

KANSAS FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR



Greetings from the institute! By now, you have noticed the new format of our annual report. We have updated the look of our annual report to include more visuals and details of our activities. This year's report also includes some special recognitions and features of people who make us a better training organization.

2018 was another busy year for your training institute. We were fortunate to be notified that our fifth straight Assistance to Firefighters Grant had been awarded. We also began a major review and revision of the national certification program, an effort to design and construct a new home for the institute, and welcomed three new Fire Service Training Commission members. I encourage you to read the related articles inside this report.

The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute is, and always has been, committed to providing quality training with state-of-the-art curriculum and training props and well qualified instructors for Kansas firefighters. Firefighters give of themselves every day, whether on duty or off, firefighters are always ready to answer the call for help. One of our goals is that you never find yourself lacking information or skills when called on for that help.

We are a service organization. If we can serve you, call or email us to let us know how we can serve.

I hope you enjoy reviewing our 2018 annual report and perhaps learn something new.

Professionally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael J. Cook, *Interim Director*

2018 AT A GLANCE

TOTAL EVENTS COMBINED

585 Events Delivered

7,523 Participants

5,866 Instructional Hours

74,378 Student Contact Hours

92 Kansas Counties Served

420 Kansas Communities/Orgs. Served

36 Other Organizations Served

7 U.S. States Served (excluding Kan.)

TRAINING DELIVERED

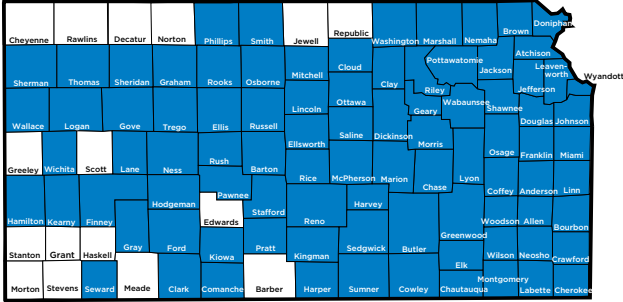
- 409** Classes Delivered
- 5,504** Participants
- 5,246** Instructional Hours
- 60,963** Student Contact Hours
- 89** Kansas Counties Served
- 412** Kansas Communities/Orgs. Served
- 26** Other Organizations Served
- 6** U.S. States Served

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

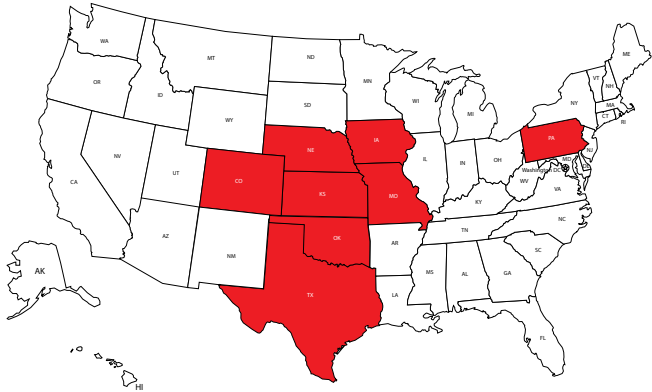
- 180** Certification Exams
- 2,019** Participants
- 620** Instructional Hours
- 982** Certifications Awarded
- 63** Kansas Counties Served
- 13,415** Student Contact Hours
- 161** Kansas Communities/Orgs. Served
- 8** Other Organizations Served
- 5** U.S. States Served

WHO WE SERVED IN 2018

90 COUNTIES



8 STATES



585 EVENTS DELIVERED





FIRE SERVICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Since its inception in 2002 the mission of the Kansas Fire Service Training Commission has been to provide oversight and guidance to Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI), to assure the firefighters of Kansas receive “high quality training, delivered in a consistent manner” (76-327d), as well as oversight and approval of the budget.

Over the years, the commission has faced many challenges in keeping up with ever-changing demands in the delivery of mobile training to the mostly rural fire services within the state. One such ever-present challenge is funding. While the Director of KFRTI has

found some assistance through outside sources of funding, it is unknown what the future will bring. It is our hope that we will be able to continue to provide Kansas firefighters with quality training through the continued support of the University of Kansas and the Kansas Legislature.

Thank for your continued support for your Fire Service Training Commission and the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute!

Larry Pander, *Chair*

Kansas Fire Service Training
Commission

PAST FIRE SERVICE TRAINING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Thirty-seven people have served on the Fire Service Training Commission (including current members) since the commission was created in 2002.

