

Welcome to Wichita HOT 2018!



Wichita HOT
FIRE SCHOOL

Introduction

Wichita HOT is a not-for-profit, annual training event hosted as a collaborative effort between the FOOLs of Oz and the Wichita Fire Department. The goal is simple: to provide excellent training opportunities to any firefighters who wish to attend, at a minimum of expense. Each year, Wichita HOT brings in instructors from all over the country to put on one of the premier fire schools in the nation. We are able to drastically reduce student fees thanks to the goodwill of our sponsors, the volunteering of time and effort by our staff, and the donation of resources by our parent organizations. Without these things and the commitment to train by people like yourself, Wichita HOT would not be possible.



Event Format

The event is broken up into two days:

Saturday (Opening/Lectures)

The opening ceremony and lectures take place entirely at the **Wichita Regional Training Center (4780 E 31st St South, Wichita, KS)**.

Sunday (Hands-On-Training)

Hands-On is split between the Regional Training Center and Off-Site locations. You should check the description of your class to confirm which location you will need to report to. This information will also be posted at the event on Saturday.

Parking is available in the front lot of the Regional Training Center. Students should use the main entrance which is between the mosaic pillars on the alpha side of the building. If the front lot reaches capacity, we have permission from Mid-States Supply Company (4665 E 31st St South) across the street to use their parking lot. **Please do NOT park within the gated portion of the training center as you will be asked to move your vehicle.**

Accommodations

We have arrangements with the Hotel at Waterwalk for a discounted rate. If you're looking for a room while in town, contact them and make sure to mention you'll be staying for the Wichita HOT Fire Conference. If you have trouble getting the lower rate, please contact us. The hotel will also offer students an early breakfast prior to the start of classes.



711 S Main Street
Wichita, KS 67213

316-263-1061

<https://www.hotelatwaterwalk.com>

Transit

There will be a shuttle to the downtown area from the Hotel at Waterwalk for any students who want to go out Saturday evening.

Uber:

Popular for local transit and will take you anywhere you'd like to go in the city.

<https://www.uber.com/cities/wichita/>

Taxi Services:

Wichita Taxi Cab – 316-264-4222

Best Cabs – 316-838-2233

Directions from Hotel to the Regional Training Center:

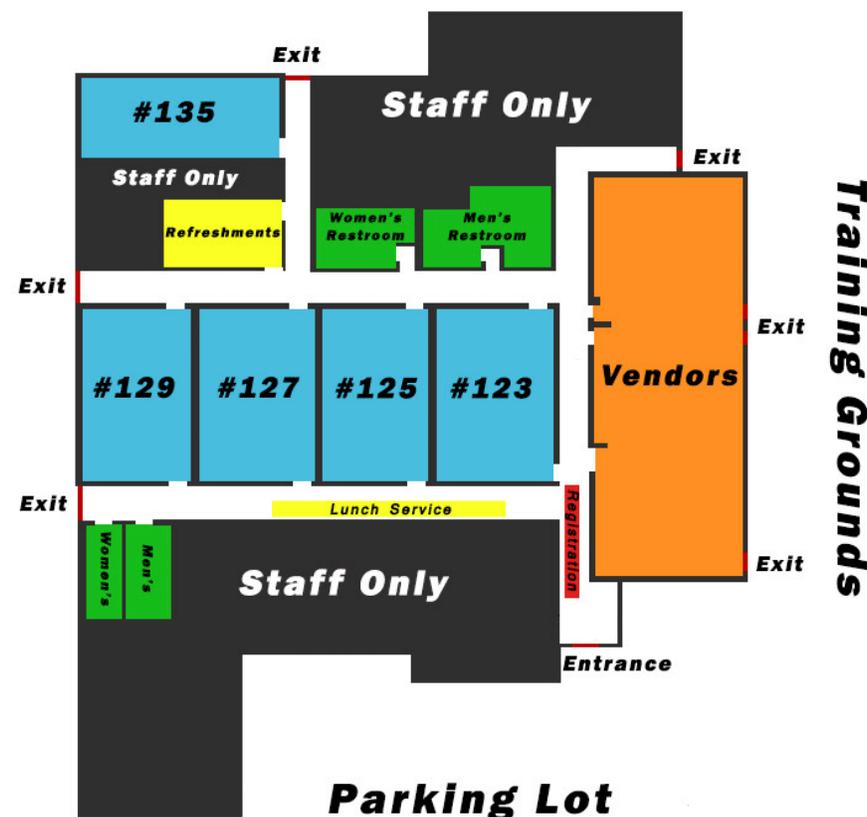
The Regional Training Center is approximately 10 minutes from the Hotel at Waterwalk.

