



The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute wanted to update you on three important matters concerning the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute.

First, [Mike Cook](#) has accepted and been approved by the Fire Training Commission to serve as the Interim director of the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI).

Mike has a wealth of experience in and knowledge of KFRTI. He has held various training and management positions with the institute since 1996. Most recently he served as the Training and Transportation Manager. Prior to his work with KFRTI Mike was a part of the Fort Riley Fire Department where he served as the Fire Chief from 2003 – 2010. Mike succeeds Glenn Pribbenow who retired from the University of Kansas and KFRTI in December.

Next, we are actively searching for a permanent director. You can find the position announcement here: <https://employment.ku.edu/director-kansas-fire-rescue-training-institute/16400br> Please help us spread the word.

Finally, The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute is pleased to announce [Jennifer Johnson](#) as the Institute's new Fire Certification Program Manager. This important role at KFRTI oversees certification testing, evaluation, and operations, as well as the Institute's accreditation with ProBoard and IFSAC.

Jennifer started her firefighting career at the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department more than 20 years ago and held positions as Captain, Battallion Chief, Fire Investigator, Chief of Policy Development, and CFAI Accreditation Manager before retiring in 2019. In addition to her fire department experience, she has developed and taught a variety of fire science courses as an adjunct at KCKCC and Columbia Southern University. Jennifer holds a master's degree in Public Affairs/Disaster & Emergency Management from Park University as well as a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas.

Thanks for your continued support. Please feel free to reach out to Mike (mjcook@ku.edu) if you have any questions.