

KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



FY2021



ANNUAL REPORT



Congratulations to Legislative Director Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger on his retirement in April 2021. During his 49 years of involvement in Kentucky's fire service, Howdy has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals and unselfish service to firefighters and fire departments in Kentucky. Howdy began his career with the Kentucky Fire Commission February 16, 2004, as Division Director. He served in this capacity until January 16, 2008, when he began service as Legislative Director and served in that position until his retirement.

During his tenure, Howdy has lobbied in Frankfort on behalf of the fire service, has been instrumental to bring State Aid to its current levels, has brought increases in incentive pay as well as improvements in the pension system and helped pass funding for training firefighters.

His service extends beyond the Kentucky Fire Commission. Howdy is a retired Captain of the Louisville Fire Department, a member of the Kentucky Firefighters Association, entered into the Kentucky Firefighters Association Hall of Fame, Emeritus President of the Louisville Firefighters Union Local #345, and Emeritus Legislative Chairman for the Kentucky Professional Firefighters.

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MISSION STATEMENT



The Kentucky Fire Commission is committed to enhancing safety and education within the fire service for the citizens and industries within the Commonwealth through standardized special and technical education, training, communication, coordination and the distribution of funds to the agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As FY2022 is fast approaching, I find it amazing that I have now been in my position as Executive Director of the State Fire Commission for two years. I have found that FY2021 was a very different year due to Covid and presented many challenges to us here at the Fire Commission and to Fire Departments across the state. But with that being said, I have also seen how resilient the Fire Service is and how we step up to take on the problem and move on to the next one.

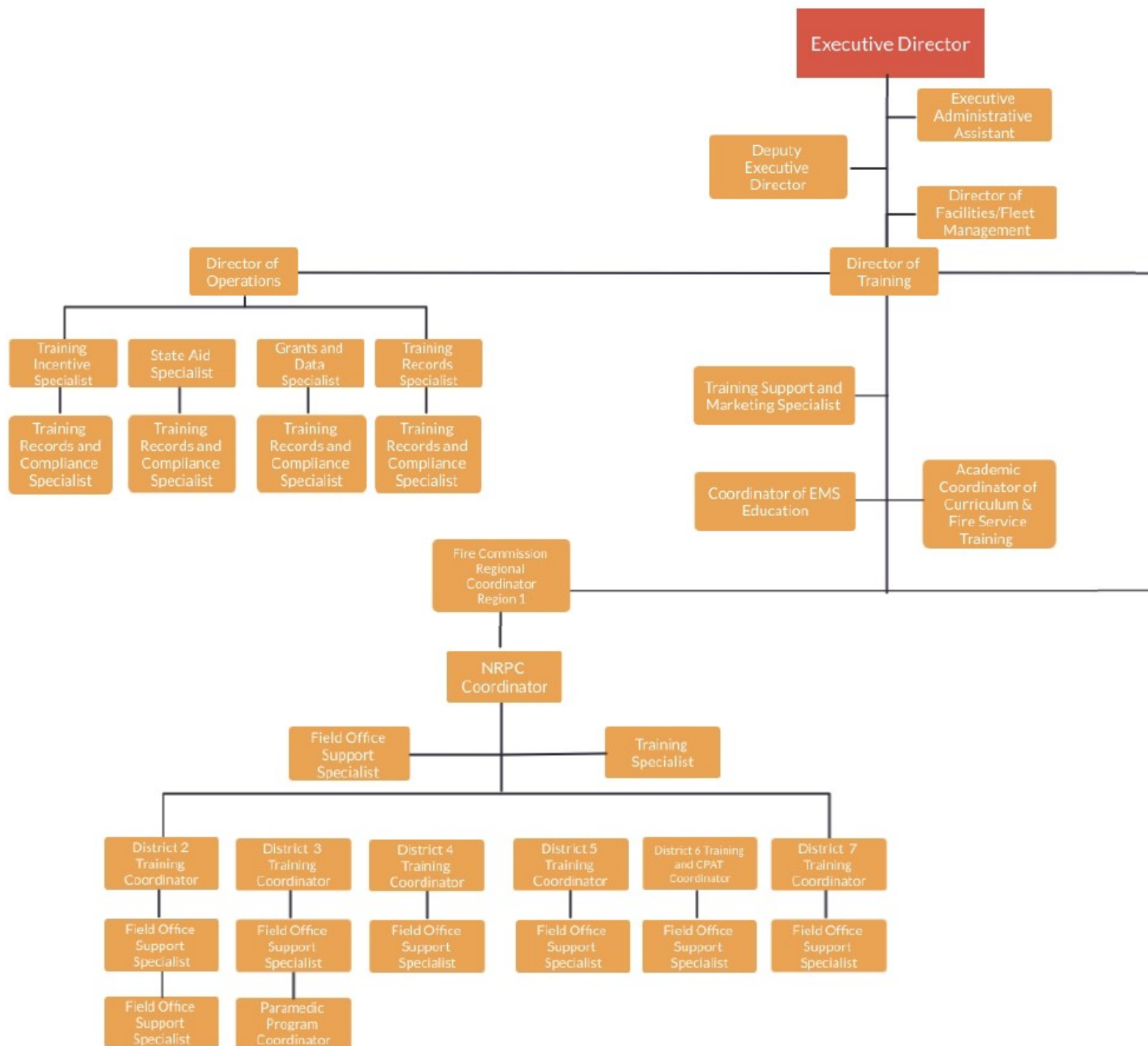
Our staff here at the Fire Commission have held fast to the belief that our jobs are to support the firefighters in this state, volunteer and career. We have worked hard to be creative in how we approach the needs of the fire departments with our budget, with training, and with communication. During FY2021, our team worked to create new grants, further develop our virtual and hybrid training programs, implement changes in how we approach CPAT testing, began to host Chief's meetings, etc. We realize we need to be customer-service oriented and to be more user friendly. We will continue to work toward these ends.

