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ANNUAL REPORT



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FROM THE ASSOCIATE VICE PROVOST



ASSOCIATE VICE PROVOST
DEBBIE ROBISON

It is with pleasure that I introduce the MU FRTI annual report. I am continually amazed at the dedication and passion of the MU FRTI faculty and staff to provide the best possible training to the firefighters and emergency responders of Missouri. As a unit within University of Missouri Extension, the Institute exemplifies the mission of a land-grant institution by providing access to the citizens of Missouri to cutting edge information and training. These programs improve the quality and safety of our emergency service responders' lives as well as those of the communities they serve. Finally, I want to thank you for your support of MU FRTI!

Debbie Robison
Associate Vice Provost for Extension



On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI), I am pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 (FY09) Annual Report. Though this report provides a brief overview of the Institute's accomplishments for FY09, it is the day-to-day training activities along with our state and local partnerships that make MU FRTI one of the premier fire and emergency response training programs in Missouri.



DIRECTOR DAVID HEDRICK

MU FRTI's training reached almost 20,000 emergency service personnel in FY09, and through this training Missouri's emergency responders have made a significant impact on the protection of lives and property from fire and other disasters.

MU FRTI is proud to be a provider of quality training and education to our state's fire and emergency service responders, and we salute the dedicated, selfless work of the courageous men and women who respond everyday to make Missouri a safer place for all.

We appreciate the continued support of the many state organizations and agencies that have graciously worked with us to improve Missouri's fire and emergency services through training. Our thanks to the fire departments and emergency service entities of the state for your continued support of MU FRTI classes and programs, and finally I would be remiss if I did not praise the dedicated staff of MU FRTI for the long hours devoted to improving our courses and service.

The MU FRTI staff and I look forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service training programs to Missouri's emergency responders.

David E. Hedrick
Director
MU FRTI



HISTORY

The University of Missouri fire training programs began as annual fire schools conducted on the Columbia campus, and occasional short courses held on campus and at various locations throughout the state. “To teach modern methods of fire fighting” was the purpose of the first Missouri State Fire College held on the campus in 1933. That event marked the beginning of the University’s 77-year record of service to the state’s fire and emergency services. In 1946 a Firemanship Training program with full-time faculty under the aegis of University Extension was established. The program has continued to grow successfully throughout the years. With this growth in 1976 the fire training program gained full Institute status with the University and was renamed the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute.

Today, the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI), through an extensive system of outreach activities, assists fire departments, agencies, and organizations in meeting complex public protection challenges and training issues. This outreach initiative takes the training programs directly into local communities throughout the state and provides training and educational programs, which are otherwise unavailable.

MU FRTI’s programming continues to be focused on providing effective, standards-based, quality training and education for our state and nation’s emergency responders. Examples of the comprehensive areas of emergency response training include: structural, wildland, and aircraft firefighting; emergency medical care; technical rescue; environmental emergency mitigation; fire service instructor and company officer development; counter-terrorism; emergency management; and emergency planning and exercise evaluation.

The Institute’s mission is enabled through a dedicated staff of 12 full-time personnel, 15 part-time personnel, and a cadre of over 200 adjunct instructors. MU FRTI is proud to serve in meeting the training needs of the state and the nation’s fire and emergency responders.



DIRECTIVE AND GOAL

The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is charged with the responsibility of providing comprehensive continuing professional education training to Missouri's fire service and emergency response personnel. The end goal of the training and education provided by the Institute is to develop and enable competent, safer firefighters and safer communities for the citizens of Missouri and beyond.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute is to plan, develop, deliver, and administer state-of-the-art continuing professional education courses which meet the comprehensive training needs of fire and rescue personnel and other emergency managers and responders utilizing the most efficient and effective means possible, thereby enabling them to better protect lives and property within their communities.

