Total Events and Services (Training & Certification combined)
Events delivered ........................................... 684
Instructional hours ...................................... 9,796
Number of participants ................................. 8,958
Student contact hours ................................. 115,953
Kansas counties served ................................. 95
Kansas communities/organizations served ........ 510
Other organizations served ............................ 67
U.S. states served ......................................... 31
Countries served (excluding the U.S.) ............... 2

Training Delivered
Training classes ........................................... 517
Instructional hours ...................................... 8,869
Number of participants ................................. 6,121
Student contact hours ................................. 100,868
Kansas counties served ................................. 94
Kansas communities/organizations served ........ 508
Out-of-state FDs served .................................. 28
U.S. military units served .............................. 11
U.S. states served ......................................... 12
Countries served (excluding the U.S.) ............... 1 (England)

National Certification Program
Certification exams ....................................... 167
Instructional hours ...................................... 927
Number of participants ................................. 2,837
Student contact hours ................................. 15,085
Kansas counties served ................................. 61
Kansas communities/organizations served ........ 231
Other organizations served ............................ 34
U.S. states served ......................................... 28
Countries served (excluding the U.S.) ............... 1 (Canada)

Report Submitted
On behalf of the Fire Service Training Commission by the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute, University of Kansas Continuing Education

Reporting Requirement
KSA 76-327d. “... The Kansas Fire Service Training Commission shall: publish an annual report in conjunction with the University of Kansas fire service training program concerning the activities and duties of the Kansas Fire Service training program and commission.”

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Introduction

The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (Institute) has completed its sixth year of operation since the 2002 revision of KSA 76-327 and the fourth year of new funding provided by the revision of KSA 75-1508. The Fire & Rescue Training Institute is pleased to report continued vitality and growth of activities associated with training Kansas firefighters.

Every year since the revisions has brought expansion of training and services delivered to the Kansas Fire Service. Noteworthy program and service expansions for Fiscal Year 2007 were in the technical rescue and instructor training programs. In addition to expansions, the Institute was awarded a $50,000 grant from the Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company’s Heritage Grant Program, in cooperation with IMA Financial Services of Wichita, in May 2007. This grant opportunity was identified by KU Endowment Association and obtained with their assistance. These funds will be used to support training in the Institute’s live interior firefighting simulator during Fiscal Year 2008.

Instructional Program Improvements & Accomplishments

Technical Rescue Training was in high demand for Fiscal Year 2007. It includes specific training in structural collapse, trench rescue, confined space rescue, rope rescue and other technical rescue subjects. During Fiscal Year 2007, the Institute delivered 35 technical rescue classes totaling over 480 hours of instruction and trained 711 firefighters in this discipline alone.

During Fiscal Year 2007, the Institute took delivery of our Technical Rescue Support Unit. This unit is a 40’ trailer designed to house and transport our technical rescue tools and equipment. With the addition of this trailer, the Institute has invested over $300,000 in tools and equipment to support this vital training. Our investment had enabled Kansas fire departments to train their firefighters in this highly technical discipline. In the absence of these resources, fire departments would have to bear a significant financial burden to send their firefighters out of state to receive this training. The Institute estimates that our investment in this program has already saved Kansas fire departments thousands of dollars and will continue to do so well into the future.

Within a few weeks of accepting delivery of the Technical Rescue Support Unit, the Greensburg tornado Incident Commander requested the assistance of the Support Unit with its tools and resources to support emergency operations. The Institute and the University of Kansas were pleased and proud to respond to serve our fellow Kansans. The unit was in Greensburg for approximately four days during the early rescue and recovery operations. The Institute stands ready to assist in the future should our resources and assistance be needed again.

Staff Improvements

The Fire & Rescue Training Institute did not experience any growth in the number of employees during Fiscal Year 2007. The Institute’s staff remains at ten people.

Equipment & Infrastructure Improvements

No significant training equipment or resources were purchased during Fiscal Year 2007. Delivery of a semi-tractor to pull the Technical Rescue Support Unit and the support unit itself were delivered during Fiscal Year 2007, although these items were purchased during Fiscal Year 2006.

