

Firemen attend State Fire School

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About 1,625 people from Nebraska and several other states attended the 75th annual Nebraska State Fire School May 18-20 in Grand Island.

The Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association offered the school in cooperation with the State Fire Marshals Training Division and Heartland Events Center/Fonner Park.

Participants were able to take classes on agricultural emergencies, basic pump operations, emergency vehicle operations, fire investigation, forcible entry techniques, rail hazardous materials response, rope rescue techniques, rural water supply and practical hydraulics, terrorism extrication, wildland fires and other topics.

Mobile live burn simulators also were held.

Wauneta firemen attending and who completed at least nine hours out of the 12 hours of classroom training included Michael Gardner, Ryan Starnes and Beau Yoder.