

Greetings from Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training (OSU FST),

It is our hope that you find this annual report helpful in understanding what we do at OSU FST. We continue to be extremely busy providing training and educational services that enable Oklahoma emergency responders to safely meet recognized standards of professional competence and excellence.

We are extremely proud of our staff and their commitment to Oklahoma emergency responders. This past year we were able to train 45,394 first responders. They attended 3,940 courses hosted by 240 cities. Our staff at our training facility directly supported 366 events. They drove 155,091 miles delivering trailers.

OSU FST was awarded several grants in 2023 that allowed us to continue to provide training to the great state of Oklahoma. The first grant award was an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for a burn building at our training facilities. The second was a FEMA State Training Grant for direct delivery courses out in the field. The third award was through the OSHA Susan Harwood Training Grant Program that we used to fund our grain entrapment courses. The fourth award was from FEMA to update our data processing system. This allowed us to complete most of the updates needed for release in January 2024. We are working with our partners to bring in all the federal grant dollars we can to support training here in Oklahoma.

OSUFST has also been working diligently to update our programs during the last year and we were able to launch; Vent Enter Isolate Search, which is a program designed to teach firefighters how to search homes for a victim. This course has had a large impact in several communities who have reported saving victims from burning structures. We officially launched a new industrial program - Fire Brigade 1081. This program teaches industrial personnel how to respond to fires and emergencies within their facility. With all of the changes that have occurred with motor vehicles we updated our electric vehicle course as well. Additionally, we are working with the Red Cross to deliver CPR and other programs for them as well as our long-time partner, the American Heart Association. Here at OSUFST we offer over 200 active titles in Rescue, Hazardous Materials, EMS, Industrial, Officer, Firefighter, Certification and NIMS. In our certification section we are seeing growth as well. We were able to increase our levels in 2023 from 12 to 17 with the addition of three industrial levels and two hazardous materials levels. This puts us well on the way to our goals of 24 levels in FY2024. We also went through a site visit from one of our accrediting agencies - International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and all 17 levels were fully accredited.

With all of these successes, our commitment to train the firefighters of Oklahoma is still in jeopardy due to lack of funding. In 2007 we were allocated \$2 million to train the firefighters of the state. Due to budget shortfalls we are now receiving \$1.1 million to perform the same task. Our staff performs miracles getting this much training out into the field. Oklahoma has 15,000 firefighters and we receive \$73.33 per firefighter for training. Our state and our firefighters deserve the very best training available. We continue to need funding to keep up with the demand.



In conclusion, it takes a village. The staff here continues to work hundreds of hours, log thousands of miles and put in long days away from their families to achieve our commitment to Oklahoma firefighters. I am very proud to be a part of this group of outstanding people and I want to thank them for the impact they have made to the responder community. Their innovative spirit and commitment to be the best makes OSUFST what it is today.

Caroline Reed

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Director, Fire Service Training



Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training 2023 COURSES

FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER

80,250 Trailer delivery miles

74,841 Other vehicle miles

366 Trailer & staff support

155,091 Total miles driven



Statistics - 2023

3,940 Courses
Students attending trainings **45,394**

38,190 Hours taught

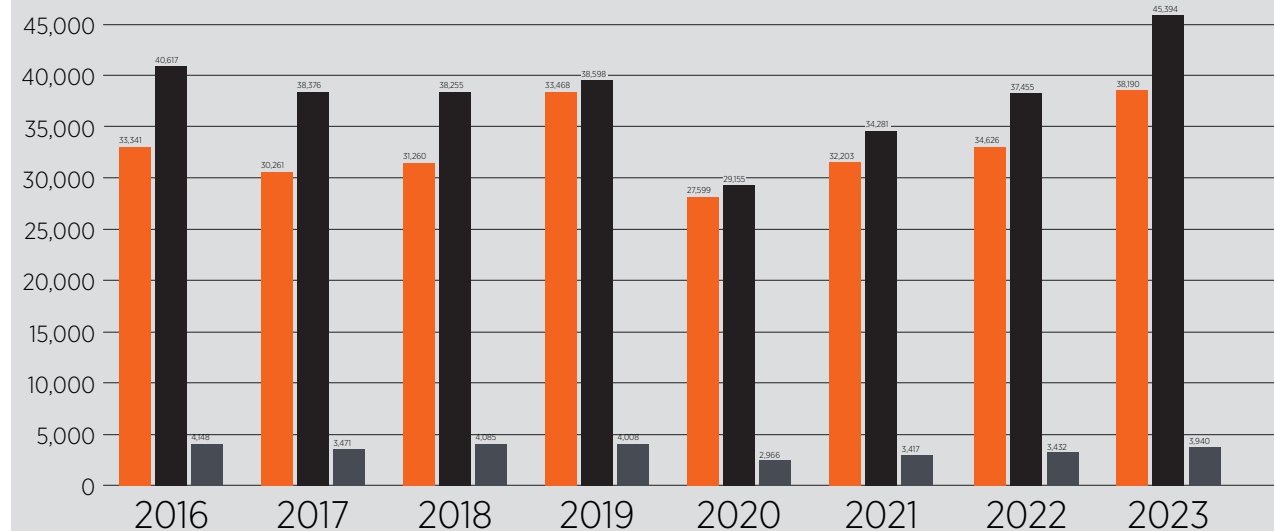
Cities that held an event **240**

1,430 Organizations

Counties **77**



Hours/Students/Events: 2016-2023



Certification 657

EMS 1,649

Firefighter 789

Haz Mat 317

Industrial 23

NIMS OEM 79

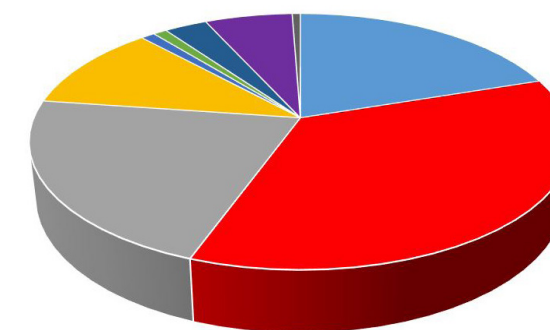
Officer/Instructor 104

Rescue 172

Support courses 50

Total courses delivered: 3,940

Total students served: 45,394



Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training Partners

- Oklahoma State Firefighters Association
- Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association
- Oklahoma Department of Homeland Security
- Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management
- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
- OSU Fire Protection Publications
- International Fire Service Training Association
- Oklahoma State Fire Marshal
- Rural Fire Coordinators
- Fire Service Instructors of Oklahoma
- Fire Marshal's Association of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Department of Forestry
- Metro Chiefs
- Green Country Chiefs
- Oklahoma Insurance Department
- Oklahoma Department of Health
- Oklahoma Department of Public Safety
- Oklahoma Fire Departments
- Oklahoma Firefighters
- National Fire Academy
- Emergency Management Institute
- Industrial Partners




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