

## Kansas Regional Training Institute (KSRTI)



The KSRTI offers a variety of skills training to Army National Guard Soldiers.

The KSRTI provides Ordnance, Military Occupational Skill (MOS), Additional Skill Identifier, Officer Candidate School, Warrant Officer Candidate School and Non-commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) training for the U. S. Army (Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Active Component) for a nine-state region under The Total Army School System (TASS). Additionally, it provides billeting, training support, weapons ranges, training areas and annual training billeting for Department of Defense (DoD), Kansas National Guard (KSNG), and federal, state, and local government agencies.



The KSRTI offers state of the art training simulators and computer labs as well as 13 classrooms which can accommodate classes as small as 9 to as large as 360 personnel in the main auditorium.

The KSRTI has a full array of live-fire, automated, familiarization and qualification ranges for small arms as well as land navigation courses.

The KSRTI can house up to 300 personnel at Nickell Hall while they complete training. An additional 312 personnel can be housed in two open-bay barracks located at the KSRTI and 3 additional 40-personnel barracks are available and located on the weapons ranges. The KSRTI employs 45 full-time personnel and 79 traditional soldiers belonging to the 235<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.



## Pre-mobilization Training Assistance and Evaluation (PTAE)

A PTAE element is the GPJTC's newest addition and offers valuable pre-deployment training for Kansas Army National Guard personnel. In the past, most soldiers had to spend three months or more at out-of-state training facilities in preparation for deployments. The PTAE team and the facilities at the GPJTC make it possible for the bulk of that training to be conducted right here in Kansas, mostly over regular, monthly drill weekends and two-week annual training periods. This allows the soldiers to spend as much time as possible with their families and still receive the best possible training available to Army personnel in order to complete their mission and return home safely. The PTAE employs 19 total full-time Observer Controller/Trainers (OC's) and staff.



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**Great Plains Joint Training Center (GPJTC)**

The GPJTC affords both military and civilian organizations an unprecedented opportunity to function jointly using real world technology to train and respond to missions both here and abroad. It is the backbone of the Kansas Army National Guard's ability to conduct pre-mobilization training for its soldiers here at home prior to deployment over seas. This keeps Kansans in the community during this extensive training rather than away from friends and family at military installations outside our state. It is an essential part of the training certification that is now a National Guard responsibility resting with The Adjutant General of Kansas, a transformation initiative of the Department of Defense. Crisis City and the future Regional Training Centers will provide disciplined and validated training needed to satisfy the needs of Kansas Public Safety professionals.

**Crisis City**

The development of "Crisis City" at the complex is in response to initiatives by Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Adjutant General of Kansas, Maj Gen Tod Bunting in April 2007 to satisfy the need for Regional Training Centers (RTCs) to enhance the state's capabilities to defend against terrorism and respond to disasters and emergencies. Crisis City is the first of these sites and will form the hub for an additional four RTCs that will be strategically located to ensure state and local first responders, the National Guard and public safety organizations have state-of-the art training facilities. The focus of Crisis City will be public safety training and exercises directed toward Homeland Security and first response requirements. Crisis City will be a multi-use Homeland Security training facility for law enforcement, search and rescue, medical response teams, public and private industry safety professionals and military operations in support of civil authorities.

**Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range**

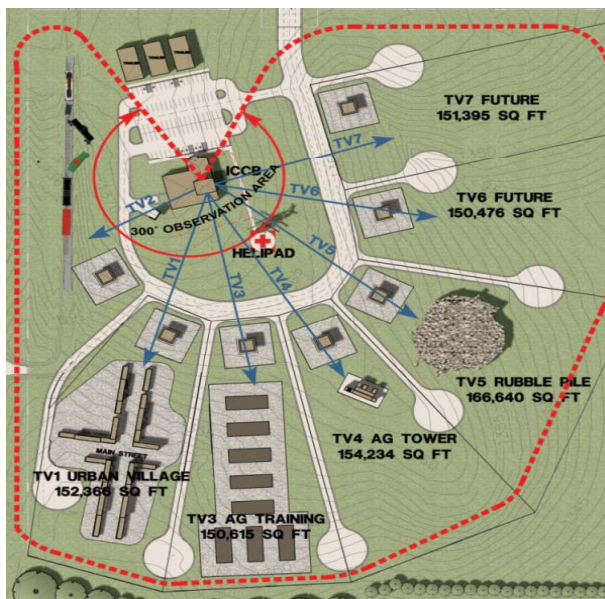
The Smoky Hill Range complex provides approximately 34 thousand acres for combined arms training, affording both Active and Reserve component military organizations the opportunity to train jointly in a realistic environment that combines ground and air assets in operational training in a way that's possible at only a few sites throughout the United States. Smoky Hill is the largest and busiest ANG bombing range in the nation and employs 23 full-time ANG and 4 civilian state employees. Smoky Hill encompasses 54 square miles of training space with over 100 tactical targets and an electronic warfare site. Located 10 miles west of Salina KS, Smoky Hill provides realistic combat training for military aircraft and ground forces from all the military services as well as provides unmanned aerial vehicle support for selected users.

**Salina Municipal Airport**

The Salina Municipal Airport functions as a Forward Operating Location (FOL) for personnel using the facilities and ranges of the GPJTC. With state of the art air traffic control systems and modern navigational aids, the Salina Airport safely guides over 80,000 aircraft operations per year.



Unmanned Aerial Vehicles will provide a potential homeland security response in the future. The testing of different unmanned vehicles for disaster response scenarios is ongoing and will expand in the future. Combining UAV flights in the GPJTC with the skilled imagery analysts of the Wichita-based 184th Intelligence Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard provides a unique opportunity to perfect the delivery of real time video and imagery products for first responders during emergencies.



**284<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS)**

The 284<sup>th</sup> ASOS is responsible for advising US Army and Army National Guard commanders on the capabilities and employment of air power, ensure its synchronization into the ground commanders' battle plan, and provide terminal attack control for close air support (CAS) missions. The 284<sup>th</sup> ASOS will employ 16 full-time ANG and 49 traditional ANG personnel and provides quick response emergency communications to the state headquarters in support of the state emergency action plan.

The Salina Municipal Airport has four runways ranging from 3648 feet to 12,300 feet, which allows it to support any military and civilian aircraft in operation today. Two world-class FBO's - AmericaJet and Flower Aviation - annually deliver in excess of four million gallons of fuel to over 7000 business jets and 5000 government and military aircraft. Because the Salina Airport is adjacent to both the GPJTC and the City of Salina and within ten miles of Smoky Hill Weapons Range, the Kansas Army National Guard Weapons Range and Crisis City, it is the essential transportation center for the government, the military and the civilian populace.