

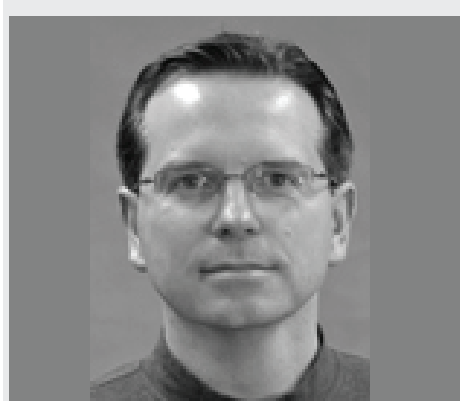


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Kirksville to update emergency sirens

Initiative to replace systems has updated six since 2009 and added two loudspeakers

BY AUSTIN HORNBOSTEL
Staff Reporter

Kirksville will replace an existing emergency warning siren located at Patryla Park during 2014.

Rick Anderson, Kirksville Assistant Fire Chief, said the city currently is continuing an initiative that aims to replace one or two of the city's eight existing warning sirens annually. He said the initiative has been active since Kirksville's 2009 tornado.

This year's siren replacement will be the fifth since its implementation, Anderson said. He said six of these sirens will be replaced by the end of 2015, and the last siren replacement will be located at Brooke Drive.

Anderson said the newer sirens are electromechanical and have a battery backup system in case of power loss, along with two sirens that can act as loudspeakers. He said the sirens are meant to alert people who are outdoors during a storm, rather than to alert those who are safely indoors.

"Basically, our whole purpose of updating is to provide that safety mechanism for people who are outdoors," Anderson said. "Presently, we have eight operating sirens. Two of those may very well stay in place until they start giving us trouble."

Anderson said because the newer sirens will be five or six years old by the time the initiative is complete, the city will not need to replace them until the older sirens begin to malfunction.

Thomas Johnson, Truman State's Department of Public Safety Director, said the University campus has two warning sirens independent of the sirens around Kirksville. The sirens are located at Stokes Stadium and north of the University power plant. He said these sirens are activated in the same manner as the city's sirens. Additionally, Johnson said Truman's sirens have a loudspeaker feature that allows individuals from the Department of Public Safety to talk through the siren speakers by radio dispatch.

"[The sirens] are made to cover the entire campus," Johnson said. "The one that's basically on The Quad will cover the north area and the one at Stokes will cover everywhere else since it sits on a hill."

Search for new dean continues

BY PAIGE YUNGERMANN
Staff Reporter

A search committee of Truman State faculty from various departments currently is considering applicants for the Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics.

Professor James O'Donnell, search committee co-chair, said the search committee has identified three candidates for campus interviews — Gary Morris, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at Valparaiso University, Stephen Roberts, biology department chair at Central Michigan University and Frank Hall, physical and earth sciences professor at Worcester State University.

All three candidates will come to Truman for interviews before the search committee passes its recommendations to Maria Di Stefano, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, O'Donnell said.

"We're looking for some-

one that can pull the school together and is able to bring faculty and staff and students together, working toward building a successful school," search committee co-chair Michael Seipel said.

Morris visited Truman Jan. 15 to 17, Roberts will visit Jan. 29 to 31 and Hall will visit Feb. 2 to 4, O'Donnell said. During Morris' visit, he participated in an open forum, where he spoke about his experience, answered questions and attendants could provide written feedback about Morris to the search committee, O'Donnell said.

During the forum, Morris shared some of his ideas for advancing the School of Science and Mathematics, including new teaching styles and more emphasis on research.

"Our students need to have experience," Morris said during the forum. "They need to keep asking questions and be persistent."

"We encourage the entire

campus community to participate in those forums and give the search committee feedback on the candidates because we want to find the person that's best for Truman," Seipel said.

After all three candidates visit Truman, the search committee will provide a recommendation to Di Stefano by the end of February, O'Donnell said. Di Stefano then will have the final decision about who to hire, O'Donnell said.

Jonathan Gering, current Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, will resign at the end of this academic

year, Seipel said.

The search committee began searching for a new dean after Gering announced his plans to resign at the beginning of fall 2013, O'Donnell said. The committee started this process by advertising the position on sources such as the University website, the Chronicle of Higher Education and higherjobs.com, O'Donnell said.

After receiving applications, O'Donnell said the search committee conducted 12 video interviews with candidates who met the qualifications and selected the three finalists from these 12.

Open forums:

3:30-4:30pm Jan. 30 in Violette Hall 1000 for Stephen Roberts

3:30-4:30 Feb. 3 in Violette Hall 1000 for Frank Hall

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