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| Kathy Elkins | Karl McNorton | Mark Sweany |
| Jim Keating | Raymond Aslin | Rodney Redinger |
| John Lloyd | Dan McLaughlin | John Ralston |
| Jim McDiffett | Larry Garcia | Ross Hauck |
| John Mattox | James Long | Brad Smith |
| Mark Saylor | Bob Renton | Brenda McNorton |
| Darrell Eastin | James Lubbers | Timothy Matthias |
| Bruce Brazzle | Mark Bradford | |
| James Mehan | Andy Moffitt | |

CURRENT FIRE SERVICE TRAINING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair: **Larry Pander**, Kansas Community College Degree Programs

Vice Chair: **Rick Mosher**, Fire Educators Association of Kansas

Members: **John Paul Jones**, Kansas State Council of Firefighter

Kevin Flory, Kansas State Firefighters Association

Mark Neely, Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University

Douglas Jorgensen, Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office

James Modig, the University of Kansas

Eric Voss, Kansas Board of EMS

Jack Taylor, Kansas State Association of Professional Fire Chiefs

Darin Myers, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs

Justin Ducey, Kansas Fire Marshal's Association

Mike Roosevelt, International Association of Arson Investigators, KS Chapter

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING COMMISSION CONTINUED

Three new members of the Fire Service Training Commission were appointed in the past year. Mark Neely was appointed to represent the Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University, Darin Myers was appointed to represent the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs, and Justin Ducey was appointed to represent the Kansas Fire Marshal's Association. Welcome aboard!



Commission members Larry Pander, Doug Jorgensen and Brad Smith work with facilitator Dennis Compton during a FSTC/KFRTI Strategic Planning Session.



The commission (and KFRTI) are currently working under their third five-year strategic plan since the commission was created in 2002.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Planning began in 2018 for a much needed operations center for the institute. The initial concept for this facility includes office space for present and future staff, garage space for KFRTI training equipment, vehicles, training props and space to perform user maintenance on props and equipment.

Current office space at KFRTI is at full occupancy. Training equipment is stored year-round in vehicles and trailers that set in unsecured parking lots. Extremes of temperature degrade the lifespan of our equipment and drive maintenance costs up. As the inventory of training equipment and props grow, these problems grow as well. Some of the potential features of this facility are:

- Office and administrative space to accommodate the next 20 years
- Two state of the art classrooms
- A large conference room for fire commission meetings
- Interior storage for weather sensitive training props and equipment
- Storage for tools and equipment
- Fenced and covered storage for semi-tractors and trailers

The institute received initial approval from the University last summer to pursue this initiative. This approval was to explore the concept, design and costs of the facility. Many additional processes and approvals will have to be completed before this project becomes a reality; however, we are hopeful. Most projects of this size require a multi-year process from concept, through design and construction. We have taken the first of many steps.

Support is strong from the Fire Service Training Commission and the University, but the most difficult steps are still ahead. Funding for this project has been estimated from \$2,000,000 for a minimal facility to \$5,000,000 and higher for a more comprehensive design. In the coming months the institute will tackle the alternatives for funding and design of this facility.