IMPACT STATEMENT

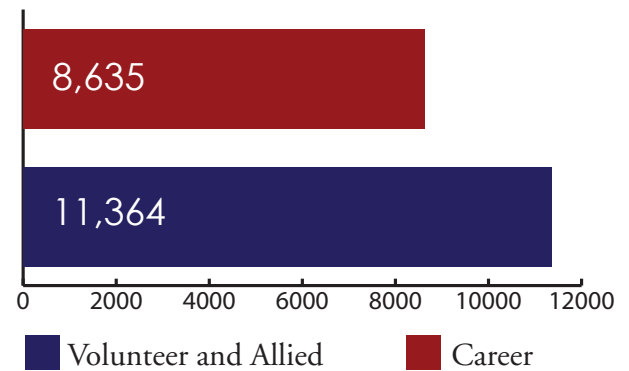
The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) in FY 2009 provided over 257,000 instructional hours of training to fire and emergency service personnel. The success of mitigating emergency incidents is directly related to the performance of the emergency responders at the scene. How well the responder performs on a fire or emergency scene is a direct reflection on the training they have received. MU FRTI's training reached almost 20,000 emergency service personnel in FY09, and through this training Missouri's emergency responders have made a significant impact on the protection of lives and property from fire and other disasters. MU FRTI provides: "*Training for Life!*"

PROGRAMMING ACCREDITATION/ACCEPTANCE

- American Council on Education (ACE)
- U.S. National Fire Academy
- Division of Fire Safety (DFS)
- State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)
- Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC)
- Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
- Police Officer Standards and Training (POST)
- Office of Domestic Preparedness / Department of Homeland Security
- Columbia College

STUDENT COMPOSITION

MU FRTI programming is open to all qualified fire, emergency first responders, and emergency managers on an equal opportunity basis. MU FRTI's student composition is similar to the overall composition of the fire and emergency service responders in the state. Approximately 87% are male and 13% female. Minority students equate to 15% of enrollments. The breakdown between vocation and avocation is 57% volunteer and 43% career/combination. In FY09, MU FRTI had student attendance from 113 of Missouri's 114 counties.



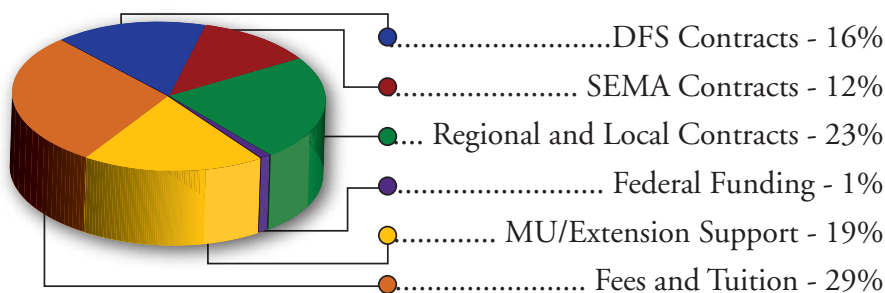
PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

The Institute's programming continues to be delivered throughout the state at the local level with much of it supported by grants and contracts to make the training as accessible as possible. Programming is open to all qualified fire, emergency first responders, and emergency managers on an equal opportunity basis. To meet the schedules and requirements of emergency responders across the state, MU FRTI conducts courses upon request and in conjunction with local area fire departments or agencies. MU FRTI is known for "bringing training to the student." This includes, where necessary, the transport of specialized fire training props and equipment to training locations throughout Missouri, as well as other states. MU FRTI has a fleet of over 20 trailers that range from small cargo trailers to semi-tractor trailers. In FY09 MU FRTI adjunct instructors and vehicle fleet traveled over 293,000 miles to deliver training.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

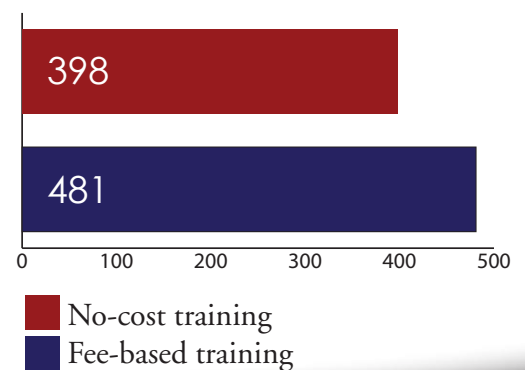
The fiscal status of the MU FRTI remained sound during FY09 with the Institute finishing the year with an overall positive balance. Funding for the Institute has remained relatively level during the last few years, while costs of providing additional training have increased. The realities of the nation's current economic cycle during the fiscal year required the University and MU FRTI to implement steps to control costs while maintaining current levels of service. Despite university and business cost increases, the average cost per instructional hour has experienced only modest increases. MU FRTI self generates 81% of its operational costs through fees, contracts, and grants. As always, the Institute continues to be cost-conscious in providing statewide accessible fire and emergency response training designed to meet the needs of Missouri's emergency service responders.

