



**State Capital Area Firefighters  
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# **Firefighters Teaching Firefighters**

## **42nd Annual SCAFFA Fire School**

**February 25th, 2026 to March 1st, 2026**

**Ramada by Wyndam \* 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Topeka, KS**

**Co-sponsored by: State Capital Area Firefighters Association (SCAFFA), Kansas State Firefighters Association (KSFFA), Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI), Topeka Fire Department, Kansas Forest Service, Shawnee Heights FD, Silver Lake Fire District, Mission Township FD, Soldier Township FD, Shawnee County Fire District #4, Stormont Vail Hospital, SNCO Emergency Management, Children's Mercy Hospital, Rescue Specialists**

**An electronic version of this information can be found at:  
<http://www.scaffa.org>. A link can also be found at  
<http://www.ksffa.com/> which is a source with other valuable  
information for firefighters. Check it out!**

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **SCBA Fit Testing**

Kansas State Firefighters Association will offer SCBA fit testing at the SCAFFA School. They will be offered on Friday, February 27th only at their vendor booth. A current fit test is required for any live fire.

### **\*Vendor Display & Vendors' Night – Friday, February 27th, 2026**

A room will be designated for supporting vendors to display their products and services on Friday. SCAFFA would not be possible without the support of our vendors. Please make sure to take the time to visit our vendors and find out how they can help serve your department also! Friday night SCAFFA will provide free dinner and beverages, including beer for participants of legal drinking age, while supplies last. Door prizes provided by many of the vendors will also be given away. You must be present to win.

### **Mental Maydays - Matt Chastain - Saturday February 28th, 2026 at 18:00**

Fire and EMS personnel and their spouses/partners are invited to attend an interactive session with presenter Matt Chastain. This presentation will explore identifying workplace stressors and provide practical strategies for managing them effectively. A dinner will be provided by SCAFFA during this event.

## **AGENDA**

<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>	<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday/Sunday:</u></b>
07:00 - Registration opens 09:00 - Opening Ceremony 11:00 - Break for lunch (own) 13:00 - Afternoon session	07:00 - Registration opens 08:00 - AM Classes begin 12:00 - Lunch in Vendor area 13:00 - PM Classes begin	07:00 - Registration opens 08:00 - Classes begin 12:00 - Lunch break (own) 13:30 - Classes resume Sunday classes end 17:30

### **Registration & Fees**

- Registration is \$50 per person if registered by February 18th 2026, \$75 afterwards; unlimited classes.
- Instructor 1 has a \$30\* certification fee payable to KFRTI. An online portion of the class is required before the SCAFFA School, and has a \$40\* registration fee, subject to change.
- Advanced registration is recommended. Walk-ins are welcome but spaces in classes are limited.
- Participants *must* be 18 years of age to participate in this school.

### **Transportation**

Participants need to provide their own transportation to courses not held at the Ramada.

### **Lodging**

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada, 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, KS at the rate of \$89 for double bed only rooms. It includes a hot breakfast. To take advantage of the special rate, call 785-234-5400 by February 7, 2026, and mention that you will be attending SCAFFA Fire School. After February 7, 2026, room availability and rates cannot be guaranteed.



## State Capital Area Firefighters Association 2026 Training conference

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A to Z Extrication - OFFSITE HOT - Limit 30 people
Instructor I - KFRTI
Access Solutions - OFFSITE HOT - Craig Stevenson
Reading Smoke - Ron Ewing KSFFA
Building construction - Ron Ewing KSFFA
Engine 2 fire - HOT class- Zack KSFFA - Limit 20 people
Firefighter Essentials skills trailer - HOT - KSFFA
Grant Writing - Jim Bodenheimer
Advanced Grant Writing - Jim Bodenheimer
Flood and moving water awareness - Jimmy Hubbard KSFFA
Grain Rescue - HOT - KFRTI
Traffic Incident Management - KFRTI
Ice Rescue awareness - Jimmy Hubbard KSFFA
Leadership Development Recruitment Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant
Leadership Development Retention Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant
PPE for departments - Leighton Davis
Fire response to CNG vehicles - Waste Management
Search and Rescue K9 Operations for Firefighters - Missouri Search and Rescue K9

Wed February 25th, 2026 0800 to 1700		Thurs February 26th, 2026		Fri February 27th, 2026		Sat February 28th, 2026					Sun March 1st, 2026			
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NO PM  
CLASSES

### OFF SITE CLASS LOCATIONS

Firefighter MayDays - Mayday Mindset - Hosted at TFD Station 3, just north of the Ramada site

Access Solutions - Hosted by Auburn Fire Department, 110 SE 10th Ave, Auburn KS 66402

A to Z Extrication - Hosted by Shawnee County Fire District #4, 315 SW Valencia Rd, Topeka, KS 66615

Search and Rescue K9 Operations for Firefighter - Hosted by Mission Township Fire Department, 3101 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614

## **All-Day classes are from 8 a.m. – 17:00 p.m. w/ 1 hour lunch.**

- **AM classes are from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
- **PM classes are from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
  - **Unless otherwise indicated**

### **Opening Ceremony**

**Michael Razo, SCAFFA President**

**Max Occupancy: 200**

**Class Length: 30 mins.**

**Day: Thursday 09:00**

Celebrating the 42nd anniversary of SCAFFA, an opening ceremony will kick off the 2026 conference.

