Robert Oliver Rombach  
**University Unclassified Staff Employee of the Month**  
**August 2012**  
**Started:** May 1997  
**Current title:** University Fire Marshal

**What that means:** Essential to the protection of public safety throughout campus, Rombach is commissioned to act on behalf of the Kansas State Fire Marshal. He performs inspections and cites code violations when called for. He reviews for life-safety code compliance all code footprints and construction drawings issued through Design & Construction Management. Rombach also is an architect; he designs and oversees projects such as installation or upgrade of fire alarm or sprinkler systems.

**Notable:** In addition to regularly performing a large volume of fire safety inspections and other essential work, he puts in extra hours to provide life safety support at all KU men’s home basketball and football games and other large campus events. He also is known for implementing creative solutions. For example, he designed fire-rated glass walls in Allen Fieldhouse entryways and the donor’s lobby, so that safety was maintained while the Athletic Department staff vision for the space was achieved. He saved over $100,000 while meeting code requirements in a corridor wall retrofit in the recently renovated Gertrude Sellards Pearson residence hall. Through his work and leadership Rombach also has fostered better working relationships with the city of Lawrence and the state of Kansas to the benefit of KU.