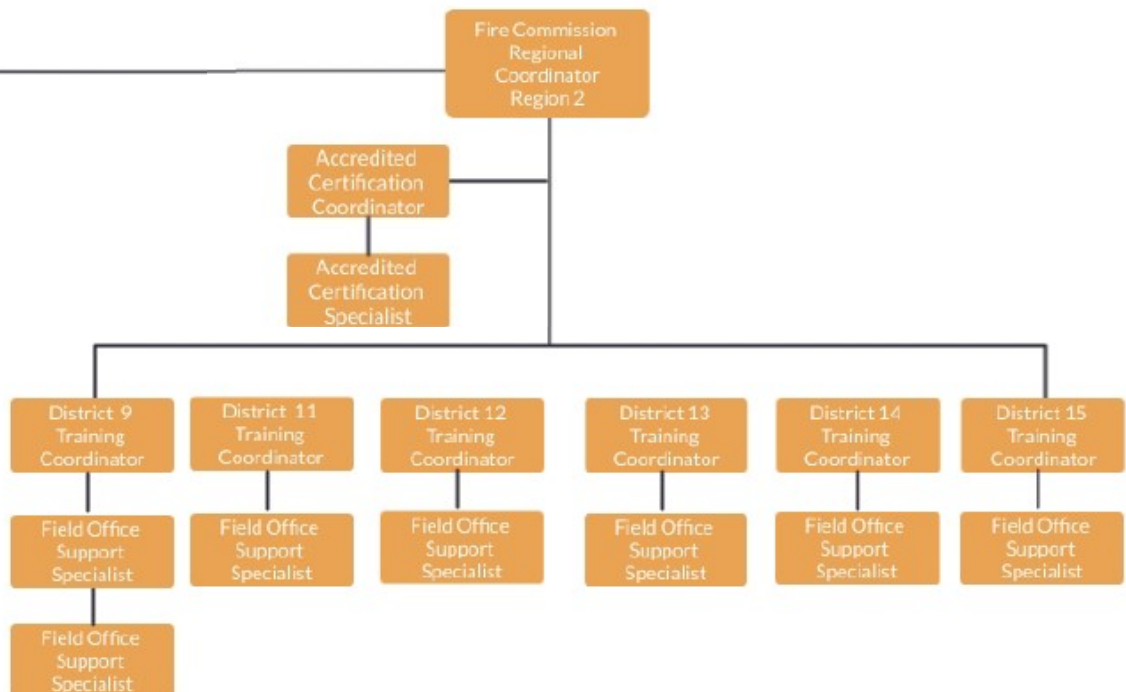
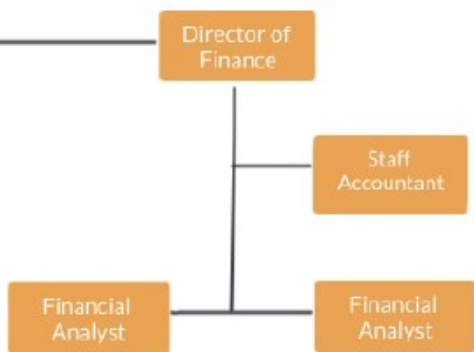
The Kentucky Fire Commission is working to bring additional levels of support for the Fire Service in Kentucky so they can strive to reach an even higher level of service to their communities. These higher expectations of service can only be accomplished through leadership and teamwork within all emergency service agencies in our state.

As always, we welcome your thoughts, concerns and input on how to improve firefighting in the Commonwealth. We look forward to partnering with the fire service in FY2022 and beyond.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





Committees of the Board

- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Public Education
- ◆ Loans
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Training Facilities
- ◆ Personnel
- ◆ Health & Wellness
- ◆ Eligibility
- ◆ EMS

FY2021 Board of Directors Representation

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary

Ricky King
Andrew Scott
Lonnie Madden

Paid Fire Chiefs

Michael Mosbey

County Judge Executive

Joe Choate

Volunteer Fire Chiefs

Lonnie Madden

Practicing Physician

Dr. Fadi Al Akhrass

County Fire Depts

Lloyd Stone

Ofc Homeland Security

Josiah Keats

Volunteer Fire Depts

Dwane Smeathers

State Fire Marshal

Mike Haney

KRS 95 Fire Depts

Scott Lawson

Fire-Based EMS Services

Mike Sutt

KRS 75 or 273 Fire Depts

Ricky King

KY Firefighters Assn

John Beatsch

General Public

Dustin Isaacs

KY Professional FFs

Joe Baer

Mayors

Andrew Scott

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Cathy Rigney

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STATE FIRE SCHOOL

The 2021 edition of the Kentucky State Fire School was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

INCENTIVE & PENSION

The Incentive & Pension fund continues to supplement eligible local governments, plus an amount equal to the required employers contribution on the supplement to the defined benefit pension plan, or to a plan qualified under Section 401(1) or Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

To be eligible for incentive pay, firefighters must have a minimum of 400 training hours, work at least 2,080 hours and earn at least \$8,000 annually. To maintain eligibility, all firefighters in the department must complete one hundred (100) hours of training annually. Eligible firefighters receive \$4,000 per year through this program.

Beginning in FY2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary changes were made to the Incentive Pay requirements. These changes allowed for new career firefighter hires who possessed a current CPAT card and had completed all training toward their 400-hour Kentucky certification, with the exception of Fire Commission classes (Firefighter Survival, Firefighter Rescue, Wildland and Flashover), to be eligible to receive Incentive Pay until resumption of normal Fire Commission/SFRT training operations during the 2nd quarter of FY2021.

Incentive and pension funds totaling \$21,626,505 were distributed to 3,900 firefighters during FY2021.

HEPATITIS VACCINATIONS

During FY2021, the Fire Commission's voluntary Hepatitis vaccination program assisted in providing funds for 61 Hepatitis immunizations. The Fire Commission collaborates with local health departments in this program and sponsors Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B or a combination of both Hepatitis A/B vaccines for Kentucky's firefighters.

THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA GRANTS

It is the goal of the Kentucky Fire Commission to make sure every fire department throughout the Commonwealth has at least one thermal imaging camera. 163 departments were awarded grant monies for reimbursement of thermal imaging camera purchases in FY2021.

TRAINING FACILITY GRANTS

The Fire Commission's Training Facility Grants program allows eligible and approved fire departments access to much needed funds to enhance their department's training program with facilities and equipment. This grant is offered every other year, with FY2022 being the next cycle.



