



**Kansas Propane
Education and
Research
Council
2022
Annual Report**

KanPERC 2022 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 2021-2022, KanPERC received \$428,082.97 in assessment income, building rental income and miscellaneous income and spent \$443,499.40 on 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 82,000 coloring books were distributed in FY 2021-2022. KanPERC also provides the Kansas 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 such as state fairs, farm shows or home shows.

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 250,000 “Duty to Warn” brochures were shipped to propane marketers, who then provided and distributed them to their customers across Kansas in 2022.

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, the Kansas safety website, and can be ordered by calling (785) 354-1749 or sending an e-mail to becky@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 and 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. WARNING decals are available to propane marketers upon request which instruct customers to contact their propane provider or a qualified technician before the tank service valve is turned on following an interruption of service.

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 provides these training materials at no cost to 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, knowledgably 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 an 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 through hands-on training. 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 Becky Schwartz at becky@pmak.org. Additional information is available upon request.

2022 CLASS CERTIFICATES

CETP CLASSROOM	TOTALS
BASIC P&P	42
BASIC BOBTAIL DELIVERY	40
BASIC CYLINDER DELIVERY	39
BASIC PLANT OPERATIONS	18
DESIGNING & INSTALLING	6
PLACING IN OPERATION	5
CLASSROOM TOTALS	150
CERTIFICATES	TOTALS
DPS	382
STT	50
DOT & CEPT REFRESHER	0
CETP REFRESHER DURING CLASSES	677
CERTIFICATES TOTALS	1,109
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CETP CLASSROOM STUDENTS	150
GRAND TOTAL	1,259
As of December 31, 2022	

KanPERC 2023 Registration Form

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

ALL CLASSES START AT 9:00 AM. KanPERC Training is No Charge. Hotel and meal expenses are not included.

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

Please check the class to be attended and **forward to edhattemer@pmak.org** at least 7 days prior to start of class

CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices

___ May 1 & 2 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery

___ May 3, 4 & 5 - Includes System Testing Training

CETP 3.0 Basic Plant Operations

___ May 15 & 16

CETP 4.1 Designing and Installing Vapor Systems

___ June 12 & 13

CETP 4.2 Placing Vapor Systems into Operation

___ June 26 & 27

CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices

___ July 10 & 11 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery

___ July 12, 13 & 14 - Includes System Testing Training

CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices

___ October 23 & 24 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery

___ October 25, 26 & 27 - Includes System Testing Training

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 Clubhouse Inn, 924 SW Henderson Road for a discounted rate. Call 785-273-8888 and request the "PROPANE ASSOCIATION" rate. Ramada Inn is also available with a propane discount by calling 785-234-5400.

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

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.

Kansas Propane Education & Research Council

As of August 2022

1. Retail Marketer – **Brian Waggoner (Chair)** – **Term Expires 8/31/2024**
Work: Consumer Oil & Propane, Inc., PO Box 216, 209 Commercial St., Bendena, KS 66008
chubby@consumeroilandpropane.com
2. Retail Marketer – **Richard L. Mentzer, Sr. (Vice Chair)** – **Term Expires 8/31/2024**.....(*Resigned – requested and waiting for re-appointment*)
Work: SEK Coop, Inc., PO Box 308, 700 W. Rutledge, Yates Center, KS 66783
rlmentzersr@gmail.com
3. Retail Marketer – **Brett Fletcher – (Secretary/Treasurer)** **Term Expires 8/31/2024**
Work: B&P Propane, PO Box 189, 21786 Q Rd., Holton, KS 66436
bp4gas@gmail.com
4. Retail Marketer – **David Shriver** – **Term Expires 8/31/2025**
Work: MFA Oil and Propane, 19592 W. 121st Ct., Olathe, KS 66061
dshriver@mfaoil.com
5. Wholesale/resale/supplier/importer – **Tonya Wiles** – **Term Expires 8/31/2023**
Work: Beard Propane Heat & Air, Inc., 10515 Hwy 59, Erie, KS 66733
propanegirlsrock@gmail.com
6. Wholesale/resale/supplier/importer – **John Jacobsen** – **Term expires 8/31/2023**
Work: 3J Fuel Carriers, Inc., 6015 N. Broadway, Park City, KS 67219
johnj@3jfuel.com
7. Equipment Manufacturer/Transporter – **Lewis Creek** – **Term Expires 8/31/2025**
8. Work: Prairie Band Propane, PO Box 95, 13487 162nd Rd., Mayetta, KS 66509
louie.creek@pbpropane.com
9. Equipment Manufacturer/Transporter – **Julie Armstrong** – **Term Expires 9/01/2024**
Work: Fronk Oil Co., Inc., PO Box 296, 1550 W. 10th St., Hugoton, KS 67951
julie@fronkoil.com
10. Public Member – **Edward Barrett** – **Term Expires 8/31/2025**
Home: 401 N. Oak St., Pratt, KS 67124-1612
ejsnbarrett@sbcglobal.net
11. Fire Marshal-Ex Officio – **Doug Jorgensen** – **Kansas State Fire Marshal**
Work: 800 SW Jackson, Ste. 104, Topeka, KS 66612
doug.jorgensen@ksfm.ks.gov