



KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING OVERVIEW

KENTUCKY



FIRE COMMISSION
STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

Education, certification and funding opportunities for Kentucky's Fire Service

HOW WE BEGAN

- Prior to the year 2000, the Kentucky Fire Commission was a division of the Kentucky State Fire Marshal, while State Fire Rescue Training (SFRT) was part of the Workforce Development Cabinet.
- A merger in 2000 brought together the Kentucky Fire Commission and SFRT and aligned the new organization with KCTCS.

FIRE COMMISSION BOARD

- Fire Commission board members are appointed by the governor. The Commission is an 18-seat board comprised of:
 - 14 voting members
 - 3 non-voting members
 - 1 Ex-Officio member

FIRE COMMISSION OFFICE

The Kentucky Fire Commission opened their new office in Bourbon County on November 1, 2020.



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KENTUCKY'S FIRE SERVICE

- **52 Paid Departments**
- **632 Volunteer Departments**
- **87 Combination Departments**
- **4,092 Career Firefighters**
- **14,550 Volunteer Firefighters**

FUNDING OF THE FIRE COMMISSION

The Fire Commission & State Fire Rescue Training operational budgets for this year are \$59,101,700. The funds come from the insurance surcharge of a tax rate of 1.8% and state general fund dollars.

BUDGETARY BREAKDOWN

- **45% - Incentive & Pension**
- **18% - State Aid**
- **5% - Personal Protective Equip.**
- **5% - Training Initiatives**
- **5% - Administrative**
- **5% - Workers Compensation**
- **4% - Mobile Facilities**
- **2% - Expanded Training**
- **2% - PTSD/FF Stress Injury**
- **2% - Training Facility Grants**
- **2% - Health, Wellness & Safety**
- **5% - Other**
 - **Fire Training Academy**
 - **Hepatitis Vaccines**
 - **Thermal Imaging Camera Grant**
 - **EMS Training & Equipment**
 - **WMD, Hazmat, Terrorism**
 - **Safety Education**
 - **Driver/Operator**
 - **NFA Weekends**

FIRE COMMISSION PROGRAMS

- State Aid
- Junior Firefighter
- Health & Wellness
- Hepatitis
- Incentive & Pension
- Line of Duty Benefits
- Low Interest Loans
- NFIRS
- PTSD Reimbursement
- Training Facility Grants
- Thermal Imaging Camera Grants
- Training Records
- Workers Compensation
- CPAT

Grants, loans & State Aid available through the Fire Commission

Training Facility Grant: Grants are available each year to Fire Departments in the Commonwealth for the purpose of constructing new or upgrading existing training centers.

Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) grant: Grant program designed to reduce and prevent the loss of life by creating better equipped firefighters throughout the commonwealth.

State Aid (KRS): The Kentucky Fire Commission allots funding each year to qualifying volunteer fire department in cities of all classes.

Low Interest Loans: Loans are made available to departments who achieve the training standards necessary to qualify for volunteer Dept aid and which do not have other sources of funding at rates which are favorable to their financial resources.

Training Facility Grants

- KRS 95A.262, 739 KAR 2:030
- Awarded annually through an application process and selection by the Grants Committee.
- Amount increased to 1 million per year
- FY 2024 - \$999,960 distributed to 31 departments out of 63 applicants

Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) Grants

- KRS 95A.440, 730 KAR 2:130
- Awarded annually through an application process and selection by the Grants Committee.
- KRS 95.440 requires a two year non-eligibility period.
- \$3500 per grant recipient.
- FY 2024 - \$1,417,500 distributed to 405 departments

Additional Grant Programs

During the past five years, the Fire Commission has provided an additional \$5 million in grants to Kentucky's fire service

- Combi-tools
- 4-gas meters
- AEDs
- EMS equipment
- Public Education
- Gear extractors
- Fitness equipment

State Aid

- **KRS 95A.262, 739 KAR 2:050**
- **The State Aid program is available to all qualifying volunteer departments in the Commonwealth.**
- **Amount increased from \$11,000 to \$15,000 per year.**
- **List of approved purchases available on the Fire Commission website.**

Low Interest Loans

- **KRS 95A.262, 730 KAR 2:070**
- **Low interest loans are available to any volunteer fire department that is in good standing to receive State Aid and has also received that funding for the past 3 consecutive years.**
- **Departments may borrow up to \$125,000.00**
- **FY 2024 - \$1, 322,372.98 loaned to 17 departments**

Program Information

- Information about all grants, loans and State Aid is available at https://kyfirecommission.kctcs.edu/fire_commission_programs/
- Specialists in each program are available for questions or to assist departments in completing forms.
- Applications and required documentation are available on-line.
- Information about the programs and application periods are disseminated through multiple means and platforms.



Training Facility
Grants



Thermal Imaging Camera
Grant



State Aid



Low Interest Loans

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

Region 1

- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7
- Training Specialist – Districts 2, 3, 4
- Training Specialist – Districts 5, 6, 7

Region 2

- District 9
- District 11
- District 12
- District 13
- District 14
- District 15
- Training Specialist – Districts 9, 11, 15
- Training Specialist – Districts 12, 13, 14

SFRT System Office

- Curriculum/Degree Program
- Emergency Medical Services Education
- Accredited Certification
- Fire Academy of Kentucky

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

State Fire Rescue Training employs 75 full-time staff and over 400 part-time staff at offices located throughout the Commonwealth

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

- **FY2024 Class/Student Counts**
 - **99,027 Students**
 - **7,382 Classes**
 - **28,669.5 Instructional Hours**
 - **282 KCTCS Credentials issued (April 2023 – April 2024)**

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



District 2 - Princeton



District 3 - Greenville



District 4 - Bowling Green



District 5 - Elizabethtown

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



District 6 - Louisville



District 7 - Burlington



District 9 - Morehead



District 11 - Paintsville

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



District 12 - Hazard



District 13 - London



District 14 - Somerset



District 15 - Paris

STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



Fire Academy of Kentucky

KENTUCKY FIRE ACADEMY

- 13 weeks
- Monday – Friday
- Residential program
- Physical training, classroom and hands-on training
- Basic 2 (300-hour) firefighter certification
- Accredited Certification
- Up to 30 hours of college credit in partnership with
Madisonville Community College

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