FIRE DEPARTMENT AUDITS—TRAINING RECORDS

The Fire Commission continues to audit records of all departments for training hours compliance to ensure proper disbursement of both Incentive Pay and State Aid funds.

The Fire Commission has a team of auditors. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, audits scheduled to be conducted during FY2021 have been postponed to FY2022.

Audits are conducted by SFRT region.

LOW INTEREST LOANS

The Low Interest Loan program is available for any volunteer fire department that meets certain criteria. Volunteer fire departments can borrow up to (\$75,000) or (75%) of the total cost of the project, whichever is less. Funds in the amount of \$109,684 were distributed to four departments in FY2021.

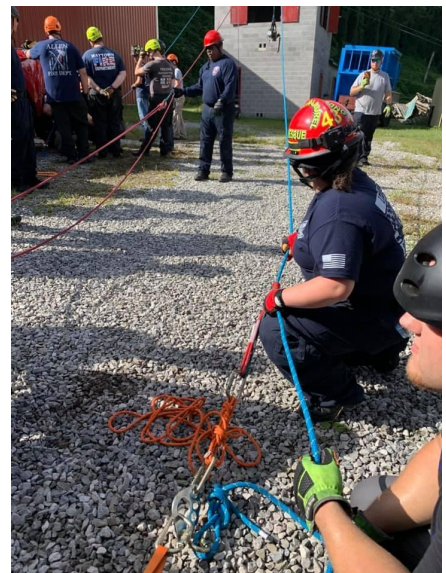
STATE AID

The Fire Commission's State Aid program is available to all qualifying volunteer fire departments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Fire Commission allots \$11,000 on an annual basis to each qualifying volunteer fire department in cities of all classes.

In FY2021, 677 departments were awarded State Aid for a total of \$6,859,000. Monies must be allocated toward specific expenditures approved by the Fire Commission.

Funds are required to be spent in total each fiscal year. Departments may hold the entirety of the funds over into the following fiscal year to acquire enough funds for a more substantial project. Partial carryover is disallowed.

Funds may also be applied toward Fire Commission loan payments.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Cancer Awareness

In efforts to continue to raise awareness of cancer among firefighters and promote prevention of firefighter-related cancers, the Fire Commission placed gear extractors in 33 of the Commonwealth's fire departments during FY2021. These specialized washing machines allow carcinogens to be lifted and removed during the cleaning process while maintaining the safety and integrity of the turnout gear fabric and components.



Exercise Equipment Grants

Proper physical training to adapt to extreme temperatures and the rigors of firefighting is important. Many departments are taking measures to enact a healthier culture in the firehouse and promoting firefighter fitness.

To assist with implementation or continuation of a fire department's fitness program, the Fire Commission offers a grant program to place exercise equipment in fire departments across the Commonwealth. In FY2021, 35 departments received various types of this equipment.

PTSD TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT

Firefighters have long been about helping others; these days more than ever, that includes fellow firefighters. The Kentucky Fire Commission is proud to offer a policy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or post-traumatic stress injury treatment reimbursement. This program establishes funds for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses that a firefighter has incurred after being diagnosed with PTSD through firefighting related experiences. Each qualifying individual may receive reimbursement benefits up to \$50,000 for care or treatment that was provided on or after July 1, 2020.

*No one should suffer with PTSD on their own.
If you are a firefighter struggling with this, or you know one who is,
please seek help from a licensed mental health professional.*



FIRE BASED EMS GRANTS

The Fire-Based Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program was established to assist fire departments that provide EMS transport services with purchasing lifesaving equipment. Funding was made available to purchase automated chest compression systems. Automated medical equipment eligible for purchase under this grant shall deliver guidelines-consistent, high-quality chest compression at recommended rate and depth while allowing for chest recoil.

Applicants were awarded this grant based upon both financial need and equipment need. 23 fire departments received devices totaling \$315,000 during FY2021.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GRANTS

The Personal Protective Equipment Grant Program was established to approach a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments across the Commonwealth and was designed to ensure that proper protective equipment can be purchased to protect those that protect us. Qualifying departments were provided grants of up to \$10,000 for purchase of structural fire-fighting items including boots, gloves, hoods, helmets, coats, and pants.

Applicants were awarded this grant based upon the following priorities:

- Departments without personal protective equipment for their firefighters.
- Departments with personal protective equipment greater than ten years from the date of manufacture.
- Departments with personal protective equipment that does not have NFPA 1971 labels.

Funds totaling \$1,506,352 were disbursed to 158 fire departments in Kentucky during FY2021.

PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS



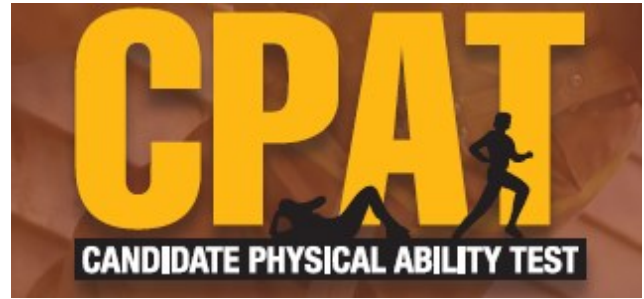
A good fire prevention/public education program is key to averting the loss of property and lives within communities. Recognizing the need for community education and the lack of funding so many departments face for this, the Kentucky Fire Commission formed a program to team up with fire departments in the Commonwealth that currently have a public education program in place to assist with promoting fire safety within their community.

In FY2021, 106 fire departments each received \$1,000 for use in their current fire prevention/public education programs, for a total of \$106,000 worth of funds distributed.

CPAT

Since 2013, administrative regulations in the state of Kentucky mandate all newly hired career firefighters pass the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). CPAT is set up to develop a fair and valid evaluation tool in the selection of firefighters to ensure that all firefighter candidates possess the physical ability to complete critical tasks effectively and safely. CPAT is a sequence of events requiring the participant to progress along a predetermined path from event to event in a continuous manner. Stations include: Stair Climb, Hose Drag, Equipment Carry, Ladder Raise and Extension, Forcible Entry, Search, Rescue and Ceiling Breach and Pull.

