

# Training is KRWA's First Mission . . .

The Kansas Rural Water Association has been providing “formalized” training for water systems since 1976 and for wastewater systems since the late 1980s. Since 1976 until October 6, 2017, the Association has sponsored 2,626 training sessions with attendance of 170,303 persons. The sessions are listed on the KRWA website under “Training” and then “History”.

From January 1 to October 6, 2017, KRWA has provided 80 days of training. Another 19 training sessions are scheduled before the end of

December. Attendance in 2017 to October 6 has included 1,593 operators, 46 administrators, 75 board/council members, 354 public/industry and 25 persons from regulatory agencies.

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Including the annual conference, attendance by operators alone in 2017 totals 3,469. Total attendance in 2017 to October 6 is 6,084. The Association has invested \$137,413 of internal funds into training (excluding conference) in 2017.

The following pages show photos taken at sessions.



Galen Penner, Manager of Marion RWD 4 and KRWA Consultant Pat McCool discuss compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule and other drinking water regulations at Salina on July 26.



KRWA held several training sessions in 2017 to help new operators prepare for the certification exam. This photo shows the 46 people who attended a session at Herington on March 10.



A total of 53 persons attended a Water Operator Certification course at Manhattan on July 18.



KRWA conducted nine (9) training sessions focused on Lead and Copper Rule Implementation in 2017. A total of 376 persons representing 230 water systems. The session on July 26 at Salina had an attendance of 30.

## Sustainability Workshop at Park City

**K**RWA held a Sustainability Workshop in Park City, Kansas, June 7 and 8, 2017. This was two evening sessions. The workshop was attended by 11 people each day representing six (6) water systems. These sessions are two-part sessions and should be attended both nights but attending one night will still provide helpful information to water and wastewater systems board and council members. The training is open to all, including operators, but the Kansas Department of Health & Environment does not provide operator credit for attending. Chelsea Morris and Tom Finger from the Newton, Kansas office of USDA Rural Development attended.

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### About the people and systems . . .

Randy “Spanky” Brooks and Crystal Hinnen represent Conway Springs which potentially has two major improvement projects to be undertaken in the next year. One is a nitrate removal plant for the water system. The other is collection system and treatment improvements for the wastewater system.

Roger Holter, City Administrator from city of Marion, has a vast knowledge of financial viability and his attendance assisted others with his input.

Randall Harris is General Manager of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority. The Authority provides treated water and treats the wastewater for cities of Belle Plain and Park City.

Ron Engelbrecht is a board member for Butler RWD 5. The District provides water to a large area as well as to several cities; the district assumed the former Butler RWD 8 in November 2013.

recommended by USDA Rural Development for systems receiving loans and grants from this funding agency.

The photo shows some of the attendees during the breakout period to discuss the self-evaluation process for each system. The breakout lead to some in-depth discussion that provided all with understanding of how other systems operate compared to their own.



From left to right: Randy “Spanky” Brooks is City Superintendent from Conway Springs. Crystal Hinnen, recently hired city clerk from Conway Springs, is joined by Roger Holter, City Administrator from the city of Marion, Randall Harris, General Manager of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority and Ron Engelbrecht, board member from Butler RWD No. 5 were among those attending.

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## Training on Activated Sludge

Don Van Veldhuizen, Certified Environmental Trainer with USA Bluebook, presented on the topic of activated sludge at El Dorado and Parsons, Kansas for KRWA this past June. These two sessions were attended by 41 operators from 24 different systems, as well as two KDHE officials.



Operators observe the settleability test as Don Van Veldhuizen explains additional details about color, odor, and other observations that operators can use to evaluate the wastewater for better operation of treatment plants.

This photo shows Don Van Veldhuizen demonstrating the technique to conduct settleability test properly. This included instruction the time to sample as well as pouring and mixing the sample slowly to reduce air from being added to sample.



# KRWA encourages you to visit [www.krwa.net](http://www.krwa.net) for training opportunities in your area!

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Today November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- Administrative / Management
- Board / Council
- Cross Connect / Backflow Prevention
- Drinking Water Regulations
- Electrical
- Safety
- Water System Operations
- Wastewater Utility Operations

Don't be bashful in asking. Any request for a training session is held in confidence. KRWA will attempt to accommodate your request.



NOTE -- This schedule shows the training sessions presently planned by KRWA. Additional sessions are regularly added throughout the year. If you are interested in any session or topic not shown on the calendar, please call KRWA at 785.336.3760. Search for training by entering a keyword in the search box.

Search:

October 18, 2017	Basic Water System Operations	Mayetta (Private)	No Charge	<a href="#">Details</a>
October 19 - 20, 2017	Cross Connection - Backflow Prevention (Recertification)	Manhattan (National Guard Armory)	\$150.00	<a href="#">Details</a>
October 24, 2017	Being Better Prepared for the Next Emergency	Manhattan (National Guard Armory)	No Charge	<a href="#">Details</a>
October 25, 2017	Being Better Prepared for the Next Emergency	Hays	No Charge	<a href="#">Details</a>
October 26, 2017	Being Better Prepared for the Next Emergency	Manhattan (National Guard Armory)	No Charge	<a href="#">Details</a>
November 14 - 17, 2017	Cross Connection - Backflow Prevention (Full Certification)	Manhattan (National Guard Armory)	\$225.00	<a href="#">Details</a>
November 14 - 15, 2017	Cross Connection - Backflow Prevention (Information Only)	Manhattan (National Guard Armory)	No Charge	<a href="#">Details</a>
November 16 - 17, 2017	Cross Connection - Backflow Prevention (Recertification)	Manhattan (National Guard Armory)	\$150.00	<a href="#">Details</a>