

School safety exercise held at Royal Valley HS

**(KNZA)--An active shooter training exercise was held at the Royal Valley High School in Hoyt on Saturday.**

**Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a release, said the event was hosted by the Sheriff- Office, Jackson County Emergency Management and the Royal Valley School District.**

**He said area public safety agencies were invited to participate in the training exercise.**

**The Hoyt Fire Department, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fire Department, Jackson County EMS, Jackson County Sheriff- Office, Hoyt Police Department, Prairie Band Potawatomi Police Department and other public safety agencies took part in the exercise.**

**In addition, Royal Valley School District staff and students also participated.**

**All three Jackson County Superintendents were present during the exercise.**

***Sheriff Morse said, "I am very proud of our students, staff and administration along with our county- public safety personnel to take the time and dedication to make this event happen. School safety and security has to be a community- top priority. Our greatest asset is our children, and we should all be doing everything we possibly can to make them safe at school. I would also like to thank Deputy Joe Romans who has spent countless hours assessing the security needs for every school in our county and providing the needed training for our school personnel and students. This training event wouldn't have been a success, or have taken place, if it were not for his dedicated service."***

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