Due to COVID-19, temporary changes to the CPAT mandate were enacted during FY2020 to ensure fire departments continued to be able to hire critical personnel during this time. This waiver expired January 22, 2021, and fire departments employing newly hired firefighters in 2020 that were mandated to produce a CPAT card as a condition of employment were required to obtain a CPAT card by April 22, 2021.



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Testing Sessions

1350

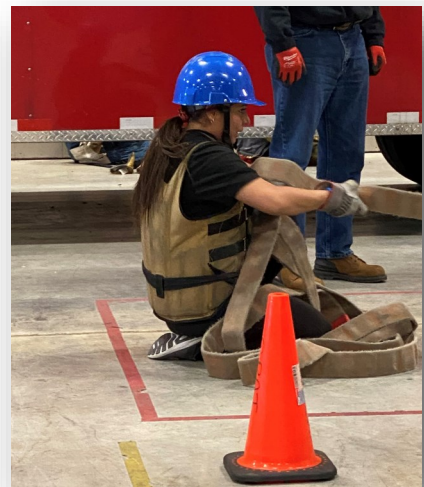
Candidates

700

Cards Issued

Rick Larkins

CPAT Coordinator



Rollout of the Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System (KyFIRES) was fully implemented in FY2021. KyFIRES allows for a more streamlined and user friendly training records and tracking and management system to maximize efficiency, save money and simplify records input and information communication.

KyFIRES allows firefighters throughout the state to securely access their own training and certification records through any modern web browser. Training records are updated in real-time as soon as entry of the record is complete.



Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System



Certifications

Name ▲	Type	Issue Date	Expiration	Status	
Firefighter 150-Hr Certification	Certification	10/23/2017	Never	Active	Print
Firefighter 400-Hr Certification	Certification	06/01/2020	Never	Active	Print

Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System

Home Dashboard Training and Events Registration Organization Personnel Academy Resources*

New Hire Webform

Please fill out the information below. This will create an employment record for your new hire, which you will be able to add training to through the Portal.

Employee Information

Name (First Middle Last, Suffix) Select an opt... ▼

* First Middle * Last Suffix

Gender Select an option... ▼

* Date of Birth

* Email Address

* Mobile Phone Number

Home Address

more ▼

Home Dashboard Training and Events Registration Organization Personnel Academy Resources*

Training

View By ☐ Fiscal Year ☒ Calendar Year [Reports](#) ⋮

All planned, in-progress, and completed training is displayed.

▲ Upcoming, Ongoing, & Unconfirmed Training for Period: 0h 0m

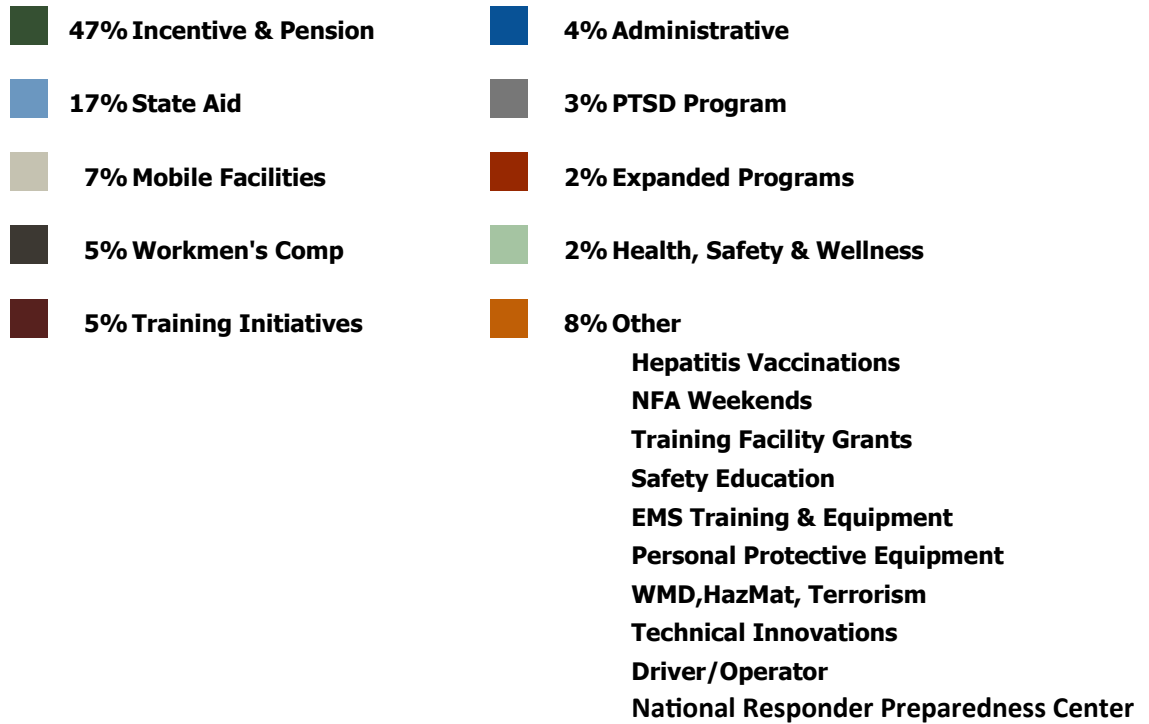
None Specified

▲ Current Period to Date (01/01/2021 - 08/25/2021) Training for Period: 38h 30m

Training	Start	End	Grade	Hours	Training Category	Student Status	Documents
Emergency & Disaster Planning (X0000)	08/09/2021	08/09/2021	N/A	2h 0m	X0000	Completed	
Farm and Machinery Rescue (Q0006)	06/21/2021	06/21/2021	N/A	3h 0m	Q0006	Completed	
Hazardous Materials Operations (T0002)	05/27/2021	05/27/2021	N/A	3h 0m	T0002	Completed	
Ropes (I0000)	05/26/2021	05/26/2021	N/A	2h 30m	I0000	Completed	
Safety Training (B0000)	04/26/2021	04/26/2021	N/A	3h 0m	B0000	Completed	
Cause & Origin/Fire Investigation (Y0000)	04/20/2021	04/20/2021	N/A	3h 0m	Y0000	Completed	



BUDGETARY





During the 2021 Kentucky Legislative Session, representatives of Kentucky’s fire service and the Kentucky Fire Commission continued their efforts to educate legislators and protect the interests of the Kentucky’s fire service. Restrictions were place on in-person attendance from the audience due to COVID-19, but several fire service leaders worked together to campaign on behalf of moving the fire service forward.