REVENUE SOURCES



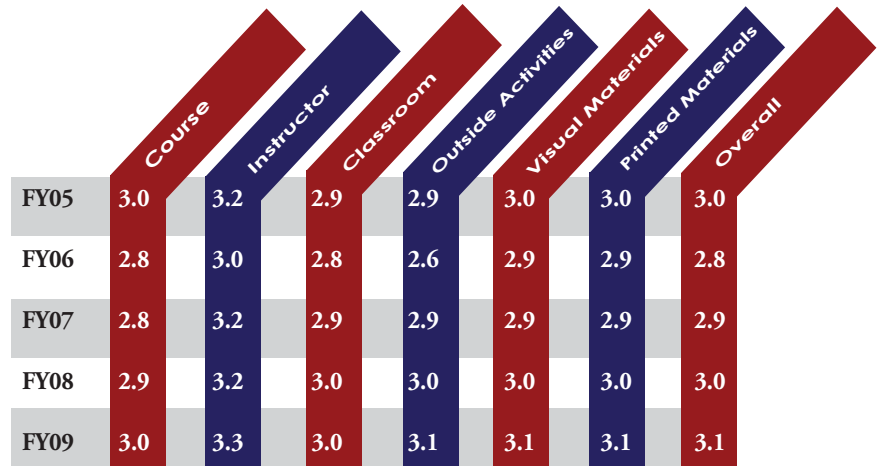
Total Institute Budget: \$1,929,785

FUNDING COMPARISON



CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

The continued success of the Institute is due to excellent support from the University of Missouri Extension, the cooperation of Missouri's fire and emergency service agencies and organizations, and of course the enthusiastic participation of fire and emergency service personnel who receive training through our various programs and field extension training. To judge the effectiveness of each course that MU FRTI presents, a course evaluation is completed by each student in the course. The evaluation form provides the opportunity for the student to give feedback through answering questions regarding six areas that include: course, visual materials, activities, printed materials, instructor(s), and classroom. A numerical rating scale is used to tabulate responses. On a scale of 0 – 4 corresponding to a letter grade of “F” to “A”. MU FRTI's overall customer satisfaction rating increased from a 3.0 to a 3.1 in FY09 equating to a “B” average.



MISSOURI'S FIREFIGHTERS

Missouri has 889 fire departments in the state that are served by an estimated 25,000 firefighters. Approximately 80% of the state's fire service is volunteer. Each and every day Missouri firefighters and emergency personnel have the potential to respond to fires, emergency medical events, and disasters in order to protect their citizens and communities. When these incidents occur, the state's emergency responders work to valiantly aide in the mitigation of these incidents and assist in the restoration of their communities. The occupation or avocation of firefighting by its nature has inherent risks. During FY09 four Missouri firefighters were lost in the Line of Duty while protecting their fellow citizens. MU FRTI faculty and staff extend our deepest sympathy to the fire departments and families of these honored heroes, and we continue our dedicated commitment to reducing Line of Duty Deaths by developing better prepared and trained firefighters.



SPECIAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Kevin Zumwalt, Assistant Director



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
KEVIN ZUMWALT

In addition to the other training provided by MU FRTI, the Institute provides other specialized training opportunities and programs to meet the ever increasing training needs of the state's fire and emergency service responders.

MU FRTI INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE

The MU FRTI Instructor Conference is designed for those individuals preparing and presenting training programs for fire, rescue and EMS personnel, and public fire education. Instructors and other supervisory personnel find this conference valuable in planning for the training needs of their organizations. The Instructor Conference for FY09 was held at the Resort at Port Arrowhead at the Lake of the Ozarks in October and was approved for 12 hours continuing education credits by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. In addition to program updates, the conference included sessions on: *Leadership in the Classroom; The Role of the Instructor in safe Training; and, Tools for the Instructor's Toolbelt.*

Courses.....7
Enrollment.....395
Instructional Hours.....1,580

MERIS

The Missouri Emergency Resource Information System (MERIS) is the primary disaster management and coordination system used within the state. It provides a web-based single-point login access to an integrated suite of software tools designed to assist local, state and federal agencies, as well as participating non-governmental organizations, to plan, manage, maintain and execute emergency response and recovery operations (as well as complex non-emergency events). The Missouri Department of Public Safety through the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) contracted with MU FRTI to develop curriculum, as well as teach courses throughout the state to support the use of this exciting program.

