

Fire Service Training Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute

The University of Kansas

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

10:00 AM

The Kansas Fire Service Training Commission will meet in person *and* via Zoom Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 10:00. In person meeting will be held at Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute, 1515 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049 in Classroom #25. Zoom information is below:

Zoom Meeting

<https://kansas.zoom.us/j/83721560376>

Meeting ID: 837 2156 0376

Passcode: 529248

The following topics will be subject to Fire Service Training Commission consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items on the agenda are set for possible action.

The order of the Agenda may be changed by order of the Fire Service Training Commission.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Affirmation of Quorum**
- 2. Approval of Minutes** of November 14, 2024 Kansas Fire Service Training Commission Meeting
- 3. Budget-Emily Zentner**
 - a. Presentation of the FY25 Mid Year Financials
- 4. Public Forum-** Public comments are limited to three-minutes. Persons may submit written comments of any length for the Fire Service Training Commission files. Those wishing to address the Commission should notify the [Chair](#), [Vice Chair](#), or the [Director of KFRTI](#) prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of the public forum, individual Fire Service Training Commission members may respond to comments made by those individuals who have addressed the Commission and may ask staff to

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- a. There are no items on the Consent Agenda

6. **Chair's Report**

7. **Vice Chair's Report**

8. **Director's Report**

9. **Business**

- a. **Old Business:**

1. Legislative Updates for FSTC appointments
 2. Joint Facility on hold update
 3. Bachelor's of Fire & Emergency Services update
 4. Bylaws

- b. **New Business**

1. YLD Special Project Award
 2. Grain Trailer

10. **Future Agenda Items**

11. **Adjournment**

KFRTI State of the Institute February 2025 (Director's Report)

Introduction

The Kansas Fire Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI) is moving full steam into 2025. This report summarizes our achievements, staffing changes, course offerings, partnerships, and future goals as we strive to enhance fire training and education across the state.

Staff Changes

In January Erica Henderson accepted the position of Certification Program Coordinator, elevating her role from senior certification administrative associate. Erica has been with the Certification program from late 2018 and has been instrumental in retooling this program and helping ensure the KS Fire Service has access to the national certification program.

Nicole Bettes has accepted a position as senior certification administrative associate. She and Erica work well together and our national certification program is in good hands.

We are currently interviewing applicants to backfill these admin positions.

National Engagement and Course Development

KFRTI staff continued to represent Kansas on national committees and in leadership roles with organizations including IFSAC, NFPA, IFSTA, NAFTD, and ISFSI.

In January, Assistant Director Ken Fowler and Certification Program Coordinator Erica Henderson traveled to Texas for the annual ProBoard conference. While there they began conversations about the potential for hosting the 2027 National Association of Fire Training Directors conference here in Lawrence.

Grants and Funding

We have signed a contract with Clegg Industries for the construction of our new Grain Rescue training prop. Expected delivery in summer of 2025.

KFRTI secured a State Fire Training Systems grant for FY25 grant aimed at leadership training. Expected delivery of this course: Spring/Summer 2025.

State Farm has been a significant supporter of our initiatives, contributing \$10,000 for Thermal Imaging Cameras to be used in our Live Fire Instructor courses and \$20,000 for a Water

Mapping prop to be built in Hutchinson. We have been notified that we were successful in securing additional funding of \$20,000 in support of Camp Fury and our Vehicle Rescue Trailer.

Community Engagement and Programs

June 2024 marked another successful **Camp Fury**, with a full roster of participants gaining valuable experience across various departments in the Kansas City metro area. Our **Catching Fury** event on October 27 also saw strong participation, highlighting the program's success, with two graduates now employed as firefighters. Camp Fury 2025 is scheduled for June 9-13. Stay tuned for an additional fundraising event opportunity in mid-spring 2025.

Ongoing discussions with the University and the State Fire Marshal aim to secure funding for a facility to house our rolling stock, potentially resulting in a collaborative facility. While no timeline is established yet, we are optimistic about this initiative.

KFRTI has also been notified that our offer to host the North American Fire Training Directors conference in 2027 has been successful. Stay tuned as we plan this exciting event.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the second half of FY25, KFRTI is exploring a transition to a new testing platform that could facilitate computer-based certification testing. We are also in the preliminary stages of discussing the possibility of offering a bachelor's degree program at the University of Kansas.

Our commitment to innovation continues as we introduce new ideas to the fire service through speakers at our Fire Forums and the Goodland Fire School.