As we reported last year, our next planned training infrastructure improvement is the purchase of a “state-of-the-art” propane firefighting training unit. Propane-fueled
Fires and emergencies are still one of the most significant dangers facing the rural firefighter. The Institute reported last year that we had a small reserve fund that will contribute towards this prop. Careful management of our resources has enabled us to accumulate enough funds from Fiscal Years 2006, 2007 and 2008 to fund this unit. We anticipate that a Request for Proposals and purchase of this unit will happen during Fiscal Year 2009. Current cost estimates for this unit are approximately $400,000.

Fire Service Training Commission

The Fire Service Training Commission (FSTC) was created by the revisions to KSA 76-327 and continues to be engaged in the operation of the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute. The FSTC is currently engaged with the Institute in a strategic planning process that will provide direction for future programs and services provided by the Institute.

Fiscal Matters & Policies

In the first year of increased funding (FY03), the Institute implemented a conservative fiscal management approach allowing accumulation of capital to make needed infrastructure improvements. Much of the accumulation was made possible by delaying staff growth to the extent possible. This conservative approach was made feasible, because projected training requests and demand would take three to five years to mature before reaching the maximum amount of training that the allocated funds allowed. That approach had netted a residual funds total of $351,488 built up over Fiscal Years 2003-2005. This total included a $200,000 reserve to fund emergency repairs and other unexpected expenses related to the high-cost inventory of vehicles and props operated by the Institute.

Last year, we reported that Fiscal Year 2006 training requests and demand for services had matured to the point that all funds provided through the Fire Insurance Premium tax for the Fire & Rescue Training Institute were needed to meet those needs. No residual 2006 funds were left at the end of the year.

During Fiscal Year 2007, the Institute redoubled its efforts to maximize efficiencies in order to continue our ability to honor all training requests. Through this process and a small reduction in demand for services, we were able to carry forward approximately $165,000 from Fiscal Year 2007. This savings will complete the funding needed for the propane training unit. Continued efforts to maximize financial efficiencies and the leveraging of grants, contracts and fees for non-fire department-related training activities will help extend our financial health.

The current “state of our financial health” is best summed up by stating that we are financially healthy and not in immediate need of additional funding.

The KF&RTI's Technical Rescue Support Unit was used during the recovery process in the days following the Greensburg tornado.

Firefighters demonstrate their skills during a Hazardous Materials Technician national certification exam.
Kansas Cities & Organizations Served

Abilene FD
Agency Township FD
Adjutant General’s Dept.
Air & Fire Supply
Alexandria Township FD
Almena Area FD
Altamont/Mount Pleasant FD
Alton RFD
American Medical Exams PA
Americus FD
Anderson Co. RFD #1
Anover FD
Anover Public Schools
Arcadia VFD
Argonia FD
Arkansas City Fire & EMS
Arma FD
Ashland RFD
Certification Participants
Training Participants
Total Participants

City of Waverly
City of Wichita
Clifton Fire Dist. #1
Clay Center FD
Clearwater FD
Clinton Township FD
Cloud Co. Fire Dist. #4
Cloud Co. Sheriff’s Dept.
Coffey Co. Fire Dist. #1
Coffeyville FD
Colby FD
Colony FD
Columbus FD
Comcare, PA
Concordia Fire/EMS Dept.
Conway Springs FD
Corning FD
Council Grove FD
Cowley Co. Fire Dist. #2
Cowley Co. Fire Dist. #3
Cowley Co. Fire Dist. #4
Cowley Co. Fire Dist. #8
Cowley Co. Health Dept.
Crawford Co. Fire Dist. #1
Crawford Co. Fire Dist. #2
Crawford Co. Fire Dist. #4
Crawford Township RFD
Cushing Hospital
Cutter Township FD
Damar FD
Dearing FD
Deerfield FD
Delaware Township FD
Delphos FD
Derby FD
DeSoto FD
Dickinson Co. Fire Dist. #1
Dodge City FD
Dodge City PD
Doniphan Co. Fire Dist. #2
Doniphan Co. Fire Dist. #4
Douglass Fire/Butler EMS
Dover FD
Duke Energy Field Services
Eastborough PD
Easton Township FD
Edwardsville FD
El Dorado FD
Ellinwood FD
Ellis FD
Ellis Co. RF
Ellsworth Co. EMS
Ellsworth Vol FD
Emergency Fire Equipment Co.
Emporia FD
Englewood FD
Enterprise FD
Esbon FD
Eudora FD
Eudora Township FD
Eureka FD
Fairmount Township FD
Fairview Township
Fairview Township FD #6
Fairview-Walnut Vol FD
FBI - Kansas City Div.
Officials from Fireman’s Fund Insurance and IMA Financial Services award a $50,000 grant check to the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute to fund live fire training throughout Kansas.
Kansas Cities & Organizations Served (continued)

