

KDA Monthly

NEWS AND NOTES FOR THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEAM • SEPTEMBER 2016

AFTERBURN

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 19-22, 2016

Each year, KDA does a four-day, functional exercise (the Monday-Thursday before Christmas) designed to test the Kansas Food and Agriculture Incident Annex of the Kansas Response Plan. Our goal is to ensure that all KDA employees have awareness of the plan and of the roles and responsibilities of individuals, programs and other state, local and federal agencies when a food or agriculture incident occurs in Kansas or the nation. Last year the exercise was called "Invisible Fire" and this year it is "Afterburn."

We want to make sure everyone who wants to participate this year is included. On Sept. 13, Sandy Johnson emailed to all staff a list of participants who have played in the past or have indicated an interest in playing this year. If you are interested in playing and are not on that list, please email her at Sandy.Johnson@ks.gov.

Please be aware: The Secretary has mandated that no outside meetings or big commitments be made during the week of the exercise. Make sure you work with your

supervisor if planning travel or other major events. This exercise is a way to introduce everyone to what a response might look like and participating is a way to become more familiar with what you may end up doing during an actual response.

Based on feedback from last year's exercise, we will be offering several opportunities for awareness-level training. A webinar will be conducted on Friday, Dec. 16, to orient all players on expectations and general rules of play prior to the exercise. The webinar will be recorded so that everyone has an opportunity to view it prior to the start of the exercise. In addition, all participants should have taken the IS-700 training course (see below) prior to the December exercise.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

James Bagley is a professional civil engineer in the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Water Management Services Program.

Jim began his state service at Kansas State University's Evapotranspiration Laboratory in February 1976. In September 1977, he began working with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Water Appropriation Program. In 1983 he was appointed head of a newly formed Technical Services Section which subsequently became part of the Water Management Services Program.

He has worked on a variety of matters: interstate water issues, impairment complaints, the water banking program, aquifer storage and recovery projects, and the water rights database, which he helped to migrate from a mainframe computer database to a relational database in 1996.

Because he has continued throughout his career to increase his technical job skills and deep knowledge of the history of the statutes, rules and regulations that help Kansas manage its precious water resources, Jim has become a precious resource in his own right. Division staff and management, and even other agencies, rely heavily on Jim's advice, informed by history and sound engineering reason, and his ability to use the wealth of data that the division has collected and meticulously stored over decades to answer complicated but vital questions about water management.

We would like to have Jim for another 40 years, but that would be unfair after he's served Kansas so long and so well; so we'll settle for another 20.



Emergency Management Training... Did You Know?

All KDA employees are expected take the IS-700 course — National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction. Information about this interactive web-based course can be found in the employee e-handbook on the KDA website. The old requirement was ICS 100, so if you have taken that you meet the minimum standard.

If you would like to be on the KDA Incident Management Team, you should begin working on more advanced courses, which can all be found on the ICS Resource Center website: <https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/>.

If you have specific questions about emergency management training, email Sandy Johnson, KDA emergency management coordinator, at Sandy.Johnson@ks.gov.

PASSWORD



PROBLEMS?

Since the migration to Office 365, it's a lot easier to lock yourself out of your work station when it comes time to change your KDA network password.

When it's time to change your KDA network password, please follow these steps:

1. Close Outlook
2. Press Ctrl + Alt + Del
3. Click on "Change a Password"...
4. Choose a new password like you normally would. Remember: it must be at least 8 characters long and meet 3 out of the 4 criteria — lower-case letter, upper-case letter, number and a special character (*, \$, %, #, etc.)
5. Once signed back into your workstation, launch Outlook.
6. Enter in your new password and click the box to "Remember My Credentials"

The problem that arises is when you have Outlook open and you change your password. Windows is telling Outlook that your password is still the old one and then it causes your account to be locked out after so many attempts.

Please contact the KDA IT Service Desk if you encounter any issues when resetting your password.

Visit the Kansas Agriculture Tent

If you are going to the K-State game Saturday, you are encouraged to stop by the Kansas Agriculture tent to learn more about Kansas agriculture and sample products provided by *From the Land of Kansas* companies. Displays will be located near the southwest entrance of Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

K-State vs Missouri St.
Sept. 24, 2016 • Manhattan, Kansas

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New Employees

Please help us welcome these new KDA staff members.

Dave Jones Resource Protection Planner, Div. of Conservation, MHK
Donna Meader Resource Planner, Div. of Conservation, MHK
Vincent Downing FDLS, Food Safety, MHK
Dr. Jeff Lake Veterinarian, Animal Health, Southcentral Kansas
Patricia Parker FDLS, Food Safety, MHK
Tyler Saryerwinnie Environmental Scientist, Water Appropriation, Stafford

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER!



Congratulations to Adam Inman (FSL) and Michel Raymond (Pest & Fert) for answering last month's trivia question correctly. They knew that Martin and Jacob Mohler were the father-son pair who both served in the position of Kansas Secretary of Agriculture. Their names were drawn from among the correct entries, so they have each won a *From the Land of Kansas* mug. Watch next month's newsletter for the next Trivia Question!

H.R. CORNER

Bulletins:

Visit HR Bulletins at agriculture.ks.gov/HR for the following:

- OPS Training calendar for September
- September HealthQuest Newsletter
- KPERS Notes and Updates

HealthQuest:

Have you qualified yet for the HealthQuest premium incentive for Plan Year 2017? This rewards program earns participants a \$10 premium incentive per payroll period for the cost of the group health insurance — a total of \$240 annually for plan year 2017. Employees enrolled in the medical portion of the State Employee Health Plan can earn credits by participating in wellness activities to receive this incentive. You must earn a total of 30 credits by November 15, 2016, to qualify. Go to <http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/healthquest/default.htm> to learn more.

Coming Up:

- Oct. 11 Flu Clinic
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day: offices closed
- Nov. 14 & 15 Governor's Water Conference
- Nov. 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Holiday: offices closed
- Dec. 19-22 AFTERBURN