Courses.....41
Enrollment.....581
Instructional Hours.....4,672

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING REGISTERED PROGRAMS

The University of Missouri Health Care – Emergency Medical Services Education (UMHC EMS) conducts pre-hospital EMS professional education for Basic and Advanced Life Support. This education not only includes the initial training for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic, but also the continuing education for recertification. UMHC EMS Education is conducted in cooperation with MU FRTI through the registered program system making EMS training readily available to the Institute's students.

Courses.....2
Enrollment.....38
Instructional Hours.....23,856

FIELD EXTENSION PROGRAM

Gail Hagans-Reynolds, Coordinator



COORDINATOR
GAIL HAGANS-REYNOLDS

The Field Extension Program of the Fire and Rescue Training Institute is responsible for coordinating the operational activities of fire and emergency response training courses, delivered through a field extension format across the state. This program oversees and allocates state funding sources for direct field training deliveries and the scheduling of regional conferences. The majority of the funding to provide courses through the Field Extension Program comes from the Missouri Department of Public Safety – Division of Fire Safety (DFS). MU FRTI appreciates the successful partnership with the DFS, Fire Safety Advisory Board, and Fire Education Commission in providing funding subsidy for the delivery of no cost statewide training for Missouri's fire and emergency service responders.

MU FRTI conducted four Regional Fire Schools in FY09. Regional Fire Schools bring multi-course programming in a weekend format to geographic areas of the state with course work designed to meet regional training needs or concerns. In FY09 Regional Fire Schools were conducted for: Pulaski County Regional; Greene County Regional; Cape County Regional; and Region H Regional. A total of 343 students participated in Regional Fire Schools.

- Division of Fire Safety training funding that was contracted with MU FRTI provided for the total delivery of 257 subsidized classes for a total enrollment of 5,159 students, which equated to 85,064 student instructional hours.
- As part of the field extension outreach to provide accessible training courses, MU FRTI traveled over 293,000 miles delivering training in FY09.

AGENCIES PROVIDING CONTRACTS AND GRANTS TO SUBSIDIZE THE COST OF TRAINING IN FY09

- Missouri Division of Fire Safety
- Missouri Fire Education Commission
- Missouri Fire Safety Advisory Board
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
- Missouri Emergency Response Commission
- Missouri Propane Education and Research Council
- Missouri Highway Safety Commission
- U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy

Courses..... 312
Enrollment..... 6,373
Instructional Hours..... 102,004

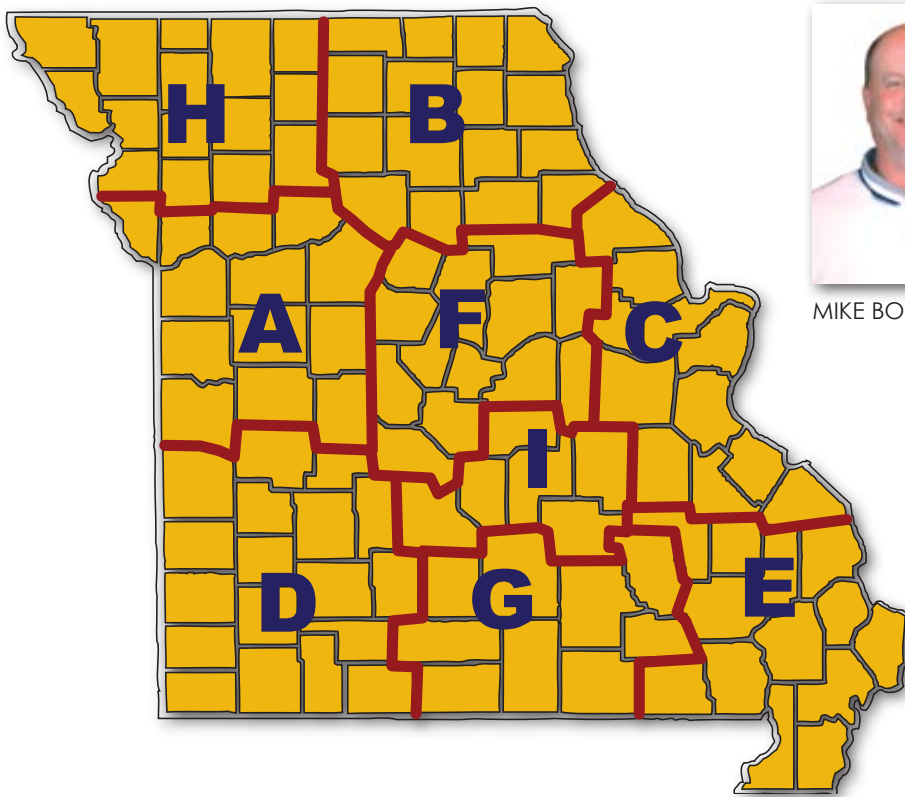
"We had an outstanding attendance of over 40 firefighters representing 9 different rural fire departments and students from Hillyard Technical School Fire ... The hands on evolutions are invaluable to our firefighters. This training provided the skills and the knowledge to provide the service that our citizens expect and deserve when they call in their time of need."