KFRTI EXPENSES FY 2018

\$799,854.39 Salaries: full time

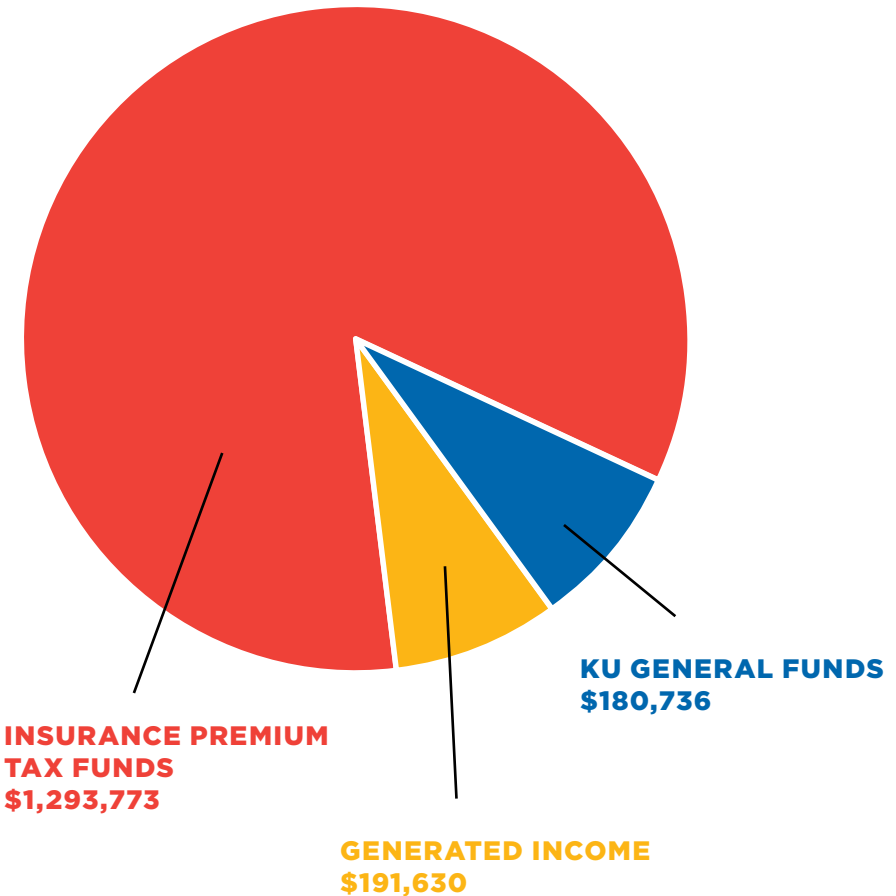
\$31,287.37 Part-time wages

\$160,871.00 Administrative support

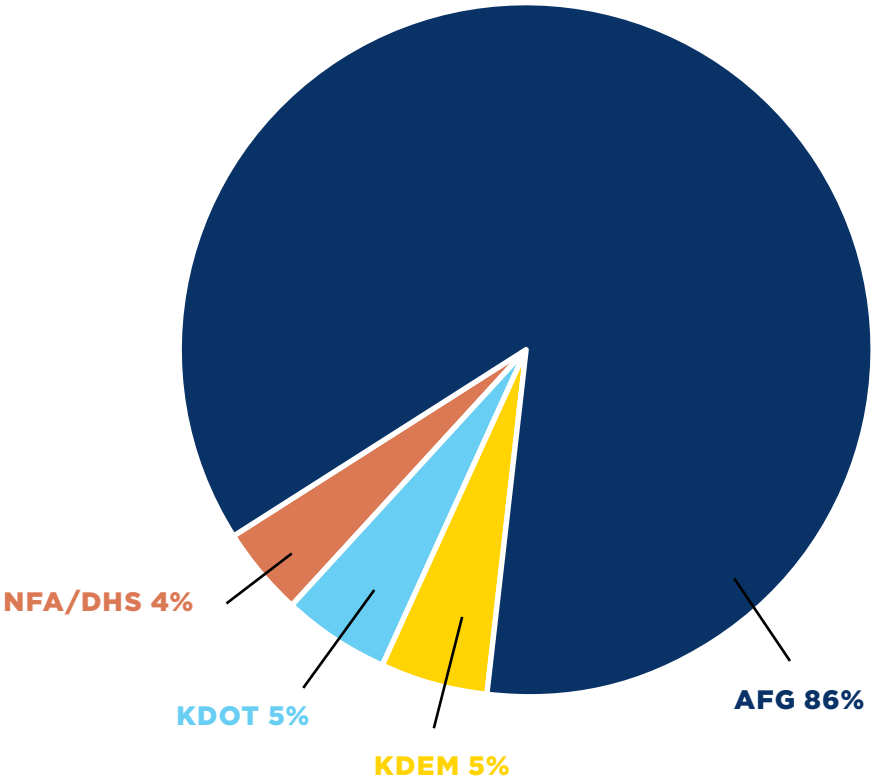
\$26,041.55 Office administrative supplies

KFRTI FUNDING FY 2018

TOTAL FUNDING FY 2018 \$1,666,139



TOTAL GRANT FUNDING FY 2018 \$550,000



- AFG** Construct Confined Space Rescue Training Trailer
- KDEM** Hazmat related training for Kansas 1st Responders
- KDOT** Traffic Incident Management training for Kansas First Responders
- NFA/DHS** Fund National Fire Academy courses for Kansas First Responders

KFRTI RESOURCES DEDICATED TO TRAINING

- 11** Full-time staff
- 12** Regular part-time coordinators (up to 48%)
- 150+** Associate instructors (contractual)

- 3** Semi-tractors
- 8** Semi-trailers (props & training support units)
- 3** Heavy duty pickups
- 5** 10'-16' bumper-hitch trailers
- 4** Passenger cars

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| \$3,200,000 | Semi-trailers/props |
| \$475,000 | Tow vehicles (semi-tractors & pick-ups) |
| \$35,000 | Small trailers (for specific courses) |
| \$705,000 | Training/firefighting equipment in trailers |
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| \$4,415,000 | Total vehicles/trailers/ props/equipment |

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