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Ed Kirtley is the assistant dean of engineering extension in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology (CEAT) at Oklahoma State University (OSU). As assistant dean Ed is responsible for leading 10 extension units OSU Fire Service Training, Fire Protection Publications, and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Prior to his appointment as assistant dean in August of 2013, Ed was the director of OSU Fire Service Training. He was responsible for the training of Oklahoma's fire fighters and other emergency responders. During his tenure he led the initiative for passage of Senate Bill 682. With the Governor's signature, for the first time since its beginning in 1931 FST was statutorily recognized as the agency responsible for the training of Oklahoma's fire fighters.

Before coming to OSU in 2004, Ed spent 23 years in the professional fire service including 17 years at the Colorado Springs Colorado Fire Department and six years as the Fire Chief in Guymon OK. While at Guymon Ed oversaw the integration of emergency medical services into the fire department including advanced life support transport, the first such service in the Panhandle. He also worked to build strong connections in the Hispanic community including the hiring and promotion of Hispanic fire fighters and EMTs.

In addition to his responsibilities as assistant dean, Ed teaches several undergraduate and graduate courses and is a frequent speaker at fire protection and community risk reduction conferences and courses. He is an adjunct instructor at the National Emergency Training Center. Since 2000, Ed has worked extensively with the South African fire service providing courses on community risk reduction and leadership. In July of 2017, Ed led the first group of OSU fire protection and fire/emergency administration students to South Africa on a cooperative program with Stellenbosch University. Students participated in a smoke alarm installation program in informal settlements in the Western Cape Province.

Ed has a bachelor's degree in technology management, a master's degree in education, and will complete a PhD in fire and emergency management administration from Oklahoma State University.