

Kentucky Fire Commission State Fire Rescue Training

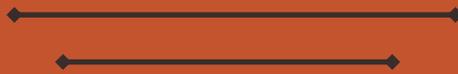
FY2020 Annual Report



KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION
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The Kentucky Fire Commission



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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

Over the past year it has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission. As a past Fire Chief and firefighter I saw the Fire Commission as the place where I could go to get help on any issues that my department may have. That is the way it was in the past, that is the way it is now, and that is the way we are committed to making sure it will be in the future. Myself, our staff, and our Board of the Directors are here to serve you and your departments.

Fire Departments across the state have faced many challenges this year and will face many more in the year to come and we want to be here to support both the paid departments and our volunteer departments. It is our goal to work with the Fire Commission board to push out new budget initiatives that we hope will have a positive impact on the fire service in Kentucky. We will be as creative as possible with our budget to allow us to support our Fire Departments.

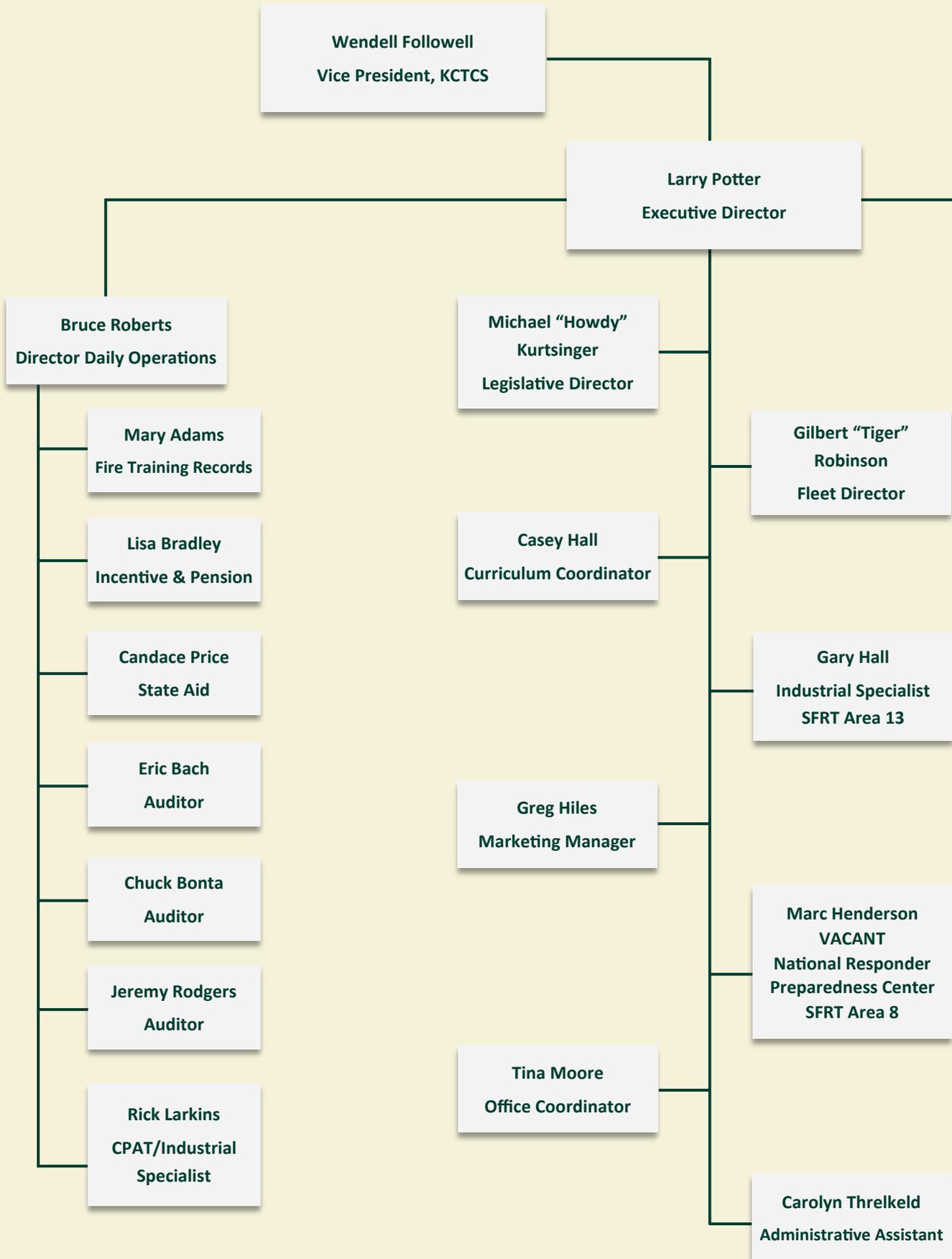
The Fire Commission has also been forced to think outside the box and it has been a learning experience for myself and our staff and I feel we have risen to the occasion. I am proud of our staff and the way they have worked and stayed focused to do the job needed to work with and for our fire departments.

