



## Fire Marshal's Association of Kansas 2025 2Q Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2025

### **Attendance:**

Jake Powell  
Damon S Smith  
Ake, Lawrence  
Kristen Vincent – KCKFD  
Joe Kvacik  
Justin Ducey  
Chet Ranzau  
Shane Preston  
Gene Robertson  
Ocadiz, Jose  
Jonathan Marr  
Diane K Hawkins  
Kerkhoff, Todd, CFD2  
Adam J Appelhanz  
Jeremy Braithwaite  
Dylan J Smith  
Timothy Linot  
Cody Regier  
Mike Casey  
David Graham  
Mike Roosevelt  
NFD Andy Harder  
Wade McKinley

**Call to Order:** 10 AM – Virtual meeting only

**Presentation:** None

### **Business Meeting**

- **Meeting Minutes**
  - Review and Approval of 1Q Minutes

- Motion to approve by Kerkhoff/Robertson, no opposition
- **Officer's Reports**
  - **President – Justin Ducey**
    - Website update – work in progress. More details in old business.
    - NFPA conference in June, Las Vegas. Ducey will represent FMAK & Kansas at the State Chapter meeting.
    - Looking for one or two volunteers to assist with marketing and outreach of the oxygen firebreak devices. Now an eligible expense for medicare/Medicaid. Work with the KSAFC to get these devices in more homes. Contact Ducey or the board if interested.
  - **Vice President – Jose Ocadiz**
    - Statewide fireworks statute that allows year round sales. Local government can still be more restrictive on sales and discharge. See info in email from KS OSFM.
  - **Secretary/Treasurer – Jake Powell**
    - Treasurer's Report
      - Starting balance: \$12,320.91 (Jan 1, 2025)
      - Income: \$410.25
      - Expenses: \$ \$261.32 (domain registration fee)
      - Ending balance: \$ \$12,469.84 (March 31, 2025)
    - Transition of bank account and sec/treasurer duties & docs from Ocadiz to Powell
    - Working to get FMAK files available online for members to access.
  - **Immediate Past President – Mark Wassom** – Not in attendance. Powell missed getting him on the meeting invite.
- **Regional Directors Report**
  - **NW – Shane Preston**
    - KSFFA conference, 4/25 – 4/27 in Hays
    - 2024 IBC adopted. Working on the 2024 IFC and other 2024 I-codes
  - **SW – Gene Robertson**
    - Western KS Fire Chief's roundtable in May. More details to come
    - Zenda FD (Kingman county) fire department in desperate need of PPE and a 400 gallon skid unit. Very limited budget. Reach out to Gene if you can help.
  - **N Central – Jake Powell**
    - [Mega Warehouse Fire Incident Analysis](#) – NFFA report that has a great analysis of the fire and recommendations. Recommend reading and sharing with Operations staff at your department.
    - MFD received a \$750 stipend from the HFSC. Will have an outreach event on May 15 for contractors/homebuilders. VR demo of the side by side burn as well as a

NFPA 13D riser.

- Child Passenger Safety Technician course June 10-12 in Manhattan. Course info and registration is here. [Child Passenger Safety Technician](#)
- McPherson FD opened their 2nd station last week.

- **S Central – Lawrence Ake**

- Derby Fire Department
  - Derby's Fall Prevention Program conducted its first client home evaluation to help tackle the high rate of fall calls. The program will be expanded in the weeks to follow.
  - Hosting an adoption paper signing for their new Fire Pup Mascot on June 7th.
  - No plans to change their city ordinance on fireworks.
- Newton Fire Department
  - Food truck inspections are in full swing, so we are inviting other members in our area to join.
  - No plans to change their city ordinance on fireworks.
- Sedgwick County Fire
  - No updates
- Wichita Fire Department
  - The City of Wichita Legal Department has submitted fireworks options for the Fire Chief and Fireworks Committee for review.
  - Hosting an NFPA 1123 pilot program with Victory Pyrotechnics on May 3rd. Currently, it is only open to WFD members and Victory Pyrotechnics employees. The goals are to have this be an annual class and bring the Kansas State Fire Marshal's office to administer the test and provide an opportunity for Departments to send their members to get hands-on experience for inspection on outdoor fireworks shows.