Larned State Hosp./Fire Dept.
Latham FD
Lawrence/DG Co. Fire & Medical
Leavenworth Co. FD #1
Leavenworth Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Leavenworth FD
Leavenworth VA Med. Cntr. FD
Leawood FD
Lecompton FD
Lehigh FD
Lenexa FD
Leoti FD
Liberal FD
Liberal PD
Liberty RFD
Liberty Woodbine FD
Lincoln Co. EMS
Lincoln Co. FD #1
Lincoln/Russell Co. Emergency Mgmt.
Lindsborg EMS
Lindsborg FD
Lindsborg PD
Linn Co. RFD #1
Linn RFD #4
Linn Valley FD
Logan Co. FD
Logan FD
Logan Co. Hosp.
Louisville Township FD
Lyon Co. FD #2
Lyon Co. FD #5
Lyon Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Macksville Vol FD
Manhattan FD
Mankato FD
Marion Co. Economic Dev.
Marion Co. EMS
Marion Co. FD #3
Marion Co. FD #5
Marion FD
Marysville FD
Mayetta FD
Mayetta RFD #1
McCracken RFD #7
McLouth FD
McPherson Co. RDF #7
McPherson Co. FD #9
McPherson FD
McPherson PD
Memorial Hospital, Inc.
Merriam FD
Metro Topeka Airport Authority
Mid-Continent Safety
Miller FD
Miltonvale RDF #3
Miltonvale Vol FD
Mission Township FD
Mitchell Co. RDF #1
Mitchell Co. RDF #3
Montgomery Co. RDF #1
Morton Co. FD
Moundridge FD
Moundridge PD
Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center
Mulvane EMS
Mulvane FD
Nat'l Coop. Refinery Assoc
NCRA
Nemaha Co. Emer. Mgmt.
Nemaha Co. FD #2
Nemaha Co. RDF #1
Nemaha Co. RDF #3
Neodesha FD
Neosho Comm. College
Neosho Township FD
NE Jo. Co. Consol. FD #2
Newman Regional Health
Newton FD
Norton RFD #2
Norton Correctional Facility
Norwich FD
Odgen FD
Ohmzit FD
Ohio Township FD
Olath FD
Olath FD
Osage FD
Osage Co. FD #1
Osage Co. FD #4
Osage Co. FD #5
Osage Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Osage Townshp FD
Osawatomi State Hosp.
Osawatomi Vol FD
Osborne FD
Osborne RDF #1
Osborne Co. FD #2
Osborne Co. RDF #3
Oswego FD
Otis EMS
Otis FD
Ottawa FD
Ottawa Co. FD #2
Ottawa Co. FD #4
Overland Park FD
Ozawkie Township FD #7
Palco FD
Palmyra Township FD
Paola FD
Paola FD SWAT
Parsons FD
Peabody EMS
Peabody FD
Pittsburg FD
Plains FD
Plainview FD
Pleasanton FD
Pomona FD
Potawatomi Tribal FD
Pottawatomie Co. FD #7
Pottawatomie Co. FD #8
Potwin FD
Powhattan FD
Pratt FD
Pretty Prairie FD
Quenemo FD
Rainbows United
Ramona FD
Ransom Financial Consultants LLC
Ransom Memorial Hosp.
Raytheon Aircraft Co.
Reading Benefit FD #1
Recurit Academy
Red Cross
Redfield FD
Regional Comm. Policing Institute
Reno Township FD
Reno Co. FD #3
Reno Co. FD #4
Reno Co. FD #6
Reno Co. FD #7
Reno Co. FD #8
Reno/Kingman FD
Reserve City FD
Rexford RDF #4
Rice County Economic Dev.
Richmond FD
Riley Co. Emer. Mgmt.
Riley Co. FD #1
Riley Co. Manhattan Health Dept.
Riley Co. PD
Rock Creek Township FD
Rose Hill-Butler Co. FD #3
Rose Hill PD
Rozel Vol FD
Rural Township FD
Russell Co. EMS
Russel Co. FD #3
Russel Co. FD #4
Russel Co. FD #5
Russell Co. Health Dept.
SAAP
Salina Airport Authority
Salina FD
Saline Co. FD #1
Saline Co. FD #2
Saline Co. FD #3
Saline Co. FD #5
Saline Co. FD #6
Saline Co. FD #7
Saline Co. Sheriff's Office
Sawyer RDF
Scammon FD
Scandia FD
Scott City FD
Scott Township FD
Scranton FD
Sedgwick Co. Emer. Mgmt.
Sedgwick Co. Health Dept.
Sedgwick Co. FD #1
Sedgwick Co. Juvenile Fire Serv.
Sedgwick Co. Sheriff's Office
Selden FD
Seneca FD
Seward Co. EMS
Seward Co. FD
Seward Co. Health Dept.
Shawnee Co. FD #1
Shawnee Co. FD #2
Shawnee Co. FD #3
Shawnee Co. FD #4
Shawnee FD
Shawnee Heights FD
### Kansas Cities & Organizations Served (continued)