Despite the restrictions, several House bills related to the fire service were passed through Committee and were ultimately passed into law. No fire-service related Senate bills were passed during the 2021 legislative session.

HOUSE

HB44: This act related to mental health and making an appropriation therefor.	HB87: This act related to state-administered retirement systems.
HB120: This act related to consolidated emergency services districts and making an appropriation therefor.	HB370: This act related to special license plates and making an appropriation.

Numerous other bills related to the fire service of the Commonwealth were introduced but were not passed into law during the 2021 session.



BY THE NUMBERS

**Paid
Departments**



**Volunteer
Departments**



**Combination
Departments**



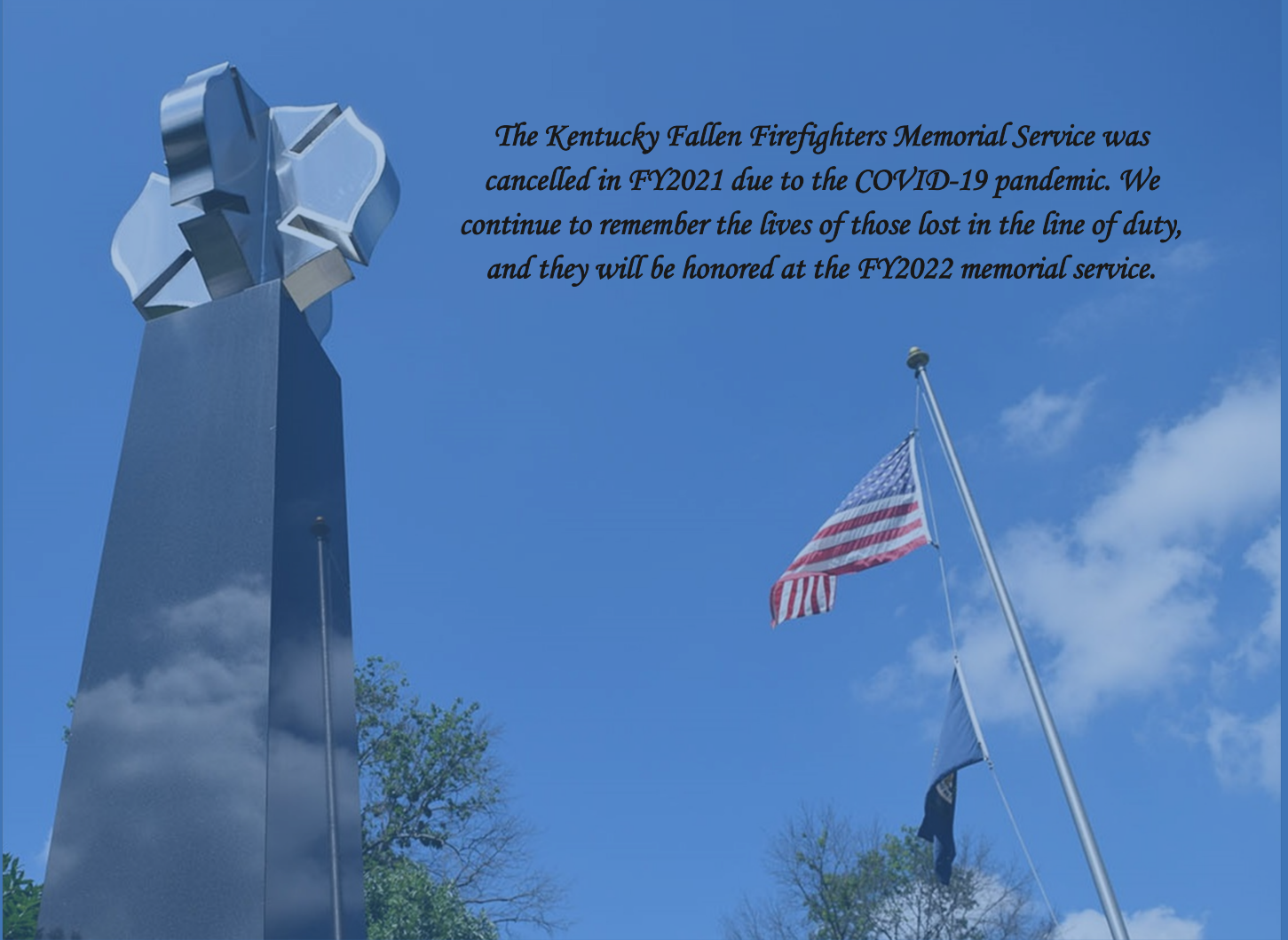
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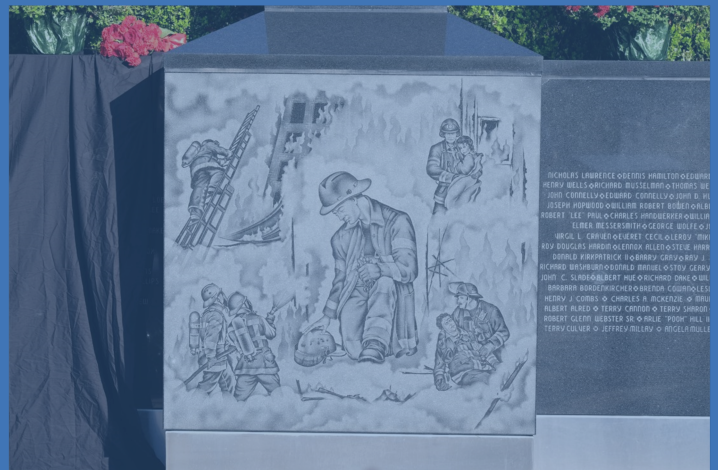
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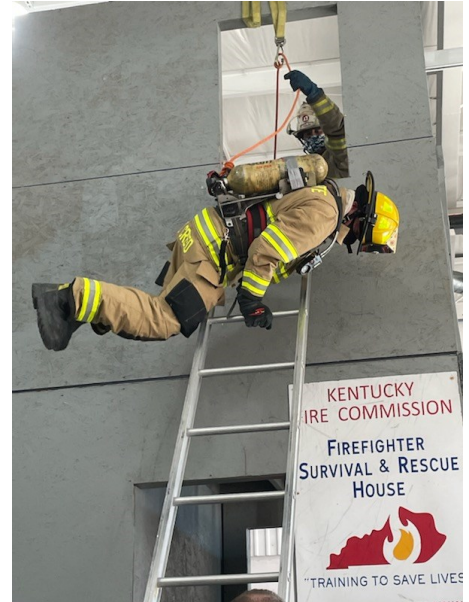
IN MEMORIAM



The Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service was cancelled in FY2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to remember the lives of those lost in the line of duty, and they will be honored at the FY2022 memorial service.



STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Fire Rescue Training is to plan, direct and administer a quality, comprehensive and uniformly delivered training program through the most efficient use of available resources to assist in meeting the training needs of fire, rescue and other emergency services personnel so that lives and property may be saved more safely and effectively. In addition, to provide health and safety training programs for industries, institution, government agencies and other such entities to assist in meeting their training needs mandated by federal, state and local laws.

VISION

The vision of Fire Rescue Training is to be recognized as a national leader in providing comprehensive educational programs for current and future emergency responders at the local, regional, state and national levels.



STATE OF STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

As firefighters, we frequently encounter situations where we must adapt to changing conditions. FY2021 has been a busy year in State Fire Rescue Training and also proved to be another year of much change and adaptation! We began with a full rollout of the Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System (KyFIRES), moved into the beautiful new Fire Commission campus in Paris in October, and started the process of restructuring and consolidation of our district offices. New Fire Science Technology degree curriculum was implemented with the 2020 KCTCS Fall semester and we are excited to announce that this updated program has received national recognition and will allow another avenue for firefighters to obtain credentials in higher education.

SFRT added a Coordinator of EMS Education position in December. As part of this new position, each district office will be scheduling at least one EMS class for certification on an annual basis beginning in FY2022. Our SFRT Course Catalog has been updated and available on the Fire Commission website. We encourage fire departments to browse our offerings when scheduling their 21 hours of SFRT-led fire training for FY2022!

Based upon Governor Beshear's recommendations for group gatherings, SFRT was able to resume in-person training on a limited scale during the first quarter of FY2021, eventually being able to return to normal training operations as the year went on. Our virtual training program has been met with much success to date and continues to be available as an alternative to in-person training for departments to utilize their 21-hours of SFRT-delivered training.

I am proud of the way each of our district offices stepped up and found different ways to provide training during these unprecedented times. SFRT has tried to be as proactive as possible utilizing virtual and face to face training. Through adaptation, we have tried to be fluid in our operations and continue business as usual to the best of our abilities. The number one reason how we got achieved this is plain and simple: our dedicated staff. Therein lies so much truth in the quote, "it takes a village."

Our district offices and the National Responder Preparedness Center delivered training to 74,856 students over a range of 5,489 classes. This team delivers a quality service to all levels of firefighters of the Commonwealth each and every day,

from those donning turnout gear for the first time, to those highly experienced and I cannot say enough about their hard work to ensure our firefighters receive this critical training to keep them at the top of their game.

SFRT has seen several retirements in the past year. I would like to acknowledge Rusty Todd, Larrel Alley and Charlie Lott for their years of service and dedication to Kentucky's fire service. We wish them the best in their new ventures.

SFRT remains committed to providing quality and excellence in training. I wish to thank all of the staff in our organization for their hard work and dedication to service during these trying times. We have many ambitious plans in place for FY2022 to keep Kentucky's fire service moving forward. Our efforts will persist as we strive to be a leader in the fire service, and we will continue to develop innovative, high-quality programs to make our citizens and communities a safer place.



SFRT BY THE NUMBERS

CLASSES

5,489

FY2021

STUDENTS

74,856

FY2021

INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

22,608.5

FY2021

FIRE TRAINING:

64,131

STUDENTS

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING:

6,546

STUDENTS

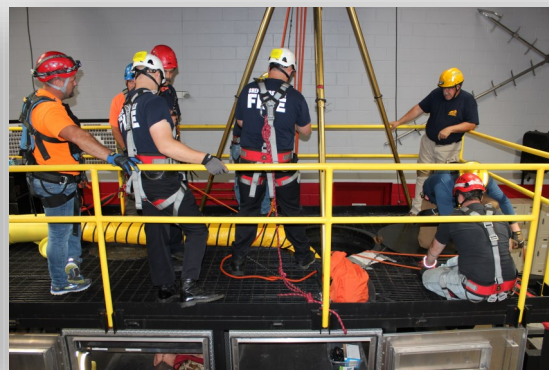
EMS TRAINING:

4,179

STUDENTS

CLASSES BY CATEGORY

2,540	128
FIRE DEPARTMENT	NRPC
513	288
FIRE COMMISSION	EMR/EMT
136	201
FIRE SCHOOL	PARAMEDIC
1,111	572
DEGREE PROGRAM	INDUSTRIAL



SFRT BY THE NUMBERS

TOP 10 SFRT DELIVERED CLASSES FY2021	CLASSES
Driver/Operator Training	272
Hazardous Materials	258
Pump Operations	138
Fire Behavior	118
Fire Control	117
Ropes	112
Personal Protective Equipment	110
Forcible Entry	109
CPR	106
Vehicle Extrication	100

TOP 10 SFRT DELIVERED CLASSES BY STUDENTS FY2021	STUDENTS
Hazardous Materials	4,360
Driver/Operator Training	4,125
Fire Control	2,263
Ropes	1,846
Forcible Entry	1,823
Fire Behavior	1,776
Personal Protective Equipment	1,752
Pump Operations	1,726
Fire Extinguishers	1,594
Hose/Nozzles/Appliances	1,496