### **KEYNOTE by Rob Ramirez**

**Max Occupancy: 200**

**Class Length: 1.5 hrs.**

**Day: Thursday 09:30**

Rob Ramirez is a 23-year veteran of the fire service and the proud father of two awesome boys, Gaven and Nash. Rob holds degrees in both Fire Science and Public Administration. Since 2006, Rob has served as a Rescue Team Manager for the Department of Homeland Security F.E.M.A. U.S.A.R. Task Force 2 out of Miami, FL where he has been on dozens of high-profile national and international U.S.A.R. deployments. Throughout his Fire Service career, he has held the ranks of Firefighter, Paramedic, Lieutenant, Dept. Training Officer, and Captain. Rob is currently assigned to the Operations Division of a busy urban Truck company in sunny South Florida.

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### **Mayday Mindset**

**Rob Ramirez - Keynote Instructor\***

**Max Occupancy: 40**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Thursday PM**

Instructed by Rob Ramirez, this one-of-a-kind training program focuses entirely on providing today's firefighters with the necessary tools to teach, learn, develop, and excel at any fire ground skill. In addition to this, Rob will highlight the unquestionable benefits of understanding physiology, human behavior patterns, and the effective introduction of artificial stress during firefighter training.

### **Mayday Mindset - HOT - 2 Sessions**

**Rob Ramirez - Keynote Instructor\***

**Max Occupancy: 25**

**Class Length: 8 hrs.**

**Day: Saturday or Sunday All Day**

Hands on Training Applications of Mayday Mindset Class. Attending the lecture is recommended, but not required to participate in the HoT class.

**Prerequisite:** *All participants need to bring PPE, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.*

## ***Fire Classes Are Listed in Alphabetical Order***

### **A to Z Extrication (HOT) - OFFSITE @ SCFD #4**

**Josh Rogers, TNT Rescue & Dan Romine, KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 30**

**Class Length: 16 hrs.**

**Days: Saturday & Sunday Both Days**

This 2-day course will cover everything from the basics of the latest vehicle technology and how the firefighter needs to size up any extrication to heavy vehicle and machinery rescue. Students will get firsthand experience using a variety of tools and techniques. Various vehicle types and scenarios will be discussed as well. There will be an integration of the EMS crush syndrome class and student participation during some of the scenarios.

**Prerequisite:** *All participants need to bring PPE, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.*

**This class will take place at SCFD#4 Station 81, 315 NE Valencia RD, Topeka, KS 66615.**

**Lunch will be provided on site**

### **Access Solutions (HOT) - OFFSITE @ Auburn Fire Dept.**

**Craig Stevenson; TFD, MTFD, SCFD #4 & SCFD # 2**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 8 hrs.**

**Day: Sunday All Day**

Access Solutions encompasses the entire spectrum of entry skills from zero damage to maximum carnage as well as discussing when to use which. The morning will consist of passive access methods including lock picking, bypassing, and through the lock methods. The afternoon focuses on conventional forcible entry fundamentals while adding complexity and improvisation. Training tools for both sections are provided but attendees are encouraged to bring what they will be using at their home departments to practice in the afternoon.

**Prerequisite:** *All participants need to bring PPE, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.*

**This class will take place at Auburn Fire Dept, 110 SE 10th Ave, Auburn KS 66402**

**\*Participants are to report directly to the site at the course start time\***

**Lunch will be provided on site**

### **Advanced Grant Writing**

**Jim Bodenheimer, Winchester Fire Department**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday PM**

**Please bring a laptop to class!** FEMAGO.gov access and SAM.gov access is recommended but not required. The goal of the workshop is to increase the number of competitive AFG applications/awards by enhancing attendee's application planning & development process. This advanced class will walk through an AFG grant application step-by-step, allowing the attendees to critically review an existing application. The exercise will include narrative development and narrative evaluation skills through the review of actual submitted narratives. Intro to Grant Writing class attendance is encouraged but not a prerequisite.

