

Hiawatha firefighters getting new gear

(KNZA)--Hiawatha firefighters will be getting new bunker gear.

On the recommendation of Fire Chief Ryan Shockley, the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved the purchase of 10 sets of bunker gear with winter liner along with light rescue gear and helmets.

The gear will be purchased from 1st Due Emergency Response Solutions, of Bartlett, Kansas, for a total cost of \$29,822.

Bids were received from two companies.

The new gear is expected to arrive before the end of the year.

In other business, Hiawatha Police Captain Dennis Entrikin introduced new full-time officer Dugan Shoemaker to commissioners.

Shoemaker, who brings with him six years of law enforcement experience, began work Monday.

He grew up in the local area. Shoemaker and his wife, Stacy, have a 9-year-old daughter and are expecting another daughter in December.

Commissioners approved the hiring of Shoemaker at their September 16 meeting at a salary of \$17.50 an hour.

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