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2025 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING

GROWTH. INNOVATION. IMPACT.

139,363
TOTAL MILES DRIVEN

44,075
FIREFIGHTERS TRAINED



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OSU Fire Service Training continues to lead the way in advancing firefighter education, not only across Oklahoma, but also on the national stage. This year, we proudly hosted two major national conferences — the Swiftwater Rescue Conference and the Hazardous Materials Conference, the latter co-sponsored with Homeland Security. These events brought together fire service professionals from across the country to exchange knowledge, strengthen skills and advance specialized training in critical response areas.

This past year has also been one of growth, innovation and impact as we worked to strengthen fire service training statewide. Among our most significant achievements was the opening of a new state-of-the-art burn building, which enhances hands-on training and provides firefighters with realistic scenarios to better prepare them for the challenges they face in the field. To further support training delivery, we also added a new semi-tractor to our fleet, expanding our ability to reach departments across Oklahoma.

We were honored to receive a \$900,000 SAFER grant, allowing us to provide free training opportunities to rural firefighters. This investment not only removes barriers for smaller departments but also ensures that first responders in every community have access to the skills and knowledge they need to keep Oklahomans safe.

I would like to commend the remarkable dedication of our staff and instructors, who delivered 2,718 courses this year. In addition, our department supported another 2,270 courses through recordkeeping and equipment support — bringing the statewide total to 4,987 courses, a new record. Altogether, more than 44,075 firefighters received training in 2024. Each course represents more than classroom hours — it is a direct investment in firefighter readiness, community safety and the future of our fire service.

To meet the evolving needs of the fire service, we launched several new programs, including Firefighter I, Inspector I and Grants 101, as well as specialized courses in Common Passenger Vehicle Operations, Ladder Operations, Hose Deployment, Advanced Search and Forcible Entry. Each program is designed to strengthen foundational skills, expand professional development and help departments access vital funding.

Together, these accomplishments reflect our continued commitment to delivering high-quality training, supporting local fire departments and investing in the safety and preparedness of Oklahoma communities.

At the same time, we continue to face significant challenges related to state funding. Operating at fiscal year 2000 funding levels has placed severe limitations on our ability to provide free training. While grant opportunities have helped bridge the gap, the need remains substantial. With a state allocation of \$1.1 million, funding averages just \$73.33 per firefighter — far below what is required for comprehensive education, modern resources and statewide readiness.

We are deeply grateful for the support provided through state funding and grant opportunities, which allow us to continue delivering essential training to Oklahoma's emergency responders. Together, with the continued partnership of state leaders, local departments and our dedicated instructors, we can ensure that firefighters remain well-equipped to serve and protect our communities.

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NUMBER OF COURSES

622
FIREFIGHTER

3,089
EMS

614
CERTIFICATION

285
HAZ MAT

26
INDUSTRIAL

101
NIMS OEM

108
OFFICER
INSTRUCTOR

142
RESCUE

4,987
TOTAL COURSES