



**Kansas Propane Education**  

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**Annual Report**  

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**2017**  

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## **KanPERC 2017 Annual Report**

In order to provide information regarding the activities of KanPERC, the Council prepares an Annual Report for all industry members and interested persons. KanPERC became effective September 1, 2003 with a two-tenths (2/10) of one cent per gallon assessment on odorized propane destined for end consumer use in Kansas. The KanPERC assessment was increased to three-tenths (3/10) of one cent per gallon effective April 1, 2010. For fiscal year 2016-2017 KanPERC received \$327,132 in assessments and spent \$363,884 for expenses, including safety programs, safety classes and safety training. NOTE: Carryover cash reserves from previous years are used to cover expense items which may exceed income for fiscal year.

The KanPERC Council holds quarterly meetings at the KanPERC office and Training Center in Topeka and has by-laws and procedure manuals available which provides information and guidance to assessment payers, industry personnel, and the public about the educational and safety offerings of the Council. Please contact KanPERC for additional information.

### **Programs**

#### **Coloring Books**

One of the original programs created by the Council was to provide safety information free of charge to all elementary schools in Kansas to better educate students about propane safety. A propane safety coloring book was designed, which is Kansas specific, and distributed to Kansas schools, Fire Departments and propane marketers, to promote propane safety. These copyrighted propane safety coloring books are also distributed at public events, such as the Kansas State Fair and are available for marketers to distribute to their customers. Approximately 70,000 coloring books were distributed in FY 2016-2017. KanPERC also provides this propane safety coloring book to other states as well. Numerous states have ordered this unique safety coloring book to promote propane safety within their state schools and at other events.

#### **Duty to Warn Information—Propane Safety Brochures**

All propane companies in Kansas are informed annually that Fire Marshal approved propane safety brochures are available free of charge from KanPERC. These safety brochures, which include a “scratch and sniff” bulletin inside the brochure, are available from National PERC. These safety brochures provide consumer safety information pertaining to propane cylinder safety, propane tank safety and general propane safety including what propane smells like and how to safely use propane on the farm, in homes and at work. Over 220,000 “Duty to Warn” brochures were sent out to propane marketers, who distributed them to their customers across Kansas in 2017.

#### **Training and Safety Videos**

KanPERC is committed to promoting safety to all Kansas industry members and has numerous videos available for viewing upon request. Available videos can be found on [www.kanperc.org](http://www.kanperc.org), the Kansas safety website and can be ordered by calling (785) 354-1749 or sending an e-mail to [gregnoll@pmak.org](mailto:gregnoll@pmak.org).

### **Warning Tags and Out of Service Tags**

Warning Tags and Out of Service Tags are made available to better assist marketers with customer safety. These warning tags are available at no cost to propane marketers. These tags are used to provide warnings to customers due to out of gas situations or unsafe conditions found at customer locations.

### **Propane Emergencies Training**

In an ongoing commitment to fire fighter safety training, KanPERC provides educational materials to fire departments. Propane Emergencies Training is provided upon request for use by all fire departments in Kansas. KanPERC will continue to offer this training at no charge to the fire departments.

### **Certified Employee Training Program**

The **Certified Employee Training Program**, or CETP, is a formal structure for training, testing and documentation to assure that workers in the propane industry have the necessary knowledge and skills to perform their work safely and effectively. Properly trained and educated employees, customers and end-users mean a safer organization and a better bottom line for all involved. Employee training is mandated by Department of Transportation, National Fire Protection Association and Kansas State Fire Marshal. CETP provides propane professionals up-to-date, task-specific technical training that eliminates guesswork and empowers employees to perform their jobs confidently, knowledgeably and safely. Propane business owners and managers can improve the safety of their employees and customers, increase productivity, adhere to federal and state regulations, and safely serve the communities in which they operate. CETP training is paid using KanPERC dollars and is offered free to all Kansas state industry members.