FIRE COMMISSION CLASSES FY2021	CLASSES	STUDENTS
Fire Instructor I/II	93	1,010
Fire Officer I/II	50	708
Firefighter Rescue	69	1,366
Firefighter Survival	73	1,479
Flashover	93	1,836
Wildland Awareness	102	1,274



SFRT DISTRICT OFFICES



SFRT Region 1

Region Coordinator: Marc Henderson

District 2—Princeton

Pat Crane, District Coordinator
Kelly Bolin, Field Office Support Specialist
Kelly Harris, Field Office Support Specialist

District 3—Calhoun

Jimmy VanCleve, District Coordinator
Joe Dennison, Paramedic Program Coordinator
Mandy Ward, Field Office Support Specialist

District 4—Bowling Green

John Weatherbee, District Coordinator
Tamara Steele, Field Office Support Specialist

District 5—Elizabethtown

John Gentry, District Coordinator
Vacant, Field Office Support Specialist

District 6—Louisville

Rick Larkins, District Coordinator
Susan Singleton, Field Office Support Specialist

District 7—Burlington

Bill Birkle, District Coordinator
Kacie Mills, Field Office Support Specialist

SFRT Region 2

Region Coordinator: Mark Hammond

District 9—Morehead

Vacant, District Coordinator
Tammy Duncan, Field Office Support Specialist
Pam McAllister, Field Office Support Specialist

District 11—Paintsville

Greg Gray, District Coordinator
Karen Richmond, Field Office Support Specialist

District 12—Hazard

Vacant, District Coordinator
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District 13—London

Chantz McPeck, District Coordinator
Vacant, Field Office Support Specialist

District 14—Somerset

Josh Whitis, District Coordinator
Jessica Huff, Field Office Support Specialist

District 15—Paris

Brian Steele, District Coordinator
Casey Smith, Field Office Support Specialist

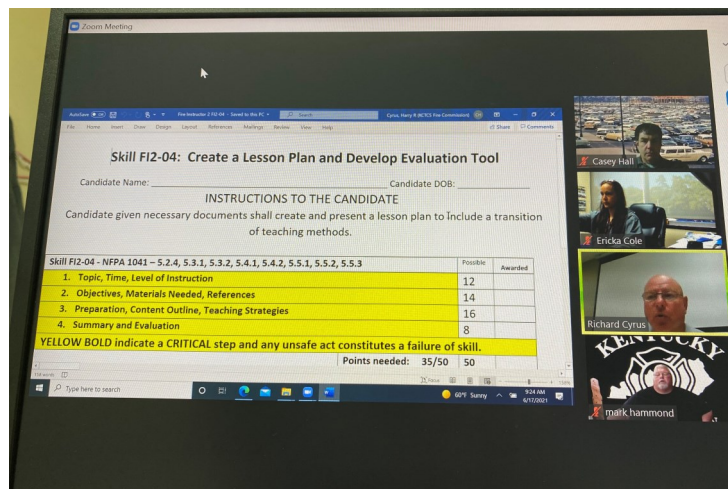
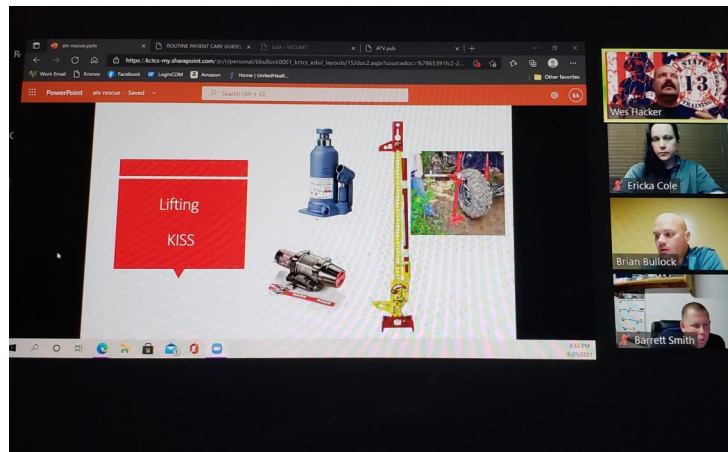


VIRTUAL TRAINING

First implemented during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic during FY2020, the Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training have continued to offer training on a Virtual Instructor-Led Platform (VILT) during FY2021.

VILT classes are led by an instructor in real-time, thereby allowing firefighters to utilize this type of training to assist toward completion of their 150- and 400-hour certifications while still adhering to administrative regulations that require face-to-face training for initial certification hours. Certified firefighters are also able to use VILT for their annual continuing education requirements.

During FY2021, VILT served 14,944 students via 449 classes.



HOME >> NEWS & EVENTS >> UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Google Calendar Kentucky Fire Commission

Mon May 24 – Wed Jun 23, 2021

Today Month Agenda

Mon May 24, 2021

- 6pm Virtual Training - Educational Methodology Update
- 6:30pm Virtual Training - Extinguishers (E0000)
- 7pm Virtual Training - EMT CEU
- 7pm Virtual Training - Hazardous Materials Operations
- 7pm Virtual Training - Mobile Home Fires



SFRT DEGREE PROGRAM

KCTCS Fire Science Technology Courses Offered At:

- Ashland CTC
- Bluegrass CTC
- Elizabethtown CTC
- Gateway CTC
- Jefferson CTC
- Madisonville CTC
- Maysville CTC
- Owensboro CTC
- Southcentral KY CTC
- Somerset CTC
- West KY CTC

The Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology Program prepares for the challenges facing today's emergency responders. The Fire Commission's degree program has become Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) recognized by the National Fire Academy.

The degree program was updated for school year 2020-2021 and updated curriculum is now in place.

The program offers courses in:

- Fire Suppression
- Fire Prevention
- Technical Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
- Emergency Medical Care
- Leadership

Students may enter the program with or without experience in emergency services. The degree, certificate and diploma programs that are offered can help in obtaining employment in various emergency service fields, or if already a firefighter, help assist in promotional opportunities. The program may be continued as a 2+2 program with Western Kentucky University's Systems Management Program. Students may also work with Eastern Kentucky University to transfer credits obtained through the KCTCS Fire Science Technology degree program in pursuit of a 4-year collegiate degree in ECU's Fire Science bachelor's degree programs.

