Retirement Announcement and Job Opening At the Institute

Congratulations Jerry! Have a long and happy retirement!

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Jerry Hallbauer from the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute. We’re all happy for Jerry reaching the milestone that allows him to pursue his retirement goals. We are also saddened because it has been such a joy to be around and work with Jerry. Jerry’s last official day will be June 2, 2014. He recently had surgery and will be recovering until late May. We hope to host a retirement reception for Jerry before he leaves. Keep an eye on your email for an announcement.

Jerry began his affiliation with the Institute in the late 1970s by becoming an associate instructor (field instructor), then began working as a part-time instructor (field staff) in 1990. He served in that capacity until 2002, when he began his tenure as the full-time program manager for Fire Officer Programs.

Jerry’s career in public service began in the 1970s, beginning with two years as a certified police officer for the City of Chanute, Kan., and then 35+ years in the fire service with the Chanute Fire Department. He worked his way through the fire department ranks, starting with firefighter and eventually being promoted to fire chief in 1987. Shortly after retiring from the Chanute Fire Department in 2002, we talked Jerry into joining our staff at the Institute full-time.

Jerry says that it’s hard to keep track of when one job ended and another began because so many of them overlapped. We’re glad that Jerry took an interest in working for the Institute in the early days. His participation as an associate, part-time and then full-time member of our staff leaves the Institute a much better organization. Jerry’s dedication to training and his great sense of humor has contributed to the quality of our programs and the enjoyment that we all get from working with him.

We all wish Jerry a long and enjoyable retirement. Jerry has family in the Las Vegas, Nev., area and plans to move there in the near future. We hate to see him move that far away from this part of his family, but it might not be such a bad thing when considering his claim of having been here long enough to know where all the skeletons are buried!

Thank you Jerry for your service and your friendship over the years!

As with most retirements, many changes will result. The Institute must now look for a replacement to fill Jerry’s shoes. Listed below is an announcement for the Fire Officer Program Manager position. We encourage your application.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please forward all requests for Fire Officer level training to Dave Ford at the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute. Dave will be managing the Fire Officer program in the interim period until this position is filled. Dave can be contacted at 785-864-3955 or by email at dford2@ku.edu.

Position Opening Announcement
Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute
Fire Officer Program Manager

The University of Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute is seeking applicants for the Fire Officer Program Manager position. This position is responsible for scheduling, managing activities and delivery of training related to training fire officers. This position is also responsible for National Fire Academy supported programs provided through the Institute and the selection of associate instructors used in Institute programs. Experience as a fire officer and in training firefighters is required. A bachelor’s degree in a related field is also required. To review the complete position description and required qualifications, or to apply, visit the KU Jobs website: http://employment.ku.edu/staff/08888. KU is an EO/AAE. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, gender identity, gender expression and genetic information in the University’s programs and activities. The University of Kansas prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, gender identity, gender expression and genetic information in the University’s programs and activities. The University of Kansas prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, gender identity, gender expression and genetic information in the University’s programs and activities. The University of Kansas prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, gender identity, gender expression and genetic information in the University’s programs and activities.

Review of applications begins May 28, 2014, and will continue until the position is filled. Application materials include a letter of application, resume or curriculum vita, and three references. Contact Emily Zentner (785-864-3955 or email ezentner@ku.edu) or Glenn Pribbenow (785-864-9199 or email gprib@ku.edu) for information or questions.

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