

Fall 2022 Virtual Training Workshops for OK-FIRE Announced

Free training workshops will be offered this fall for both new and experienced users of [OK-FIRE](#), the statewide weather-based decision support system of the Oklahoma Mesonet for wildland fire management with applications to wildfire, prescribed fire, and smoke. Dr. J. D. Carlson, OK-FIRE program manager and fire meteorologist in OSU's Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, will conduct the training. Workshops will be held in a virtual format over Zoom from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., spanning two consecutive afternoons in October, November, and December:

October 19 (Part 1), October 20 (Part 2)

November 9 (Part 1), November 10 (Part 2)

December 14 (Part 1), December 15 (Part 2)

Registration is required and can be done [here](#). If you can only make one of the two consecutive days, feel free to sign up for the other half of the workshop in another month. It would also be better, if possible, to attend a Part 1 workshop first and a Part 2 workshop in a later month. You also have the option to sign up for only Part 1 or Part 2.

The PART 1 workshop will be useful to all wildland fire managers and will cover: (1) a tour of the OK-FIRE website, including how to work with maps, charts, and tables; (2) wildland fire, an introduction to OK-FIRE and its weather data sources, fire weather variables and associated products, Oklahoma wildfire climatology, and weather regimes associated with wildfire outbreaks; and (3) smoke management and prescribed burn products, including the useful Fire Prescription Planner.

The PART 2 workshop will be of most help to those who work with wildfires and will cover: (1) wildland fuels, dead and live fuel moisture, fuel models, the Oklahoma fire danger model, and fire danger products; (2) operational procedures for fire danger assessment using OK-FIRE; and (3) satellite and radar products for real-time detection of wildfires.

Several days before each workshop, an email reminder containing more information as well as the workshop Zoom link will be sent out to those registered. Attendees are encouraged to use either tablets or computers, as the larger screens will make for easier viewing and learning. If you have any questions or need further information, please email us at okfire@mesonet.org. ***Finally, for those of you who attended any of our virtual workshops last fall, please note that the workshops this fall will be similar to those of last year.***

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