Upcoming Events

March 7, 2025

Fire Forum March 2025

This regional training event offers attendees an opportunity to learn from fire service trainers and thought leaders from across the American fire service. Wichita Fire Dept Training Ctr.

<https://www.enrole.com/kupce/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=FS25003F&courseId=FORUM032025&categoryId=10015>

March 29-30, 2025

Goodland Fire School

The 2025 Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI) Goodland Fire School is a cooperative event to advance the knowledge and skills of Kansas firefighters. This event combines the annual fire schools normally held by KFRTI and Sherman County Rural Fire Department into one single event. Any firefighter, from probationary members to fire chiefs, can choose event sessions promoting knowledge, skills, and fellowship.

<https://www.enrole.com/kupce/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=FS25005F&courseId=GDLDFS25&categoryid=10015>

Organizational Priorities

KFRTI full-time staff spent Thursday Feb 6 on a full organizational priority refresh.

We have identified these areas as our current organizational Priorities:

1. Curriculum Updates
2. (the following tied for second)
 - a. Course Delivery and Events
 - b. Administrative Work
3. Certification and Accreditation
4. (the following tied for fourth)
 - a. Supervision and Professional Development
 - b. Props and Equipment
5. Professional Development
6. Marketing

We just did this work yesterday so I don't have a full list to share.

Kansas Fire Service Training Commission Meeting
St. Andrews Office Facility
Wednesday November 13, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Attending Commission Members: Darin Myers, Kevin Webster, Dan Romine, Jason Lankas, Mike Roosevelt (online), Bonnie Johnson (online), Bill Waln (online)

Absent Commission Members: Mark Engholm, Eric Voss, Justin Ducey

Attending Jayhawk Global Staff: Emily Zentner, Jenn Johnson, James Zeeb, Erin McGruder, Erica Henderson, Cameron White, John Knispel, Nicole Bettes, Justin Gilliland

Guests: Rich Watson,

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Affirmation of Quorum:

It was determined that a quorum is met. 7 members are in attendance.

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 10:09am

2. Public Forum:

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3. Budget-Emily Zentner

- a. Discussion of year end details
- b. Get new members budget information

4. Consent Agenda:

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- 1.) Approval of May 8. 2024 DRAFT Minutes as presented.

Chair Myers called for a motion to adopt the Minutes as presented.

Dan Romine, Motioned

Jason Lankas, Seconded

Chair Myers called for a vote: it passed unanimously pass with a vote of: yes.

5. Chair's Report:

- a. Thanks for supporting Fire Chiefs Conference

6. Vice Chair's Report:

- a. Have 2 new burn cells at KLETC. IAAI is working with KLETC closely to increase courses
- b. Statute process

7. Director's Report:

- a. See 11/13/24 Commission packet
- b. 5 new Certifications Trench, mobile water, structural collapse, live fire instructor, live fire instructor in charge
- c. Who designs bachelor's program curriculum – Ken brought information to use from LSU, KFRTI will develop the classes, work in SPA, FESHE program (Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education)

8. Business

a. Old Business:

1. Intro of new commission members
2. Update of joint facility - no update
3. Update on the proposed/planned state training weekend
 1. Working with Kevin Royse idea to look at NFA Leadership courses and make it tangible for State of Kansas Firefighters. No certification
 2. Planning meeting scheduled for November 19th
4. KSAFC request for professional education funding assist for annual conference for educational speakers
 1. Possible request for \$10,000 from a grant to help with this.
 2. Applied for grant from unit outside KU, the monies would go directly to the Chiefs
5. Update from the legislation committee for 2025 legislation year
 1. Would benefit new members to see what has been done. Members of the committee are no longer on the commission.
 2. Shared the 76-327a document with changes proposed.

- a. Remove KS fire educators association and become 11 member commission
 - b. 2 nominees primary, submit alternate
 - c. Appointment changes. Add incumbent.
 - d. Verbiage to make it easier to be re-appointed
 - e. Add High School programs to Community College Programs member verbiage
6. Darin asked for a motion to continue with the legislative process with the addition of the High School
1. Kevin Webster – motion
 2. Dan Romine-Second

Chair Myers called for a vote: it passed unanimously pass with a vote of: yes.

- b. **New Business:** no new business
- 1.

9. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Mid-year financials February meeting
- b. Legislative update
- c. Facility update

10. Adjournment:

- *Director Jenn Johnson reported the next meeting will be February 12, 2025 at 10:00am.*
- *Chair Myers called for a motion to adjourn.*
- *Dan Romine, motioned.*
- *Jason Lankas, second*
- *Chair Myers adjourned the meeting at 11:29 am*