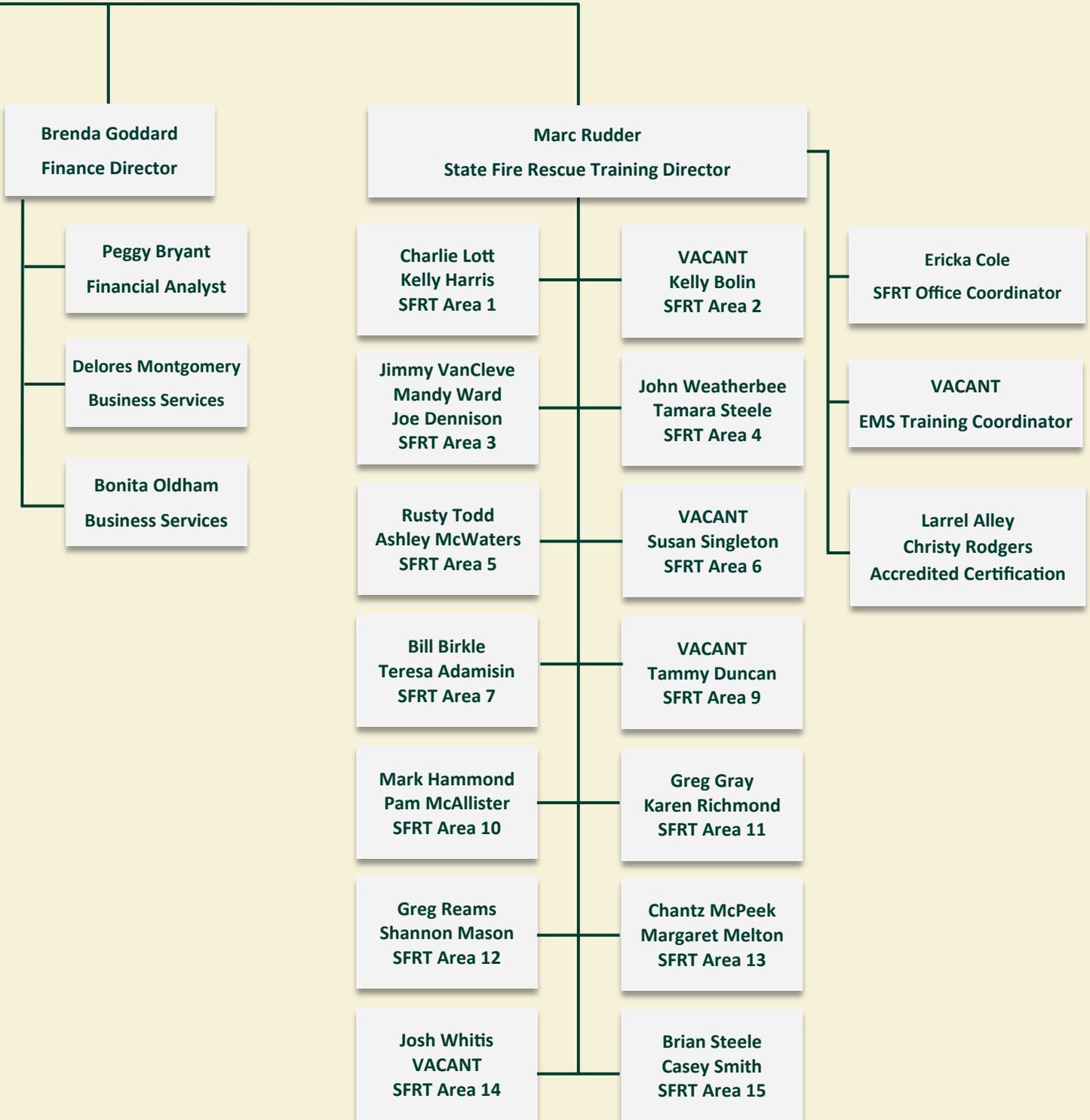
We will continue to train in whatever manner is afforded to us to provide quality training to enhance the fire service and the jobs you do every day. We will take what we have learned from the experiences this past year and build on them so we can provide the best possible training.