- **NE – Butch Diekemper**

- Not available
- KC HOA group reviewing the 2024 I-code amendments for local jurisdictions to adopt
- Food truck program updates

- **SE – Vacant**

- Reach out to anyone who membership may know in this region that could benefit from being a member

- **Committee Reports –**

- **Training (Powell / Ducey)**

- Will be sending out a survey to get feedback on a class topic for our 2025 training day. 3-4 ICC classes on the 2024 codes. Host site in either the Wichita or KC metro areas. Need ability to have a hybrid meeting. Possibly have in conjunction with 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting on October 22, 2025.
  - Anyone who has a training class or is passionate about a topic is welcome to share their knowledge. Reach out if you would like to present at a future meeting.
- **ByLaws** (Diekemper / Powell)
  - No updates
  - Kerkhoff asked about access to bylaws and any updates to. Bylaws were revised a year or two ago. Will get bylaws up on the web for members to have access anytime. He had no comments/concerns since they were updated in the recent past.
- **Scholarship** (Droppelmann)
  - Not available
- **Legislative Issues** (Robertson)
  - Session ended. Veto session going on now. Lobbyist is keeping the KSAFC updated. Gene will forward any updates to FMAK.
  - Letter going out from KSAFC to legislators on price of fire apparatus and what can be done to help departments with needed purchases.
- **Associate Organization Reports**
  - Powell missed the reps from the associate organizations on the meeting invite
  - **Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute** – Ducey/Johnson/Zeeb
    - KFRTI Director was out for medical reasons. Had staff in place to keep things moving.
    - Fire Inspector course still being updated.
    - NFA shutdown. Will not pay for any off campus course delivery
      - KFRTI may be willing to foot the bill for upcoming classes already scheduled.
    - NFA will allow the course to continue if funded locally.
  - **KSAFC Prevention Section** – Robertson
    - Conference in Manhattan, KS again. October 28 – 30, 2025. Still working on getting speakers and agenda finalized.
    - Chief's roundtable in McPherson. Cedars Event Center. May 21 & 22.
    - Executive board meeting in Hays during the KSFFA conference.
      - Gene will pass along any additional info from the KSAFC board.
  - **State Fire Marshal's Office**
    - N/A
    - Brenda McNorton is now the Chief of the Industrial Safety Division

- Amanda Yorkey is the new Chief of Prevention
- **NFPA** - Andrasevits
  - N/A
- **KHFSC** – Ducey
  - Home Fire Sprinkler week, May 11 – 17
  - Everyone should sign up to be a “Built for Life” department
- **KS – IAAI**
  - Expert Witness class in June is full. Looking to have a train the trainer class so there can be more facilitators in the state from the KS-IAAI.
  - Basic LE class, July 28 – August 8. KLETC
  - Basic O&C class, October 20 – 31. KLETC
  - KS-IAAI Training Conference & Meeting, February 3 – 5, 2026
- **IAFC** – Missouri Valley Division
  - N/A
  - Conference in St. Charles, MO in June.
- **ICC** – Wassom
  - N/A
- **Old Business**
  - Website update
    - [fmakicc.org](http://fmakicc.org)
    - Purchased a new domain. Old domain had expired.
    - Now an ICC chapter and can have web support from the ICC. They contract with a web development group to build the sites. Will look similar to the KC area ICC page.
    - Board needs high resolution/quality content for the new website. Send anything to the board please.
    - Membership was approved to spend up to \$1000 to get the webpage up. Have only spent ~\$260 so far. Possible to spend a little more and get a members only portion of the site. Not moving forward with that yet. Will need to have more discussion of what we want forward facing and what we want for members only.
  - SE Regional Director vacancy
- **New Business**
  - None
- **Roundtable / Discussion Items:**
  - None
- **Calendar of Upcoming Events/Training – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
  - Western KS Fire Chief’s Roundtable in May?

- KSAFC Roundtable, McPherson. May 22 & 23.
  - Child Passenger Safety Technician, June 10-12. Manhattan
  - Missouri Valley IAFC Conference, June 11-13. St. Charles MO.
  - 3Q Meeting on July 23, 2024 – Would like to have a hybrid meeting since we have met virtually the last 2 meetings. Reach out to board if you are interested in hosting.
  - Basic LE class, July 28 – August 8. KLETC
  - FMAK Training Day & 4Q meeting tentatively October 22, 2025
    - 2023 was in Manhattan ~ 20 in person attendees
    - 2024 was in Salina ~ 5 in person attendees
    - Host needed in the Wichita or KC metro areas. Meeting room to hold approx. 30 in person attendees. Let the board know if you would like to host.
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- **Good of the Order:**
    - None
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- **Meeting Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Preston/Roosevelt at 10:33 am.