

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact
on Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute
(KFRTI)- Update (3/25/20)**

Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute has been carefully monitoring coronavirus developments both locally and nationally over the past few weeks. During that time, we have taken precautions to ensure the health and wellness of our employees and the firefighters we serve.

It is in those interests that we announce KFRTI will be extending the suspension of classes for training and certification through May 3rd, 2020. This decision was not made lightly and was done in consultation with KFRTI and KU leadership, as well as firefighters in Kansas communities.

We had to balance the critical function of firefighter training, and certification, against the risk of becoming a catalyst for the spread of the virus. Our concern not only lies with transmitting the disease to our communities, but also to the firefighters who serve them. Suspending classes is the best measure we can take.

We are following federal recommendations regarding preventive measures during this outbreak. As a result, we will also be suspending Traffic Incident Management and National Fire Academy classes until the risk has been lowered to a safe level statewide. We are currently working on a plan to put more classes on-line.

As the St. Andrews office is now closed, we are all working remotely from home and will continue to conduct business to the best of our abilities. All KFRTI staff are available by email and phone to address any questions or concerns you may have.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated.

Thank you,



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