The Fire Commission is here for you and committed to supporting the fire service in Kentucky with whatever resources that are available to us. We will be asking for input from fire departments and fire organizations across the state to help us better understand the needs of the fire service so we can better support and assist them in every way possible.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





Committees of the Board

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

FY2020 Board of Directors Representation

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Lonnie Madden

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County Fire Depts

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Ofc Homeland Security

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State Fire Marshal

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KRS 95 Fire Depts

Scott Lawson

KY Firefighters Assn

John Beatsch

KRS 75 or 273 Fire Depts

Ricky King

KY Professional FFs

Joe Baer

General Public

Dustin Isaacs

KY Assoc of Fire Chiefs

Gregg Bayer

Mayors

Andrew Scott

KCTCS Vice President

Wendell Followell

Building & Safety

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

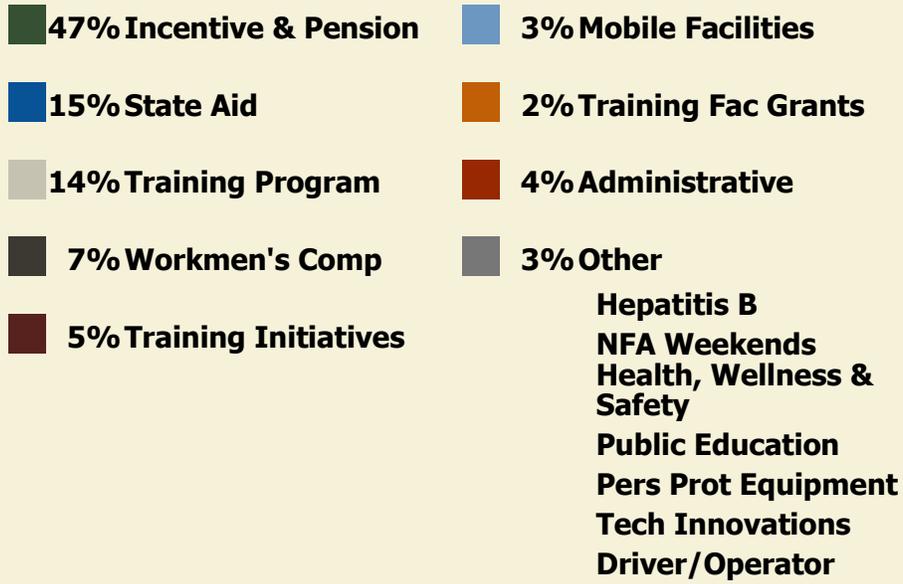
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BUDGETARY



LEGISLATIVE

During the 2020 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. Despite the outbreak of COVID-19 shortening the 2020 Kentucky Legislative session, several bills related to the fire service were passed through Committee and were ultimately passed into law:

SB5

This act reviewed the fee and tax increase requirements by consolidated local governments and exemption of all Fire Taxing Districts.

