Online Instructor 1 Training available from KF&RTI

The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (KF&RTI) at KU is pleased to announce the launch of a new Fire Instructor 1 training initiative that offers Kansas firefighters instructor training in a unique, blended learning format. Blended learning courses combine web-based (online) training with traditional classroom training.

Course design (two parts):

- **Part 1:** “Online Fire Service Instructor 1 – (Web-based course – Part 1)” is the web-based portion of the course. This is a self-paced online course that the student will complete independently. This course will remain available 24/7/365 and students may enroll at any time for this course via the KF&RTI/KU Continuing Education online registration system.

  This course will include a $40 registration fee payable at the time of registration for Part 1. The Institute negotiated a unique agreement with IFSTA for the use of their materials in this course. In exchange for the registration fee, students are NOT required to purchase an IFSTA Instructor manual for this course. All IFSTA reading materials have been incorporated into the online part of this course. The IFSTA Instructor manual retails for $65 (you do not need to purchase the IFSTA manual). The fee for this course is only $40 – saving you $25!

- **Part 2:** “Instructor 1 – Seminar (Face-to-Face Seminar – Part 2)” is a face-to-face traditional two-day short course. Students must complete Part 1 (online) before attending this seminar. Part 2 does not include any fees.

  Students MUST complete both parts of this course in order to receive credit for taking Instructor 1 and to be eligible to take the National Certification exam.

Scheduling for Part 2 (the face-to-face portion) of the online Instructor course:

1. In an effort to schedule the face-to-face seminars without geographical restrictions, KF&RTI will schedule date-specific, two-day face-to-face seminars throughout each calendar year. Initially, no location will be identified for the seminar.

2. KF&RTI will monitor student enrollments (in Part 1) to track and identify the geographic locations that best serve the majority of students. Online (Part 1) students will be notified via email as locations for the seminars are identified (30 days in advance). Students must enroll in a face-to-face seminar location of their choice via the KF&RTI online registration process on our website.

3. Geographical issues may prevent some students from attending the first available two-day, face-to-face seminar. Those students may delay their seminar enrollment until additional seminar locations are announced. However, it is strongly encouraged that students make every effort to attend a seminar (Part 2) in a timely manner. The longer you delay completion of the course, the less retention you have from the online portion of the course.

4. Additional (location-specific) two-day face-to-face seminars will be added if the number of student
enrollments justifies the need. All Part 2 seminars are open to any student who has completed Part 1 (the online portion of the course).

**Student responsibilities in this “blended” course:**

1. Online training requires the student to be dedicated, disciplined and motivated for learning the course material. Work at your own pace, but don’t go so slow that you forget the previous lesson!
2. Get enrolled and participate in Part 2 as soon as possible after you complete the online portion of the course.
3. Actively participate in group activities during the face-to-face seminar.
4. Be prepared to deliver your assigned 15-minute presentation on the second day of the face-to-face seminar.

At the conclusion of the final day of the two-day seminar, a national certification written exam will be administered to all who successfully complete the course and wish to pursue national certification. National Certification for Fire Service Instructor 1 fees are $55.

**Overview of student enrollment process:**

1. Students may enroll at any time.
2. To enroll, visit the KF&RTI website at [http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/fire/](http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/fire/)
3. From the KF&RTI home page, click on “Training Opportunities” to access the section titled “Online/Blended Training.”
4. Click on the course title: “Online Fire Service Instructor 1 – (Web-based course) – Part 1” to start the enrollment process. After enrolling, you will receive a confirmation email from the Institute that directs you to a website where you create your login and password the next business day. After creating that login and password, you are ready to login to the course and begin learning.
5. A second enrollment is required for the face-to-face seminar and that information is found in the same section. Click on the course title: “Instructor 1 – Seminar (Face-to-Face Seminar – Part 2)” for the date and location you wish to attend.

Contact the KF&RTI if you have questions about this course or if you would like to host a class.

*KF&RTI will continue to offer Fire Instructor 1 training in a traditional, five-day classroom format. All instructor training provided by the KF&RTI (online and traditional 40-hour face-to-face course) has been updated to reflect the IFSTA Fire Service Instructor, 8th Edition.*

Have questions? Need a presenter for your next county meeting? Would you like someone to come to your next function to make a presentation to learn what the Institute can do for you? The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute would be pleased to come and talk to your organization. Call or send an email with details of date, time, location and a local contact person (and phone number). We'll be in touch to confirm our attendance.

Call 866-804-8841 or send an email to kufire@ku.edu. Ask for Glenn Pribbenow or any program manager.

Have a topic you want to see addressed? Send your idea to kufire@ku.edu!

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