Lt. Phillip L. Rickabaugh
Maryville D.P.S. Fire Division
Maryville, Missouri



REGIONAL TRAINING COORDINATOR SYSTEM

To assist in the management and coordination of field extension training across the state of Missouri, MU FRTI has a well established Regional Training Coordinator System. The state is divided into regions geographically corresponding to Missouri State Highway Patrol regions with an identified Regional Coordinator. These Field Coordinators provide a ready resource to enable fire departments at the local level to access and schedule needed training. Instruction is provided through MU FRTI's adjunct instructional cadre based throughout each region. Regional Training Coordinators can be contacted directly or through requests made to MU FRTI's main office.



REGION A



MIKE BOOTH



KELLY SCOTT



RICK ANDERSON

REGION C



MIKE CHERRY



JEFF BROOMBAUGH

REGION D



GEORGE SMITH



LEE IRELAND

REGION E



MARTY SCHUESSLER

REGION F & H



GAIL HAGANS-REYNOLDS

REGION G



JERRY MILLER

REGION I



ROBERT WOODY

PROGRAM AREAS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Eric Evans, Specialist



SPECIALIST ERIC EVANS

Contained within the MU FRTI is the Emergency Management program, a cooperative effort of both MU FRTI and Community Development within University of Missouri Extension. CEMP plays a lead role in emergency preparedness and management, providing education and technical assistance to individuals and families, local governments, businesses, schools and organizations in preparing and responding to natural and man-made disasters. Regardless of the size or impact, all disasters are local events, and thus it falls on the local community and non-governmental organizations to manage events when they occur. MU Extension is a key resource for the public, emergency services and public officials because of the unique role it maintains within each community. Extension faculty and staff are heavily involved in disaster recovery efforts, especially related to severe winter, spring and summer storms.

CEMP EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES

- Delivery of Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) for communities to prepare individuals to take care of themselves and their neighbors.
- Provide training on topics designed to help individuals prepare for emergencies; hazardous weather preparation; emergency drills in public buildings; spring storms and flooding; preparing emergency supplies and family first aid kits; safe room construction; and use of the Ready in 3 materials (Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services).
- Develop plans for dealing with future agriculture animal emergencies; animal health emergencies, stop movement orders and agricultural emergency contact lists.

Courses..... 43
Enrollment..... 1,551
Instructional Hours..... 12,694

EXERCISE AND EVALUATION

Conne Burnham, Specialist



SPECIALIST
CONNIE BURNHAM

Emergency planning exercises are a critical part of a better prepared America. The MU Exercise and Evaluation Program (MU EEP) strives to help communities, businesses, and volunteer organizations assess their capabilities in disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities in a risk-free environment. The MU EEP is one of only three programs to be accepted by the Mid-America Regional Council as an approved provider of exercise and evaluation programs.