SB111

This act related to transportation of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel killed in the line of duty.

SB249

This act froze the CERS employer rate phase-in for one year.

HB271

This act amended KRS 16.601 and 61.621 to remove provisions which reduce line of duty or duty-related benefits upon remarriage.

HB352

This act related to the State/Executive Branch budget and also froze pension rates.

HB375

This act related to reorganization of the membership of the Kentucky Fire Commission Board.

HB479

This act related to police and firefighter retirement funds of urban-county governments.

HB484

This act related to CERS pension separation and creation of a new CERS board.



Major Event Participation

National Fire Academy Training Weekend
Kentucky State Fair
National Fallen Firefighter Memorial
High School Fire/EMS Cadet Symposium
North American Fire Training Directors Conference
Bryant Stiles Officers' School

NFA TRAINING WEEKEND

44 instructors with State Fire Rescue Training participated in the 2019 Kentucky In-State Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Students selected from 7 courses, allowing personnel to bring this professional development material back to students across the Commonwealth:



- Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations
- Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
- Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
- Leadership In Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking
- Training Operations in Small Departments
- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic Considerations
- Shaping the Future



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER CAMPS

The Fire Commission hosted two junior firefighter camps in FY2020. Camps were offered in London and Greenville, allowing the Fire Commission to reach an extended population of junior firefighters who might otherwise be unable to attend a camp held in a single location.

These camps allow participants to enhance their skills in various fireground operations, learn to function as a team and network with junior firefighters from across Kentucky. In an effort to mimic real-life responses, training is conducted day and night in all types of weather conditions.

The fall camp was again held in November at the J.M. Feltner Memorial 4H Camp. 55 juniors from 33 departments spent three days training on rescue operations including heavy lifting and moving, trench rescue and large animal technical rescue.



The spring edition of junior firefighter camp was hosted in Greenville by the National Responder Preparedness Center and Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center. 63 juniors from 35 departments spent the weekend focusing on live-fire operations training including hose and nozzle usage, gases/flammable liquid fires and helicopter fires.

To date, there have been 332 individual campers from 94 departments. 79 of these campers have participated in multiple camps, including three campers who have attended every camp they have been eligible to attend prior to aging out.



STATE FIRE SCHOOL

The 2020 edition of the Kentucky State Fire School was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

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 100 hours of training annually. Eligible firefighters receive \$4,000 per year through this program.

Due to COVID-19, 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.

HEPATITIS VACCINATIONS

During FY2020, the Fire Commission's voluntary Hepatitis vaccination program assisted in providing funds for 94 firefighters to receive immunizations. With new legislation passed during the 2019 session, the Fire Commission now 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 department throughout the Commonwealth has at least one thermal imaging camera. 137 departments were awarded grant monies for reimbursement of thermal imaging camera purchases in FY2020.

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.

During FY2020, 28 departments were awarded grants totaling \$999,371.



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's team of three auditors performed 101 departmental audits in FY2020. Many audits were unable to be completed due to the COVID-19 situation, and those remaining FY2020 departments will be rolled into the FY2021 audit cycle.

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 \$130,690 were distributed to three departments in FY2020.

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 FY2020, 667 departments were awarded State Aid for a total of \$7,197,500. 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 & WELLNESS

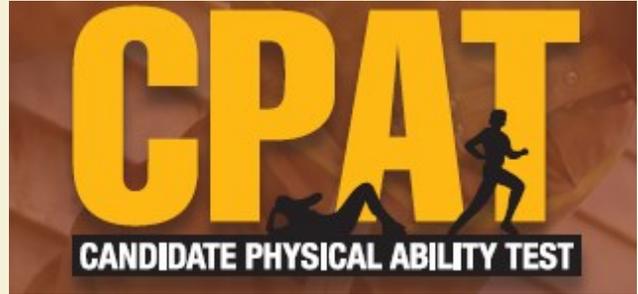
Cancer Awareness

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 19 of the Commonwealth's fire departments during FY2020. 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.