| Sheridan Co. EMS                      | USD 266          |
| Sheridan Co. FD #3                    | USD 497          |
| Sheridan Co. RFD #1                   | VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System |
| Sherman Co. RFD                        | Valley Center FD |
| Sheridan Township FD                   | Via-Christi Reg. Med. Center |
| Silver Lake FD                        | Victoria FD       |
| Smith Center FD                       | Viola FD          |
| Soldier Township FD                    | Wabunsee Co. FD #3 |
| Solomon FD                            | Washington Co. FD #7 |
| South Haven Vol FD                     | Washington Co. FD #4 |
| Southwestern College                   | Washington Co. FD #9 |
| St. Mary’s FD                         | Washington FD     |
| St. Mary’s PD                         | Washburn Univ. PD |
| St. Paul Mission Township FD           | Washburn Vol FD   |
| Stanton Co. FD                        | Weir City Vol FD  |
| Sterling FD                           | Weis Fire & Safety |
| Steward Co. Emer. Comm.               | Welda FD          |
| Stockton FD                           | Wellington FD     |
| Stormont–Val Health Care              | Wellsville FD     |
| Stranger Township FD                   | Western Pyramid Public Health |
| Strong City FD                        | Westphalia FD     |
| Summerfield FD                        | Wheaton FD        |
| Sumner Co. FD #9                       | White City FD     |
| Sylvan Grove RFD                       | Whitewater Vol FD |
| Thayer FD                             | Wichita Airport Authority |
| Thomas Co. RFD #4                      | Wichita FD        |
| Tonganoxie FD                         | Wichita PD        |
| Tonganoxie Township FD                 | Wichita-Sedgwick Co. Fire Res. |
| Topeka Airport Authority FD            | Wichita State Univ. PD |
| Topeka Airport Authority PD            | Williamsburg/Homewood Vol FD |
| Topeka FD                              | Wilson Co. Sheriff’s Office |
| Topeka PD                              | Winfield FD        |
| Topeka Public Works                    | Woodston FD        |
| Topeka-Tecumseh FD                     | Belton EMS, MO    |
| Toronto FD                            | Belton FD, MO     |
| Traditions Fire Company & Museum      | Central Cass Co. Fire Protection Dist., MO |
| Trego Co. RFD                          | Central Jackson Co. Fire Protection Dist., MO |
| Union Township FD #9                   | Cirrus Design, MN  |
| Univ. of Kansas Medical Center         | Cocciaardi & Associates, PA |
| USD 244                                | Duke Energy Field Services, OK |
| USD 253                                | Fairbury, NE FD   |
| USD 259                                | Globalsecure, DE   |
| USD 266                                | ICL Performance Products, MO |
| USD 293                                | Independence, MO FD |
| USD 497                                | Lake City Army Ammunition Plant F.D., MO |
| USD 987                                | Lenapah, OK Vol FD |
| USD 989                                | Los Angeles City FD, CA |
| USD 1001                                | Manchester Vol Fire Dept., OH |
| USD 1002                                | M.E.S., NE        |
| USD 1003                                | MO Fire & Rescue Training Inst. |
| USD 1004                                | National Fire Academy, MD |
| USD 1005                                | New York Fire Dept. Squad 252, NY |
| USD 1006                                | Nixa Fire Protection District, MO |
| USD 1007                                | North View Fire Dept., UT |
| USD 1008                                | Odell VFD, NE     |
| USD 1009                                | ProSkills, Inc., MO |