EXERCISES AND PROJECTS

- EDEN Mid-West Agrosecurity Conference
- City of Bolivar Operations Based Exercise
- Controller support for annual Missouri Communications Exercise
- Rewrote ARC Shelter Operations Course for U.S. DHS approval
- Bi-State SNS/CRI Tabletop Exercise

Exercises..... 3
Participants..... 176
Instructional Hours..... 1,072

AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING

Mark Lee, Specialist



SPECIALIST MARK LEE

The Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Program provides specialized fire training to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificated airports in the FAA central region and across the nation. MU FRTI's ARFF Program utilizes a Mobile Aircraft Fire Training (MAFT) simulator to provide realistic, effective fire and rescue training on-site at airport locations. This provides ARFF personnel and other local mutual aid responders the opportunity to practice handling aircraft incidents in their local jurisdiction utilizing their own equipment and resources. The institute's ARFF Program is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for meeting training and recertification requirements for ARFF personnel.

PROGRAM SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

- Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission
- Missouri Department of Transportation - Aviation

Courses	57
Enrollment	1,030
Instructional Hours	8,160

INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS SAFETY

Mark Lee, Specialist

MU FRTI provides training to meet the needs of private sector entities in the areas of industrial firefighting and emergency response. The Industrial program is designed to meet the specialized training needs of emergency responders in the industrial setting and includes incipient to advanced firefighting, confined space and high angle rescue, hazardous materials response and mitigation, and incident command training. Courses are conducted "on-site" at industrial facilities and/or host fire training facilities dependent on the course activities and skills.

CUSTOMERS IN FY09

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| • Holcim | • Noranda Aluminum, Inc. |
| • Intermet | • POET Biorefining |
| • MEMC Electronics Materials, Inc. | • TEVA Pharmaceuticals |
| • Merial | |

Courses	31
Enrollment	312
Instructional Hours	2,710

"I just wanted to thank your staff on the quality training they provided for Noranda Aluminum over the years. The training, besides providing required training for our plant, has also helped many surrounding communities compliment their fire and rescue teams of much needed training.

Since we are located in a rural area and our plant runs twenty four hours a day, we would have a very difficult time trying to provide the same quality training as we are provided by your group now. Thank you for the quality of training you continue to provide to a large employer in Southeast Missouri."

Troy Long, Safety Superintendent
 Noranda Aluminum, Inc. – Primary Products
 New Madrid, Missouri

PROGRAM AREAS

LPG PROGRAM

Larry Wilson, Specialist Emeritus



SPECIALIST EMERITUS
LARRY WILSON

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Program is a subunit of the Hazardous Material Program within MU FRTI. It is designed to provide tactical knowledge and operational skills to local fire departments to safely and effectively respond to and mitigate emergencies involving LPG releases or fires. In addition to classroom training the program utilizes various mobile fire training simulator props to provide real world skills training to participating students. The program has both a mobile propane tank and a propane transport truck prop to provide a diverse array of training opportunities on-site at local fire departments. This enables fire departments to train on potential emergency incidents in their local jurisdiction utilizing their own equipment and resources.

PROGRAM SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

- Missouri Propane Education and Research Council

Courses..... 21
Enrollment..... 564
Instructional Hours..... 6,264

"This information was very beneficial to the students in the class and they have more appreciation for the handling LP emergencies. The practical portion was far better than any student could imagine. It did help build the students' confidence and created excellent team work within the squads."

Doug Hobbs, Assistant Chief of Fire Training
MCC Blue River Fire Academy
Independence, Missouri

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND COUNTER TERRORISM

Bruce Bjorge, Training Associate



TRAINING ASSOCIATE
BRUCE BJORGE

The Hazardous Materials and Counter Terrorism Program is responsible for the training of first responders who may be asked to respond to events caused by accident or by terrorist acts that involve hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction. The program provides Haz Mat courses designed for personnel at the awareness, operations, and technician level. Response training courses can include Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) events.

FUNDING SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

- Missouri Division of Fire Safety
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
- Missouri Emergency Response Commission

Courses..... 57
Enrollment..... 1,038
Instructional Hours..... 15,332

TECHNICAL RESCUE PROGRAMS

Mark Briscoe, Training Associate



TRAINING ASSOCIATE
MARK BRISCOE

The Technical Rescue Program is designed to meet the training needs of fire and emergency responders in order to conduct safe and effective rescue operations. The specialized rescue disciplines that are covered in this program area include: Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, and Rescue Boat Operations. This training prepares students on how to rescue citizens from natural or man-made disasters such as earthquakes, tornados or a terrorist activity.