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.

Several testing sessions were cancelled in FY2020 due to COVID-19, and temporary changes to the CPAT mandate were enacted to ensure fire departments continued to be able to hire critical personnel during this time.



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Testing Sessions

396

Candidates

Rick Larkins

CPAT Coordinator

SMOKE DETECTOR GRANT

The Fire Commission purchased 3,174 smoke detectors for distribution to requesting Kentucky fire departments in FY2020. Departments then installed the detectors into local homes as part of their public education campaigns.





Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System



Sign in

E-mail address (Username)

Password

[Reset your password](#)

[Sign In](#)

Retrieve Your Firefighter No.

If you have access to the primary email address for your person record, you may retrieve your existing firefighter No. via email.

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KyFIRES' Portal

KyFIRES- The Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System is a comprehensive, enterprise system that serves as a central training and certification repository for the Kentucky Fire Commission. The system maintains accurate, complete and accessible lifelong employment and training records for fire departments, including all basic, advanced, in-service and online training completed, ensuring compliance with training mandates. KyFIRES also serves as a management tool for fire department participation in Fire Commission mandates and programs.

The Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System' Primary Functions

- Comprehensive Training Records for Kentucky Firefighters
- Qualifications/Certifications Management
- Employment Tracking and Contact Information
- Curriculum/Training Administration
- Instructor Management
- Management Dashboards and Reporting
- Financial Disclosure Records Submission
- State Aid Records Management
- Incentive/Pension Pay Management
- Kentucky Fire Commission Announcements

Resources

- [Available Training](#)
- [WebForms](#)

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System Information

The Acadis® Readiness Suite is a comprehensive public safety training solution developed by Envisage Technologies, LLC. The company provides the Acadis® software and training modernization consulting to premier training organizations throughout the US. To find out more, please visit the Envisage web site at www.envisagenow.com.

Development of a new records information system continued in FY2020. The Fire Commission worked with Bloomington, IN-based Envisage Technologies to create a new, more streamlined and user friendly training records tracking and management system to maximize efficiency, save money and simplify records input and information communication.

The Kentucky Fire Information and Records Entry System (KyFIRES) is a highly secure and comprehensive web-based training and compliance management system that will support the entire hire-to-retire lifecycle to ensure that each firefighter remains in compliance with Kentucky certification requirements. KyFIRES will also allow firefighters throughout the state to securely access their own training and certification records through any modern web browser.

In addition, KyFIRES will provide automated digital tracking of annual training required of career and volunteer firefighters, be a comprehensive portal for fire department support programs offered by the Fire Commission and provide a means to effectively communicate information to departments and firefighters in a timely manner.

Pilot group testing of the new system began in February, with the anticipation of going live in April. However, due to COVID-19, KyFIRES user training was halted until June. Soft rollout of KyFIRES is scheduled to begin in early FY2021, with full live implementation by the 2nd quarter of FY2021.

Training	Start	End	Grade	Hours	Training Category	Student Status
Airway (P0008 06/05/20 90000)	06/05/2020	06/05/2020	N/A	2h 30m	P0008	Completed - Passed
Medical (P0010 05/29/20 90000)	05/29/2020	05/29/2020	N/A	3h 0m	P0010	Completed - Passed
Extinguishers (E0000 05/27/20 90000)	05/27/2020	05/27/2020	N/A	2h 0m	E0000	Completed - Passed
Forcible Entry (G0000 05/21/20 90000)	05/21/2020	05/21/2020	N/A	2h 0m	G0000	Completed - Passed
Victim Search & Rescue (O0000 05/22/20 90000)	05/22/2020	05/22/2020	N/A	3h 0m	O0000	Completed - Passed
Forcible Entry (G0000 05/21/20 90000)	05/21/2020	05/21/2020	N/A	3h 0m	G0000	Completed - Passed
Forcible Entry (G0000 05/20/20 90000)	05/20/2020	05/20/2020	N/A	3h 0m	G0000	Completed - Passed
Water Rescue (Swift & Ice Rescue, Boat Ops) (Q0005 05/19/20 90000)	05/19/2020	05/19/2020	N/A	3h 0m	Q0005	Completed - Passed
Extinguishers (E0000 05/18/20 90000)	05/18/2020	05/18/2020	N/A	3h 0m	E0000	Completed - Passed
Ropes-Basic (I0000 05/13/20 90000)	05/13/2020	05/13/2020	N/A	3h 0m	I0000	Completed - Passed
Personal Protective Equipment (F0000 05/11/20 90000)	05/11/2020	05/11/2020	N/A	2h 30m	F0000	Completed - Passed
Fire Protection Systems (Alarms & Sprinklers) (S0000 05/07/20 90000)	05/07/2020	05/07/2020	N/A	3h 0m	S0000	Completed - Passed



