Preston Gonsalves	Fire
Gail Hartke	P. W.
Patrick Mallard	Police
Craig Steward	Park
Mo Bui	Housing

	<u>25 Years</u>
Michael Tullis	Water
John Stark	Env. Services

<u>Retirees</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Yrs. Of Service</u>
Jack M. Snow	PW	17 yrs. 8 mo.
Harold A. Hughey	Park	8 yrs. 2 mo.

<u>Retiree Deaths</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Harlan E. McClaskey	Police	04/22/2007
Jerry N. Mitchell	Police	06/10/2007
Charles W. Alexander	P. W.	06/23/2007
Jimmie P. High	P.W.	06/28/2007
Sue H. Tooill	Library	06/29/2007
Betty L. Fuqua	Finance	07/01/2007

<u>Employee Deaths</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Bryan E. Ralston	Env. Services	06/27/2007
Kendall R. Durst	Library	06/28/2007

Employee Relationship Improvement Program

Earlier this year, 16 city employees were selected to receive training in Peer Mediation Skills. This was done in order to provide a competent pool of individuals who are able to assist with Employee-to-Employee Conflict Resolution.

Many times employee conflict may not rise to the level of grievance or formal complaint, but clearly can have a negative impact on the workplace. By creating this program and training individuals in conflict mediation skills, the City hopes to reduce the number of complaints, grievances, and other potential negative impacts on the workplace. This should also serve as a valuable retention tool, by allowing employees opportunities to improve their working relationships with those they may have difficulty getting along with for one reason or another.

The process is voluntary and will only be performed with the written approval of both parties involved in the conflict. A pair of Peer Mediators will be assigned to work with the conflicting parties to assist them in resolving their issue.

For more information, or to request mediation forms, contact Human Resources.

New Chief of Airport Safety



Paul Moore has been promoted to the position of Chief of Airport Public Safety. Paul served as the Acting Deputy Chief from early Oct. of 2004 until being promoted to Deputy Chief in Mar. of 2006. Following the retirement of Former Chief Gary Bauer, he then served as Acting Chief from Sept. of 2006 until now.

Paul transferred to the Airport in May of 1990 from the Wichita Police Department where he had over eight years of service. In May of 1995, Paul was promoted to Airport Safety Supervisor/Training Captain. Paul is a licensed helicopter pilot, and flew helicopters for the Wichita PD for several years. In addition to being certified in both law enforcement as a peace officer and in Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF), he is also an Emergency Medical Technician and a TSA-certified Airport Security Coordinator. Paul served in the Marine Corps, holds a Bachelors Degree in Administration of Justice, and speaks Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese.

Engineer of the Year

Scott Lindebak, Storm Water Engineer, was awarded "Engineer of the Year" by the state chapter of the National Society of Engineers. The plaque states "For His Service and Dedication as a Professional Engineer in Government Arena and Working to Provide a Better Way of Life for His Fellow Man."



Lindebak (right) receiving award from Kansas Chapter

This recognition is for both professional accomplishments and civic involvement.

City Connection Team

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Gordon Bassham	Police
LeeAnn Casey	Human Resources
Terri Dozal	CMO
Vallery Fields	Transit
Lary Foos	Park & Recreation
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