FUNDING SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

- Missouri Division of Fire Safety
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency

Courses	120
Enrollment	2,548
Instructional Hours	48,484

"The MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute lives up to its name. They provide every type of training, from basic to advanced, while keeping the dollar signs in mind. MU FRTI classes are not only a tradition for some departments, but a must for those who want the most up to date knowledge needed in the changing world of emergency services."

Clint Hays, Assistant Chief Training Division
Linn Fire Protection District
Linn, Missouri

"I just wanted to let you know, I was very impressed with the ARFF class. ... being an old timer, it's hard to find classes to keep your interest and be excited, but I found that new firefighter feeling all over again."

Jeff Duckworth, Assistant Chief
Western Taney County FPD
Branson, Missouri



WINTER AND SUMMER FIRE SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Tracy Gray, Training Associate



TRAINING ASSOCIATE
TRACY GRAY

Following a long history and tradition of excellence in fire service training which began with the first Mid-Missouri State Fire College in 1933, MU FRTI continues to provide state fire schools to meet the training needs of Missouri's fire and emergency responders. There are two annual conferences offered each year that attract emergency responders from across Missouri, as well as the mid west United States. MU FRTI Winter Fire School (WFS) is held in Columbia each February. The event offers over 100 classes to choose from in a weekend format of 4 or 12 hour classes. Topics are geared for all levels of response from fire, EMS, emergency management and more. In addition, the Midwest's largest Equipment Exposition provides an excellent opportunity for learning and networking. MU FRTI Summer Fire School (SFS) and Midwest Wildfire Training Academy (MWTA) is held in Jefferson City. This annual event has grown from a weekend program to a 6 day event each June. The MWTA held in conjunction with SFS focuses on the practical skills training necessary for today's wildland firefighters and is made possible through a grant with the USDA Forest Service.

WINTER FIRE SCHOOLS

MU FRTI hosted the 28th Annual WFS during FY09. The conference continues to draw national level speakers and exhibitors. In FY09 WFS was well attended with 1,186 firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other emergency responders from across Missouri and six other states in attendance.

SUMMER FIRE SCHOOLS

MU FRTI hosted the 77th Annual SFS during FY09. SFS provides a great opportunity for hands-on training courses from live fire to technical rescue. SFS had student enrollments of 745 students.

WEBCAST FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

MU FRTI continues to conduct selected courses via a webcast that included an on-sight student audience, along with distance learners across the Midwest during Winter Fire School. The courses were made available to registered sites through web access, and provided a great learning opportunity for those that were unable to attend the WFS in Columbia, Missouri. This webcast learning opportunity provided training for 563 students which was a 23% increase in webcast students over the previous year.



Courses..... 148
Enrollment..... 4,183
Instructional Hours..... 29,919

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Office Staff and Instructional Support Associates



ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSOCIATE II
TIFFANY HUGHES



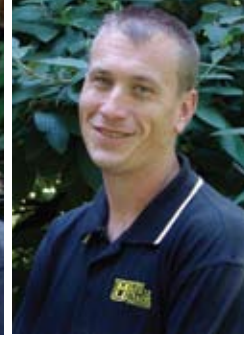
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
LIZ BEAL



OFFICE SUPPORT III
KAREN PALMER



OFFICE SUPPORT III
COURTNEY STEPHENS



INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
ASSOCIATE
KYLE SMITH



MULTIMEDIA SPECIALIST
TRAVIS JOHNSON

The daily operations and support functions of MU FRTI are provided by a dedicated administrative and support staff. Course paperwork, data entry, transcripts, instructor travel, curriculum and promotional material development, course supplies and equipment logistics are all a necessary part of the course-delivery process. MU FRTI is proud of the dedicated staff that works behind the scenes to make sure the students and instructors have a successful educational experience.



