

Kansas Forest Service Wildland Fire Training Courses

The Kansas Forest Service offers specialized Wildland Fire Training Courses designed to provide foundational knowledge and essential skills for wildland fire personnel. These courses are structured for delivery in a single training session, making them accessible and efficient for both new and experienced firefighters. Each class is developed ensuring participants receive high-quality instruction tailored to Kansas landscapes and operational needs.

Kansas Wildfire Training Course

This statewide course, established in 2020 in conjunction with multiple state partner fire agencies, provides standardized wildland fire training for firefighters across Kansas. The curriculum emphasizes firefighter safety, wildland fire behavior, tactical operations, aviation resources, and other critical components of wildland fire incident management. It is designed to ensure consistency and effectiveness in wildland fire response throughout the state.

Kansas Wildland Fire Strategy and Tactics

This course explores a range of strategies and tactics for wildland fire operations, providing participants with additional skills and approaches to enhance their effectiveness on the fireline. The goal is to equip firefighters with practical tools and decision-making frameworks to improve outcomes during wildland fire incidents in the state of Kansas.

Kansas Wildland Engine Operations and Tactics

This course focuses on effective strategies and tactical considerations for operating wildland fire engines during wildfire incidents. Participants will learn best practices for engine deployment, water application, mobility, and safety to enhance operational effectiveness on the fireline.

Kansas Wildland Aviation Operations

This course provides an introduction to the effective and safe use of aviation resources in wildland fire operations. Topics include basic aviation communications, operational procedures, safety protocols, Aviation risk management, and general knowledge of aircraft capabilities and limitations. Designed to build confidence and competence, this training prepares firefighters to work effectively with aviation assets during wildfire incidents.

Kansas Wildland Incident Command

Are you prepared to manage a large-scale wildfire? This course provides the knowledge and skills necessary to transition from managing small incidents to leading large, complex, multi-agency wildland fire incidents. Participants will learn about incident command structures, coordination, and leadership responsibilities in expanded wildfire operations.

Kansas Wildland Firing Operations

Fighting fire with fire, this course introduces the use of controlled fire as a tactical tool in wildfire suppression. Topics include firing techniques, ignition devices, safety considerations, and the strategic application of firing operations to support fire control objectives.

Kansas Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
Operations

Wildfires that threaten communities require a different approach. This course covers strategies and tactics for protecting structures and critical infrastructure in the wildland urban interface. Participants will learn about structure triage, defensible space, and operational planning in WUI environments.

Kansas Wildland Chainsaw Operations

This course provides foundational training in chainsaw use for wildland fire operations. Topics include chainsaw maintenance, proper cutting techniques, safety practices, and the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure safe and effective operations in the field.

Kansas Prescribed Fire Fundamentals

This course introduces the fundamentals of prescribed fire as a land management tool. Participants will learn about the ecological benefits of prescribed burning, planning considerations, ignition techniques, and safety protocols to conduct effective and responsible burns.

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