Academic certificates are also available for Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Basic Fire Protection, Basic Firefighter, Advanced Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Technician, and Fire Service Administration. A Fire Chief diploma is offered as well.

SFRT Director Marc Rudder was re-elected to the IFSAC Degree Program Council of Governors in FY2021, and Casey Hall, Academic Coordinator of Curriculum & Fire Service Training, was elected to the IFSAC Council of Governors in FY2021.

Approximately 293 Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees were awarded to students completing in 2020-2021.



SFRT's degree program has been accredited by IFSAC since 2004



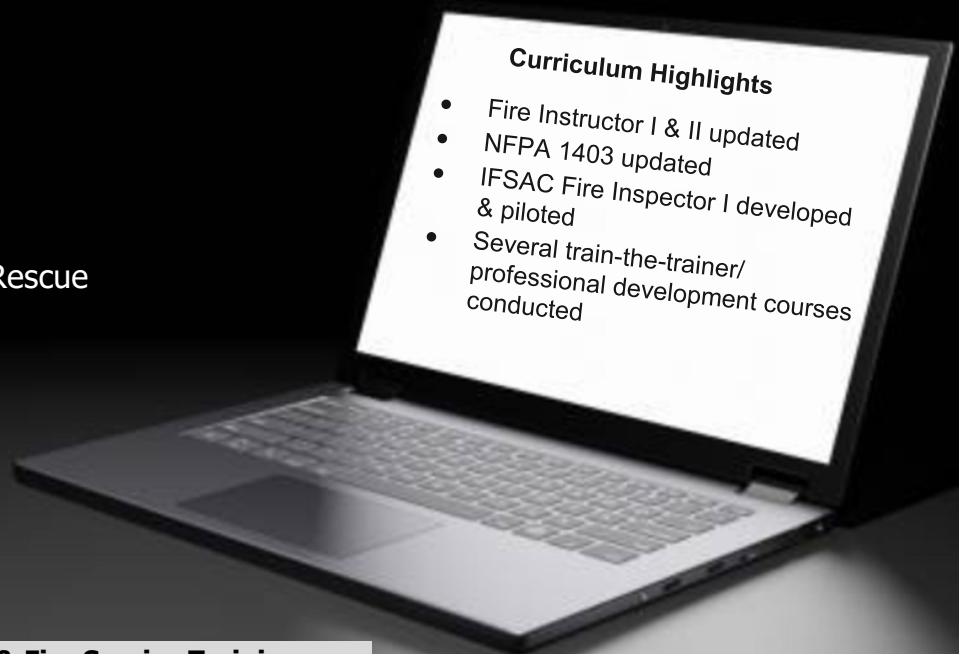
SFRT CURRICULUM UPDATES

The following programs were updated for FY2021:

Administration	Building Construction	Fire Brigades	Fire Behavior
Fire Investigations	Fire Officer	Fire Prevention	Fire Protection Systems
Firefighter Safety & Survival	Firefighting Strategies & Tactics	Hydraulics & Water Supply	Legal Aspects of Emergency Services
Live Fire Instructor	Manufactured Housing Fires	Marine Firefighting	Orientation/Terminology
	Wildland Firefighter	Structural Fire Strategy & Tactics	

The Fire Commission obtains curriculum from several agencies:

- IFSTA
- Jones & Bartlett
- Fire Engineering
- Action Training
- Fire Commission/State Fire Rescue Training



Academic Coordinator of Curriculum & Fire Service Training:
Casey Hall

NATIONAL RESPONDER PREPAREDNESS CENTER

34 Unique Classes/Trainings

1,135 Instructional Hours

511 Students

41 Instructors

**268 IFSAC Tests
(Written/Skills)**

**761st KY National Guard Live
Fire Training**

**Completed Driving Pad, Fence
and Road**

**\$7 million expansion project
underway to include classroom
building & burn facility**

**Began development of
400-hour Recruit Class**

**NRPC Coordinator:
Marc Henderson**

**NRPC Field Office Coordinator:
Dustin Staves**



ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION

**Accredited Certification
Coordinator: Larrel Alley**

**Accredited Certification
Specialist: Christy Rodgers**



Firefighter I ♦ Firefighter II

Fire Instructor I ♦ Fire Instructor II

Fire Officer I ♦ Fire Officer II

Fire Inspector I ♦ Hazmat Awareness

Hazmat Operations ♦ Airport Firefighter

Driver Operator ♦ Driver Operator Aerial

Driver Operator Pumper



Kentucky recognizes the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) as its certification board. In addition to its certificate program, IFSAC also provides governing for the Fire Commission/State Fire Rescue Training's Fire Science Technology degree program.

IFSAC accreditation is based on a peer-review process. During FY2021, Fire Commission employees participated in two site visits to review each entity's IFSAC program. Both the accreditation and degree program certifications will be valid through 2023 for the Fire Commission/State Fire Rescue Training, at which time both programs must be reviewed and reaccredited again.

The Fire Commission piloted an IFSAC Fire Inspector I course in FY2021, and will fully implement this curriculum during FY2022.

Written tests are administered monthly in each district office as well as by appointment at the SFRT District 9 office. 1,039 seals were issued in FY2021. 76 skills testing were offered across the state during FY2021, with 1,368 candidates.



FLEET/FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT



Major Purchases and Construction FY2021

- ♦ Fire Commission Building
- ♦ Chevy 3500 Pickup Trucks
- ♦ Chevy 5500 Pickup Truck
- ♦ Ram 1500 Pickup Truck
- ♦ Road Tractor
- ♦ Mobile Drill Towers
- ♦ Extrication Suits
- ♦ NRPC Concrete Pad Completion
- ♦ Area office HVAC Improvements





We're Open To Welcome You!

Throughout all, the Kentucky Fire Commission remains committed to serving the firefighters of the Commonwealth.

As we look toward the future, new initiatives are on the horizon as the Fire Commission remains invested to cement Kentucky as a leader in the nation's fire service. Additional information will be released later this year.

We're also happy to announce our doors are once again open to the public at our beautiful new campus in Bourbon County and cordially invite you for a tour. We look forward to welcoming you!

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