

KRWA-Sponsored Training Sessions Drew 5,930 People in 2015

The member water and wastewater systems and the Associate Members who support Kansas Rural Water Association should be pleased to know that a major portion of dues paid to the Association are invested in providing training sessions.

KRWA conducted 95 training sessions in 2015. Sessions were held in all parts of the state. KRWA staff members Greg Metz and Monica Wurtz led the coordination efforts. The topics included pumps, valves, hydrants, meters and control systems. There were sessions for office staff including QuickBooks and Excel, confined space and trench safety and disaster preparation. Various sessions were dedicated to compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. A total of eleven sessions focused on wastewater utility operations and maintenance. Associate Members and KRWA staff

conducted the sessions. Counting the attendance at the Annual Conference one time, the total attendance was 5,930.

KRWA invests in training

While a contract funded by EPA and administered through the National Rural Water Association provided limited financial support for the training efforts, KRWA invested an additional \$158,871 of internal funds towards its training program in 2015. That includes staff time and travel that is not otherwise allowed under any

contract and subtracts out any fees charged for sessions such as confined space, trench safety and cross connection control.

KRWA's training calendar is posted online at www.krwa.net and then under "Training". Always check that site to verify KRWA-sponsored training.

KRWA will continue to provide quality training for water and wastewater systems across the state. KRWA staff are always trying to ensure that the training that systems want and need is provided. If anyone has a specific need or interest in a topic, contact the KRWA office or let any staff member know and KRWA will work to accommodate that topic by setting up a local or regional session. KRWA will continue to bring the training to local areas to reduce costs and time for those who want to attend. KRWA is ready, willing and certainly able – and KRWA will deliver.

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