## **Building Construction**

**Ron Ewing, KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 45**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday PM**

Upon completion of this lesson the student will be able to identify structural characteristics of building construction types and recognize signs and causes of potential building collapse. Includes discussion of lightweight construction and its effect on firefighter safety.

## **Engine 2 Fire - HOT Class**

**Zach Golemboski, KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 20**

**Class Length: 8hrs.**

**Day: Saturday All Day**

The "Engine to Fire: Firefighting" class provides comprehensive training on the fundamental principles and techniques of firefighting using fire engines and related apparatus. Participants will learn how to operate fire engines, deploy hoses, and effectively respond to various fire emergencies. The course covers fire suppression methods, water supply management, rescue operations, safety protocols, and teamwork strategies. Emphasizing hands-on practice, it prepares firefighters to confidently handle initial attack operations, ensure scene safety, and protect lives and property during fire incidents.

## **Fire Response to CNG Vehicles**

**Waste Management**

**Max Occupancy: 20**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday PM**

Waste Management will discuss design of and how to respond to emergencies with their vehicles equipped with compressed natural gas.

## **Firefighter Essentials Skills Trailer - HOT Class**

**KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 20**

**Class Length: 8 hrs.**

**Day: Saturday All Day**

Firefighter Skills Training teaches the skills best described as "destructive" skills included in Fire Fighter I and other basic firefighter training courses.

## **Flood & Moving Water Awareness**

**Jimmy Hubbard, KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday AM**

Fire Departments respond to many different hazards. This course is designed to give you Awareness level knowledge for Floods & Moving Water.

## **Grain Rescue**

**KFRTI**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 8 hrs.**

**Day: Saturday All Day**

This one-day (8 hours) course provides the knowledge and skills required to perform a Grain Engulfment Rescue.

## **Grant Writing**

**Jim Bodenheimer, Winchester Fire Department**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday AM**

**Please bring a laptop to class!** Class participants will learn the various websites they must enroll through in order to be eligible for government grants. We will work together to ensure they have or can gain access to the various sites. Participants should know their department Employee Identification Number (EIN), department legal name, and whether their department has an account with FEMAGO.gov and/or SAM.gov. We will also discuss and develop an application for the Forestry Grant for each department.

## **Ice Rescue Awareness**

**Jimmy Hubbard, KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday PM**

Fire Departments respond to many different hazards. This course is designed to give you Awareness level knowledge for Ice Rescue incidents.

## **Instructor I – Part 2 - ONLINE COURSEWORK REQUIRED - \$70**

**KFRTI**

**Max Occupancy: 45**

**Class Length: 16 hrs.**

**Days: Friday & Saturday**

This seminar is Part 2 of a blended learning format with a focus on adult learning methodologies and instructional skills. Students will participate in group discussions, classroom-based activities, and give verbal presentations on assorted fire service topics. Note: All students must first complete the online portion (Part 1) of the training before attending, **which has a \$40\* registration fee**. Students completing the course and pre-paid for the certification review may take their written exam at the conclusion of the second day. There is a **\$30.00\* certification fee** for this course, payable online at time of registration. Contact Clint Hornberger (clint.hornberger@ku.edu) with any questions. \*Fees subject to change.

## **Leadership Development Recruitment Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant**

**KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 25**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Saturday AM**

Today's fire service is faced with many challenges including responding to emergencies, budgeting, leadership skills and recruitment. Attendees will walk away from this class with a better understanding of the challenges that face managing & leading a department.

## **Leadership Development Retention Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant**

**KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 25**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Saturday PM**

Learn from experienced instructors, share your challenges, and discover new retention strategies. Attendees will walk away from this class with a better understanding of the challenges that face managing & leading a Department.

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## **Mayday Mindset - HOT - 2 Sessions**

**Rob Ramirez - Keynote Instructor\***

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**Class Length: 8 hrs.**

**Day: Saturday or Sunday All Day**

Hands on Training Applications of Mayday Mindset Class.

## **PPE for Departments**

**Leighton Davis, 1st Due Emergency Response Solutions**

**Max Occupancy: 24**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday AM**

A class every firefighter and Chief needs. This class will cover the following topics:

Today's 'Bunker Gear/Turnout Gear' and firefighter PPE is much more than meets the eye. This class will educate the students about what our personal protective equipment will and won't do and why.

How fire gear technology has improved throughout the industry with regards to yesterday, today and tomorrow's firefighting PPE.

Why to consider Wildland and Rescue PPE; when it's best to use it.

What the NFPA standards actually say and why they're important to all of us.

How to properly select, specify, clean and care for, and meet/maintain NFPA compliance with your PPE.

Cancer prevention/Toxin reduction and the PFOA/PFAS exposure issue in PPE.

