

Hawthorne named OCTC Paramedic Technology coordinator

BY BERNIE HALE

Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) has named Les Hawthorne as the new coordinator of its Paramedic Technology program.

Hawthorne succeeds Joe Dennison, who joined OCTC as a paramedic lab instructor in 2017 and is retiring after years of dedicated service to the college and its students.

With nearly four decades of emergency medical services experience, Hawthorne brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the program. During his 38 years as a paramedic, he has served in a variety of roles, including street paramedic, operations manager, chief paramedic, EMS instructor, paramedic program coordinator, state director of licensure and certification, and state EMS training director. He is also an EMS author with a lifelong passion for advancing the profession through education and training.

Hawthorne holds a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Theology. He is certified as a Kentucky Paramedic Edu-

cator and a Maryland Fire Service Level III Instructor. He has also completed the National Fire Academy's Fire Service Course Design and Training Program Management programs.

Dr. Scott Williams, OCTC Chancellor, said Hawthorne's extensive experience and passion for EMS education make him an excellent choice to lead the program.

"We are fortunate to have Les join our team," Williams said. "He brings extensive real-world experience, exceptional knowledge of the profession, and a genuine passion for preparing future paramedics. His enthusiasm for teaching and commitment to student success are evident, and I know our students and community partners will benefit from his leadership."

Hawthorne said he looks forward to helping prepare the next generation of emergency medical professionals.

"I'm honored to lead OCTC's Paramedic Technology program and help

prepare the next generation of emergency medical professionals," Hawthorne said. "My goal is to provide students with a challenging, supportive learning environment while strengthening our partnerships with EMS agencies and healthcare providers throughout the communities we serve. Together, we'll equip graduates with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a difference when it matters most."

OCTC's Paramedic Technology program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). The curriculum meets the National EMS Education Standards and the requirements established by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS). Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-Paramedic) examination.

Mentor new anglers for chance to win kayak package

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Experienced anglers can "Mentor to Win" a kayak prize package each time they take a new, eligible angler fishing this summer. Hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the contest is free to enter and open to anyone licensed to fish in Kentucky for the 2026-2027 license year.

The contest winner will receive a new kayak, paddle, personal flotation device and two spinning rod and reel combos. Complete contest details are available on the department's website (fw.ky.gov).

Anglers 16-years-old and older can mentor a new angler, also age 16 or older, at least once this summer through Aug. 31 to be eligible for the prize package. Both mentor and mentee must possess

a valid Kentucky fishing license for their outing. The new angler must have never purchased a Kentucky fishing license or must have not purchased an annual Kentucky fishing license in the last three years.

"Our goal with this program is to get as many people engaging in the outdoors as possible," said Rachel Crume, Conservation Education Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We know that's where most people are healthiest and happiest, and it's our privilege to share this service with both seasoned anglers and the next generation."

The mentor should use the MyProfile portal on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website to enter the name and identification number of the person that they

took fishing. Mentors can enter as many times as they like by taking multiple people fishing.

Excellent fishing opportunities are available year-round on waterbodies across Kentucky and can easily be found on the Waterbodies Search page. In addition to many large lakes and streams, more than 40 Fishing in Neighborhood (FINs) lakes are located across the commonwealth to provide excellent fishing close to home.



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The public comment meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at the Hancock County Public High School at 80 State Route 271 South, Lewisport, KY 42351, for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the pending contract for provision of electric service among Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Kenergy Corp., and Justified DataPower LLC, a subsidiary of TeraWulf Inc.

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/s/Lori Woosley
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