



City of Kyle e-Newsletter

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This weekly e-Newsletter contains useful information about events and happenings in the City of Kyle. To subscribe, simply **click here** and put "Kyle Newsletter" in the subject line to be added to the distribution list.

KPD Crash Team among best in Hays County

Lt. Andre Marmolejo of the Kyle Police Department looked on as his accident reconstruction specialists, or what he calls the "Crash Team", began the process of recording data from a recent fatality.

Just 30 minutes prior, he handed out assignments to officers Daniel Gooding, James Jones, David Saenz and Cadet Ian Mabry at the prep meeting.

"Park your vehicles here and here," he said, pointing to map at KPD headquarters.

They also covered who would have which role in the process.

On that chilly Monday morning, Kyle police officers closed down a portion of the I-35 Access road and Burleson Rd. between I-35 and Spring Branch Dr. for about two hours to reconstruct a major crash the previous Thursday.

That accident took the life of a Kyle resident Steve Vasquez, 33. His wife, Stephanie, 34, was taken to Brackenridge

Hospital in Austin with serious injuries, according to her sister.

The family — and the public — wants to know what happened.

That's where the Crash Team comes into play.

Marmolejo's team performed

accident reconstruction after the collision, but a heavy fog advisory prevented them from completing the work that night.

"Fog and other weather factors

"Fog and other weather factors can affect accuracy of the readings and equipment," he said. "That's why we came back out this morning."

Coming back during the day also

provides officers with a chance to see more of the crash scene than they were able to in the dark.

How does it all work?

Read the full story here.

Upcoming Public Meetings at City Hall

Kyle City Council Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.

NOTE: Kyle City offices are closed Jan. 18 for MLK Day.

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Kyle Road Bond Updates

What's happening with the road bond? We get that question every so often. And the answer is, a lot! City staff are working hard to get all the pieces in place. Progress is being made.

Want more information about the 2013 road bond?

Visit www.cityofkyle.com.



Kyle Police Department will soon use new License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology by Vigilant Solutions to assist in finding individuals who have outstanding warrants, which totals \$4.8 million.

The LPR allows law enforcement to scan license plates on vehicles in public spaces. Officers are then advised of any matches.

Read more at: www.cityofkyle.com/police/kpd-begins-new-warrant-recovery-program.

Did you know?

More than 100 applicants recently expressed an interest in working for Kyle Police Department. Of those, 72 were invited to move forward with testing based on their qualifications. Good luck to all!

Events & Happenings

Kyle Depot 'soft' opening

Curious about the old train station on Front Street, across from City Hall? Come check out the new, but old, Kyle Depot on Jan. 23!

A joint venture with the City of Kyle and the Hays County Historical Commission, the Depot project is about 13 years in the making. The result is a beautiully restored building that will serve as a museum and history center for Kyle.

We invite Kyle residents to join us from **10 a.m.-noon on Jan. 23** for a look into the city's historic past.



At this "soft" opening, author Betty Harrison will be on hand with her new book, "Images of America:

Harrison

Kyle," which will be for sale. Light refreshments will be served.

Lights at Kohlers Crossing

You may see the new traffic lights at the intersection of Kohlers Crossing and FM 1626 start blinking soon, if they aren't already.

That means the lights are in the final testing phase and will move into active mode within about seven days.

"The signal must flash seven days before it is placed into active mode," according to TxDOT's Victor Vargas. "It will flash all red and then be

activated the following week." Drivers are urged to exercise

urged to exercise caution and be aware of the new



system. Once fully operational, it will be important to obey the lights per state law.

Kyle PD now offers 'Safe Trade' locale

Let's say you bought a sofa or maybe a toolkit on an online site like Craigslist. Where can you tell the seller to meet you? Your home isn't a good idea. Somewhere public, well-lit and safe is best. But where?

You're in luck! The Kyle Police Department (KPD) is now offering its headquarters as a meeting place for online sales transactions to take place.

Called Safe Trade, the program provides a safe, well-lit and video monitored location for people to pick up items purchased online or receive payment for items sold.

"The KPD headquarters is just another option for Kyle residents who utilize services such as Craigslist," KPD Chief Jeff Barnett said. "It offers a bit more in terms of safety for these kinds of online sales transactions."

The lobby of the KPD station, located at 111 N. Front Street, is open 24/7 for Safe Trade.

City Council application deadline Ever thought of serving on Kyle (

Ever thought of serving on Kyle City Council? It's an important part of how the city operates. Decisions made by the council affect the lives of Kyle residents.

Those interested in filing for a place on the May ballot must submit their application beginning Jan. 20, 2016. The last day to file is Feb. 19 by 5 p.m.