| USD 1010                                | Rescue Training Assoc., FL |
| USD 1011                                | Southern Poverty Law Center, AL |
| USD 1012                                | South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, ENGLAND |
| USD 1013                                | Springfield, MO FD |
| USD 1014                                | Surrey Fire Service-Canada |
| USD 1015                                | Union Pacific Railroad, KC, MO |
| USD 1016                                | AR U.S. Army 61st CST |
| USD 1017                                | AR U.S. Army 103rd CST |
| USD 1018                                | AR U.S. Army 91st CST |
| USD 1019                                | AR U.S. Army 9th CST |
| USD 1020                                | AR U.S. Army 84th CST |
| USD 1021                                | AR U.S. Army 95th CST |
| USD 1022                                | CA U.S. Army 8th CST |
| USD 1023                                | CO U.S. Army 31st CST |
| USD 1024                                | HI U.S. Army 93rd CST |
| USD 1025                                | IA U.S. Army 71st CST |
| USD 1026                                | IA U.S. Air National Guard |
| USD 1027                                | ID U.S. Army 101st CST |
| USD 1028                                | IL U.S. Army 5th CST |
| USD 1029                                | KY U.S. Army 41st CST |
| USD 1030                                | LA Headquarters Co. 256th Brigade Special Troops Battalion |
| USD 1031                                | LA U.S. Army 62nd CST |
| USD 1032                                | McConnell AFB FD  |
| USD 1033                                | ME U.S. Army 1st CST |
| USD 1034                                | MI U.S. Army 51st CST |
| USD 1035                                | MO U.S. Army 73rd CST |
| USD 1036                                | NC U.S. Army 42nd CST |
| USD 1037                                | NV U.S. Army 92nd CST |
| USD 1038                                | NY USAF 320th CST  |
| USD 1039                                | TX U.S. Army 5th CST |
| USD 1040                                | UT U.S. Army 85th CST |
| USD 1041                                | VA U.S. Army 377th CST |
| USD 1042                                | VT U.S. Army 15th CST |
| USD 1043                                | WI U.S. Army 54th CST |
| USD 1044                                | Missouri Air Guard |
| USD 1045                                | 475th ENG, IA     |
| USD 1046                                | 482nd ENG         |
| USD 1047                                | U.S. Air Force - HQ AFSC/SEFE |
| USD 1049                                | U.S. Army Corp of Engineers |
| USD 1051                                | U.S. Army Reserve 340th Fire Det. |

The Technical Rescue Support Unit is the newest addition to the training props and equipment purchased in support of training programs offered through the KF&RTI. This unit was modeled and equipped using the Federal USAR equipment list and will travel Kansas in support of a wide range of technical rescue training.
Services
Training for free or low fees
Training record resources
National certification
Technical resources
National Fire Academy state point of contact
Liaison with other organizations

Types of Training
Firefighting skills
Technical rescue
Fire officer
Fire instructor
Hazardous materials
Tactics and strategies
Incident command
Response to terrorist incidents
Arson identification
Fire apparatus
Fire inspection
Other topics available by request

Methods of Delivery
Direct (by Institute instructors)
In-house (by department instructors)
Regional (fire schools and conferences)

KF&RTI has a new home in the renovated lower level of the KU Continuing Education building. We now have dedicated space for the state fire training system.