FIRE SERVICE LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

In FY09 the *7th Annual Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program* was conducted. This program is a joint activity conducted by the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, and provides executive leadership training for current and future fire chiefs. This year 23 executive fire officers attended the program.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

COMPANY OFFICER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Eighteen individuals completed the noncredit Company Officer Certificate Program this year. This program requires 328-contact hours of instruction in different areas pertinent to a company officer. This certificate program exceeds the requirements of Fire Officer I and II according to NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. The program currently has 106 active participants. This year's graduates were:

2008-2009 (Fiscal Year) Graduates:

Scott Barthelmass – Eureka Fire Protection District
Jack Benson – South Metro Fire Protection District
Christopher Cox – Gladstone Department of Public Safety
Sean Daugherty – Gladstone Department of Public Safety
Timothy Fain – Olivette Fire Department
Kevin Gates – Southern Platte Fire Protection District
Kevin Gill – Boone County Fire Protection District
Jason Jackson – Southern Platte Fire Protection District
Michael James – Clayton Fire Department

Charles Kidwell – Southern Platte Fire Protection District
John LeDoux – Wentzville Fire Protection District
Michael Peters – Boone County Fire Protection District
Michael Rees – High Ridge Fire Protection District
Craig Sifers – Southern Platte Fire Protection District
Jeffery Skieveland – Macon Fire Department
Andrew Stubbs – Southern Platte Fire Protection District
Christopher Sturm – Columbia Fire Department
Robert Tucker – Cedar Hill Fire Protection District

FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

MU FRTI presented the *Fire Service Instructor of the Year* award at the annual Instructor's Conference on October 25, 2008. The recipient of the *MU FRTI Instructor of the Year* award was Michael L. Arnhart, Fire Chief of the High Ridge Fire Protection District in High Ridge, Missouri. Instructor Arnhart exemplifies excellence in fire service instruction and the Institute is proud of his continued service. Arnhart has been an adjunct instructor with the MU FRTI program since 1991. He has been the previous recipient of the Institute's Fire Instructor of the Year award twice before in 1998 and 2000. In addition to the award given to Chief Arnhart, MU FRTI also recognized the first and second runners-up for the *Instructor of the Year*. Instructor Brad Dillow, a Captain with the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, was Second *Runner-Up*, and John Sachen with the Delta Fire Protection District was First *Runner-Up*. Fire Instructors provide the essential knowledge and skills training to prepare an individual to begin their vocation or avocation as a firefighter. The safety of the firefighter is entrusted into the hands of the instructor not only during the course they are teaching, but continues as that firefighter returns to their communities to perform the skills they have learned in class as they protect the lives and property of the citizens they serve.



LEFT TO RIGHT; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KEVIN ZUMWALT, MU FRTI; FIRE MARSHALL RANDY COLE, DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY; ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR MICHAEL L. ARNHART, MU FRTI; DIRECTOR DAVID HEDRICK, MU FRTI.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY JOINT PROGRAMMING

In FY09 MU FRTI in conjunction with a partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA), coordinated the delivery of eight direct course deliveries from the National Fire Academy within Missouri. MU FRTI conducted 23 NFA courses as in-state deliveries through the NFA state training grant program. In addition through the Enfranchisement agreement between the NFA and MU FRTI, the Institute registered 235 courses with the NFA for dual credit for 4,495 students, equating to 79,384 student instructional hours. MU FRTI also hosted Training Resource and Data Exchange (TRADE) Regional course delivery for the four state region of the NFA six day course *Command and Control of Incident Operations*.

"Critical to the mission of the National Fire Academy is our partnership with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI). Through our resident program in Emmitsburg, and our off-campus deliveries through MU FRTI, over 2,600 Missouri fire and emergency services personnel received NFA training last year."

Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent
National Fire Academy - US Fire Administration
Dept. of Homeland Security

"The North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD) has always enjoyed the opportunity to partner with various state, regional, and national fire service organizations to address fire service issues and training needs. One such partnership has been with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI). MU FRTI's work in furthering the national fire service training goals of the NAFTD has been outstanding. "

Richard A. Mason, CFO, MIFireE
President NAFTD

DID YOU KNOW?

- MU FRTI's training impacted students from 113 Missouri counties in FY09.
- The Institute had enrollments from 44 states.
- On the average MU FRTI has 17 courses starting each week.
- With the exception of holidays, the Institute averages seven classes occurring somewhere in Missouri every day of the year.
- In FY09 the Institute traveled 293,573 miles delivering training.
 - Adjunct Instructors traveled 196,820 miles.
 - Vehicle and Trailer Fleet traveled 96,753 miles to support training.





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