### **KanPERC Training Center**

The KanPERC Training Center is located at 540 NW Broad Street. This building has a indoor classroom, meeting rooms and office space and was purchased and re-constructed to better meet the needs for training industry members. KanPERC offices are located in this building as well. This location allows KanPERC to expand classroom curriculum, which has been offered in past years, to include hands on propane training, some conducted outdoors, to better prepare new propane industry members on how to safely conduct specific propane jobs in the most practical and safest way. A bobtail simulator was constructed to better assist in training new drivers with hands-on training. Building improvements also included adding a storm shelter and classroom furniture was replaced. An electronic white board and sound system was installed as well for use in the training center.

**Note:** Per KanPERC statute, there have been no advertising or promotional programs paid for with KanPERC dollars. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please email Greg Noll at [gregnoll@pmak.org](mailto:gregnoll@pmak.org). Additional information is available upon request.

## **KanPERC Training 2017 Final Numbers**

Training Classes held at the KanPERC Training Center

Basic Principles and Practices	39
Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery	38
Basic Plant Operations	7
4.1 Designing and Installing	3
4.2 Placing into Service	0
System Testing Training	64
Dispensing Propane Safely	238
Propane Emergencies	8
HVAC	1
CETP Refresher	585
<b><u>Student Totals</u></b>	<b><u>983</u></b>

# KanPERC 2018 Registration Form

All classes will be held at the KanPERC Training Center at 540 NW Broad St., Topeka, KS 66608

**All classes will begin at 9:00 am.** KanPERC Training is No Charge. Hotel and meal expenses are not included.

Register on-line at [www.kanperc.org](http://www.kanperc.org) then click on [KanPERC Registration Form ONLINE](#)

Please check the class to be attended and forward to KanPERC at least 7 days prior to start of class

**CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices**

\_\_\_ May 7- 8 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

**CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery**

\_\_\_ May 9, 10, 11

**CETP 3.0 Basic Plant Operations**

\_\_\_ May 21, 22, 23

**CETP 4.1 Designing and Installing Vapor Systems**

\_\_\_ June 25, 26, 27

**CETP 4.2 Placing Vapor Systems into Operation**

\_\_\_ July 9, 10, 11

**CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices**

\_\_\_ July 23, 24 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

**CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery**

\_\_\_ July 25, 26, 27

**CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices**

\_\_\_ October 22, 23 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

**CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery**

\_\_\_ October 24, 25, 26

Please Print legibly or type in the following registrant information:

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Room Information:**

Sleeping rooms are available in Topeka at the Ramada Downtown at a discounted rate. Call 785-234-5400 and request the "PROPANE" rates.

MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATION FORM TO: KanPERC Training Center

540 NW Broad St.

Topeka, KS 66608

FAX - 785-354-1740 or email [edhattemer@pmak.org](mailto:edhattemer@pmak.org)

Questions – 785-354-1749

KanPERC prohibits and will not tolerate discrimination in any fashion, harassment or other disruptive actions in KanPERC programs, classes and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

## **2017 KanPERC Council Members**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>1. Retail Marketer</b>	<b>Robert Fred Mock</b>
<b>2. Retail Marketer</b>	<b>Jeff Conard</b>
<b>3. Retail Marketer</b>	<b>Craig Settle</b>
<b>4. Retail Marketer</b>	<b>Eric Payne</b>
<b>5. Wholesale/resale/supplier/importer</b>	<b>Jeff Thompson</b>
<b>6. Wholesale/resale/supplier/importer</b>	<b>Aimee Tempera-Parks</b>
<b>7. Equipment Manufacturer/transporter</b>	<b>John Pankratz</b>
<b>8. Equipment Manufacturer/transporter</b>	<b>Jimmy Ainsworth</b>
<b>9. Public Member</b>	<b>Larry Cazier</b>
<b>10. Fire Marshall-Ex Officio Member</b>	<b>Doug Jorgensen</b>