

Police Chief Wilson honored with expansion



(KAIR)--The Chief Mike Wilson Law Enforcement Center.

That was proclaimed Friday during an open house and ribbon cutting for the \$1.13 million dollar expansion of the Atchison Police Department.

The dedication of the west wing, first floor of Atchison City Hall in the name of long time Chief of Police Wilson came through a proclamation delivered by Atchison Mayor Shawn Rizza. “We have a very professional police department, and it’s important that we give them the tools to operate in a professional manner,” Rizza told MSC News. “Our old department was lacking some things that were actually state required to have in a department, and we just weren’t giving it to our officers. This is a way to help them help our community.”

Wilson was noticeably surprised at the honor. “For many years, we have made attempts to get renovation done, expansion done, and some of the proper room space we needed,” Wilson told MSC News. “Today our dream came true.”

The proclamation followed comments by Atchison City Manager Becky Berger, who presented Wilson’s wife, Cindy, with a bouquet of flowers.

Approval of the project was granted unanimously by the Atchison City Commission last year. “The Commission, the City Manager, the staff in general, and the employees, in general, at the City, have been behind us 100%, and the community, most importantly,” Wilson said. “We’ve got a great facility here, but it’s within our means...this is a great day.”

The renovation was completed in seven months.

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