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Firefighters from the Liberal, Forgan, Okla., Turpin, Okla., Tyrone, Okla., and Seward County Fire Departments pose recently after practicing activities such as roof ventilation, working with sprinkler systems, breaching walls, forcing doors, pulling ceilings and breaking glass. Courtesy photo

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Local and area firefighters recently spent a day honing some of the skills they use when they respond to emergency calls.

Bryan Welch with Kansas Fire Rescue Training Institute brought the 'Firefighter Skills Trailer' from Lawrence to give firefighters a prop they could practice on. The training was offered free through KFRTI, which is part of the Continuing Ed division at the University of Kansas.

Seward County Fire Department hosted the training, which was conducted at the Seward County Community College/Area Technical School.

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The trailer the firefighters worked with is a fairly new mobile training prop owned by KFRTI that enables fire personnel to practice skills that they will use at structure fires and other calls that they respond to. This prop – and several others that deal with various other types of training – are hauled to fire departments all across the state of Kansas when a department requests them.

Seward County Fire Department would like to thank all the firefighters who spent the day training on the prop – and also KFRTI for sending it out to Southewst Kansas.