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Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger Offers Assistance To The City of Fort Scott In The Aftermath of Friday's Fire

TOPEKA, KS – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger has offered the assistance of her staff to the City of Ft. Scott, as well as any building or business owners who may have questions with adjustment of losses with their respective insurance companies. This comes in light of the devastating fire that heavily damaged or destroyed several businesses in downtown Ft. Scott on Friday, March 11, 2005.

“My heart goes out to the building and business owners that have suffered this loss,” said Praeger. “My office stands ready to assist anyone with questions or concerns they may have as they work through the insurance claims process that will follow this tragic event.”

Assistant Commissioner, Bob Tomlinson, will visit Ft. Scott on Friday, March 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to observe the devastated area.

Kansans are encouraged to contact Commissioner Praeger's Consumer Assistance Hotline at 1-800-432-2484 or visit www.ksinsurance.org if they have questions or need further information about any insurance product sold in Kansas. The hotline is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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About the Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, oversees the activities of the Kansas Insurance Department (KID) which is headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. The overriding objective of Commissioner Praeger and KID is to protect consumers, and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry. KID regulates and monitors the activities of 23,000 resident agents, 42,000 non-resident agents and 1684 insurance companies licensed to do business in the state of Kansas. The Department offers financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. For more information, visit www.ksinsurance.org.