BY THE NUMBERS

Volunteer Departments

645

Career Departments

51

Combination Departments

93

150-hr Certifications (total year)

1088

150-hr Certifications (during Virtual Training)

263

400-hr Certifications (total year)

811

400-hr Certifications (during Virtual Training)

212



IN MEMORIAM



The lives of Jeff Crossfield, Richard Gossman, Ronald Helton, Ray Hollingsworth, Thomas McBride and James Settles were honored in October at the Kentucky Fallen Firefighters 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



FY2020 can be summed up as a year of change and we certainly have seen much of that since our last annual report! We began our fiscal year with the implementation of the latest version addition of accredited certification Firefighter I and II testing, added a new Executive Director, continued with development and rollout of our new KyFIRES records system and began the revamp of our degree program while continuing to oversee training and education of Kentucky's firefighters. Little did we know what March would bring!

One year ago, I never imagined what our current training environment would be like. Throughout all of this, one thing has remained clear: that the Fire Commission-State Fire Rescue Training is dedicated to ensuring Kentucky's firefighters are trained to a high level.

As firefighters, we have inane ability to quickly adapt to changes on scenes. Our tactics evolve as the situation unfolds. SFRT has much to be proud of to quickly adapt to the ever-evolving COVID-19 crisis. Fire Commission and SFRT staff swiftly answered the call to new challenges that arose and began development of a virtual training platform to allow firefighter training to continue during these unprecedented times.

SFRT has perpetually been innovative and a frontrunner in fire service training throughout the nation. Our virtual training structure is being looked at by other national entities as a model for virtual training. We are proud to be a continuing leader in statewide fire service training. In FY2020, the 14 SFRT area offices and the National Responder Preparedness Center provided training to just under 100,000 students.

While our virtual trainings have been successful, we recognize that 100% classroom instruction cannot replace hands-on skills sessions. Following Governor Beshear's recommendations on group gatherings, we are looking forward to once again engaging in face-to-face training in Kentucky's departments. We have received much positive feedback about our virtual trainings, and it is our intention to continue with it on a smaller scale.

FY2020 has brought many challenges to the fire service worldwide. We continue to focus on our mission of ensuring Kentucky's firefighters have the best training possible. Our mobile fleet is well equipped and we are dedicated to keep procuring the latest in training props to maintain our high quality of training delivery. We are excited about our new Fire Science Technology curriculum and believe this will be an excellent pathway for more of our firefighters to achieve their goals of a college degree on a custom level. We anticipate full implementation beginning with the Fall 2020 semester.

As we look ahead to FY2021 we know there will be further challenges and we at State Fire Rescue Training are ready to meet those challenges. Our staff is committed to our educational mission and driven by this focus. It is my honor to lead the team of men and women who are so devoted and have a collective total of thousands of years of experience serving their community.