## **Reading Smoke**

**Ron Ewing, KSFFA**

**Max Occupancy: 30**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday AM**

Today's structure fires are more dangerous than ever before. Lightweight construction, low-mass synthetics, and open space floor plans have created a perfect storm for rapid, prolific fire growth and extreme behavior. It is imperative for firefighters of all ranks and experience levels to be prepared for this new battle. The Art of Reading Smoke, developed by Dave Dodson and continued by Rob Backer, provides the knowledge necessary for first-arriving firefighters, officers, and chief officers to determine the fire's location and progression "from the seat" before seeing any flame. This knowledge ensures that the correct tactics are implemented for the best possible outcome. Through the extensive use of actual fire ground videos, first-time students will develop, and return students will refine their knowledge and skills to become INTELLECTUALLY aggressive firefighters, rather than ARBITRARILY aggressive. The next generation of The Art of Reading Smoke brings new research, a new library of videos, and discussion on cancer prevention, tactics and strategies to blend today's fire service extinguishment and safety cultures into one cohesive unit.

## **Search and Rescue K9 Operations for Firefighters**

**Missouri Search and Rescue K9**

**Max Occupancy: 32**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Sunday AM**

This class provides firefighters with an overview of Search and Rescue (SAR) K9 operations and how K9 teams integrate into emergency response incidents. Participants will learn the capabilities and limitations of SAR K9s, the types of incidents they can be utilized for, and how firefighters can effectively work alongside K9 handlers during search operations. Topics include K9 search disciplines (wilderness, human remains detection, disaster, and trailing), deployment considerations, scene management, safety around working dogs, and best practices for supporting K9 teams in the field.

Emphasis is placed on communication, coordination, and operational efficiency to maximize search effectiveness and ensure the safety of both responders and K9s. This presentation is designed to enhance firefighter awareness of SAR K9 resources and improve interagency cooperation during missing person incidents, disasters, and large-scale emergencies.

**This class will take place at Mission Township Fire Department, 3101 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614**

**\*Participants are to report directly to the site at the course start time\***

## **Traffic Incident Management (TIM)**

**KFRTI**

**Max Occupancy: 32**

**Class Length: 4 hrs.**

**Day: Friday AM**

The National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training Program was created as part of SHRP 2, and has four areas of focus-safety, renewal, reliability, and capacity. The TIM training program was designed to establish the foundation for and to promote consistent training of all responders to achieve the objectives of the TIM National Unified Goal (NUG) of: Responder Safety; Safe, Quick Clearance; and Prompt, Reliable, Interoperable Communications.

# **EMS CLASSES**

*In Order by Date & Time*

## **12 Lead for the Pre-Hospital Provider**

Mike Wallace

CEUs: 7 hours

Class Length: 8 hrs.

Day: Wednesday All Day

Open to all EMS provider levels.

## **Advanced 12 Lead for the Pre-Hospital Provider**

Mike Wallace

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Thursday 1300

Attendance of the Wednesday 12-lead class is highly encouraged for this class.

## **General Forensics**

Sarah Evans-Simpson

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday 0800

## **Airway Management for the Pre-Hospital Provider**

Lucas Linden

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday 0800

## **Crime Victim Compensation**

Kristen Czugala

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday 1000

## **Cardiology**

Sean Rewerts

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday 1000

## **Traffic Incident Management (TIM)**

KFRTI

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday 1300

## **Strokes**

Jessica Pfrang and Dr. Shamick Shah, Stormont Vail

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday 1300

## **Injury Prevention & Importance of Early Intervention**

Annie Buckland

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday 1500

## **Safe Kids Introduction** \*Directly Following Injury Prevention Class

Annie Buckland

CEUs: .5 hours

Class Length: 30 mins.

Day: Friday 1630

## **Stop The Bleed**

James LeBaron

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: < 2 hrs.

Day: Saturday 0800

## **Crush Syndrome**

Briana Drinkwater

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Saturday 0800

## **Tactical EMS**

Alicia Hysten

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Saturday 1000

## **Extrication EMS - HOT Class - Offsite**

Briana Drinkwater, Alicia Hysten, James LaBaron

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday 1300

## **Back To Basics**

Amy Eck

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Saturday 1300

## **Hazmat for the EMS Provider**

Mickey Huber

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Saturday 1500

## **Mental Maydays - Special - Dinner Provided**

Matt Chastain

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: 3 hours

Day: Saturday 1800-2100

Significant others are free to attend this presentation with you. Please let us know if you plan to bring someone with you so we can make sure to have enough food.

## **OB Sepsis Emergencies (Title subject to change, Ped hours still)**

Children's Mercy

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Sunday 0800

## **Pediatric Emergency Jeopardy**

Children's Mercy

CEUs: 1 hours

Class Length: 60 mins.

Day: Sunday 1000