1. Exiting from the hotel parking lot, get onto East Kellogg St (US-400/US-54) and go east. Kellogg is the large flyover, hard to miss.
2. Take East Kellogg to I-135 South.
3. Take I-135 South to Exit 3A (Southeast Blvd.)
4. Take Southeast Blvd to the first traffic light and make a left onto E 31st Street South.
5. Take E 31st Street about 1 mile and the Regional Training Center is on your left. Park in the parking lot out front or overflow across the street at Mid-States Supply.

Day 1: Saturday

(Opening Ceremony & Breakout Lectures)

On Saturday morning, students should arrive early (between 0700 and 0750 hrs) so they can check-in and turn in their Liability Forms. The day starts with a keynote speech and is centered around breakout lectures. The open lectures allow all students to attend whichever classes they wish throughout the day. A program is available both online and at the event to help you select which classes you'd like to attend. *There is no commitment to any particular forum, you may move around freely.*



Saturday also features displays and sales by many of our sponsors and friends. You can visit the vendor area any time throughout the day. We encourage you to support our vendors and sponsors as they are the backbone of HOT and make it possible each year.

Saturday evening is yours to enjoy.

You can visit Wichita 360 (<https://www.360wichita.com>) for some ideas of businesses or events you might want to visit.

The Old Town area (<https://oldtownwichita.com>) is quite popular. This is the area between Central/Douglas and N Santa Fe/N Washington. It includes both restaurants and entertainment.



One of our sponsors, The Pumphouse (<http://pumphousewichita.com>), is located in Old Town and is a very popular spot for those attending our event.

Day 2: Sunday

(Hands-On-Training)

Sunday is the hands-on-training day. Students who registered for a hands-on class will engage in this training throughout the day. Your meeting place depends on which class you registered for. Classes **start** at 0800 hrs! Be there on time and make sure you have turned in your Release of Liability form or you will not be allowed to participate. Refer to the website for specific class requirements.



Recommendations by the HOT Staff

If you are attending a hands-on-training class, we strongly recommend the following:

- **You MUST turn in a Release of Liability form at Check-In. If you do not have the form, we cannot allow you to participate. This form can be downloaded from our website. It must be signed by a representative from your department or agency.**
- Hydrate prior to showing up for your class. Drink enough water the evening before and the morning of.
- If you consume alcohol the night before, do so responsibly. We encourage you to have a good time, but keep in mind what you'll be doing in the morning. Likewise, **there is zero tolerance for driving while intoxicated or irresponsible behavior** and local law enforcement will not be forgiving with you if you break the law. We want you to be safe and enjoy your class!
- Know your physical limits. Train hard, but if you feel as though you are overtaxing yourself, stop and notify an instructor immediately. We will have at least one front-line unit and medical equipment available at each training site if you have any concerns. Additionally, Safety Officers will be on hand at each location to monitor the class.
- Separate male and female showers are available for student use on Sunday at the Regional Training Center. Students will need to bring their own personal hygiene items including a towel if they wish to use them.

After the Event

If you attended a Hands-On event, the certificate for your class will be available in PDF format on our Document Center. When you signed up, login credentials were sent to the email address you provided. If you have not received these prior to the start of the event, please contact wichitahot@gmail.com at any time and we will assist you.

We have created an evaluation form for you to provide feedback regarding your experience at Wichita HOT. As the goal of this event is to serve our students, we would encourage you to provide open and honest feedback whether positive or negative. This is one of the only ways we can improve the event so we value your comments. You can view that form here:

https://form.jotform.com/wichita_hot/after-survey

Did you happen to take any photos of the event or your experience at Wichita HOT? If you did, we want you to share those with us so we can feature them on our social media pages! We appreciate any submissions and they can be sent to: wichitahot@gmail.com

Lastly, be sure to check our website and social media early next year as we provide information on Wichita HOT 2017.

<http://www.wichitahot.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/wichitahot/>

<https://twitter.com/wichitaHOT>

If you encounter any serious issues and would like to speak to someone, please email wichitahot@gmail.com and we will contact you to address your concerns.

Thank you for your participation and support of this year's Wichita HOT!