SFRT BY THE NUMBERS

6,592

**FY2020
Total Classes**

3,380

Fire Department

510

Fire Commission

260

Fire School

1,325

Degree Program

**FY2020
Course
Breakdown**

63

NRPC

693

Industrial

192

EMR/EMT

169

Paramedic

99,287

**FY2020
Total Students**

26,776

**FY2020
Instructional Hours**



SFRT BY THE NUMBERS

TOP 10 SFRT DELIVERED CLASSES FY2020	CLASSES
Hazardous Materials (All Categories)	358
Driver/Operator Training	217
Fire Control	162
Fire Behavior	154
Personal Protective Equipment	153
CPR	151
Forcible Entry	141
Hoses, Nozzles, Appliances	134
Extinguishers	131
Basic Ropes	124

TOP 10 SFRT DELIVERED CLASSES BY STUDENTS FY2020	STUDENTS
Hazardous Materials (All Categories)	5,715
Driver/Operator Training	3,760
Fire Control	3,000
Extinguishers	2,617
Fire Behavior	2,576
Forcible Entry	2,511
Personal Protective Equipment	2,277
Ropes	2,131
Aircraft	2,119
Victim Search & Rescue	2,030

FIRE COMMISSION CLASSES—ALL	CLASSES	STUDENTS
NFPA 1403 Live Burns	92	1,501
Fire Instructor I/II	64	894
Firefighter Rescue	68	1,259
Firefighter Survival	79	1,478
Instructor Methodology	77	973
Wildland Awareness	112	2,030

SFRT AREA OFFICES



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Joe Dennison, Paramedic Prog Coord	Tammy Duncan, Field Office Coordinator	VACANT, Field Office Coordinator
Mandy Ward, Field Office Coordinator	<u>Area 10—Ashland</u>	<u>Area 15—Lexington</u>
<u>Area 4—Bowling Green</u>	Mark Hammond, Coordinator	Brian Steele, Coordinator
John Weatherbee, Coordinator	Pam McAllister, Field Office Coordinator	Casey Smith, Field Office Coordinator
Tamara Steele, Field Office Coordinator	<u>Area 11—Paintsville</u>	<u>Industrial Specialist</u>
<u>Area 5—Elizabethtown</u>	Greg Gray, Coordinator	Gary Hall, Area 13
Rusty Todd, Coordinator	Karen Richmond, Field Office Coordinator	
Ashley McWaters, Field Office Coordinator		

VIRTUAL TRAINING



Due to complexities surrounding the onset of COVID-19, the Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training withdrew from face-to-face training in March.

In early April SFRT amended methods used to deliver training to fire departments. In-person training was then moved to a Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT) platform.

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 were also able to use VILT as it was set up for their annual continuing education requirements.

Implementing the virtual platform was an ever-evolving process which required administration, instructional staff and students to adapt swiftly to new procedures as they were put in place to ensure smooth delivery of this program.

The VILT program received much positive feedback and SFRT is working to continue offering trainings via this platform in the future.

From April 10-June 30, VILT served 24,570 students via 788 classes.

OPIOID EXPOSURE FOR FIRE RESPONDERS PROGRAM



During FY2020, the Fire Commission-State Fire Rescue Training enacted into a partnership grant with the University of Kentucky Injury Prevention Center to educate first responders on the risks of opioid exposure, when and what personal protective equipment to wear and how to treat themselves, fellow first responders and the public in the case of an accidental overdose of opioids.

The Fire Commission's Industrial Training Program provided this critical training to 826 students during 62 classes.

SFRT DEGREE PROGRAM

KCTCS Fire/Rescue 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 AAS Fire/Rescue Science Technology Program prepares for the challenges facing today's emergency responders. 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.

Academic certificates are also available for Emergency Medical Technician, Basic Firefighter, Advanced Firefighter and Fire Officer. A Fire Chief diploma is offered as well.

Approximately 368 Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees were awarded to students completing in 2019-2020.



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



SFRT CURRICULUM UPDATES



The following programs were updated for FY2020:

- Firefighter I & II
- Fire Instructor
- Live Fire Training
- Facility Fire Brigades
- Wildland Firefighting Strategy & Tactics
- Vehicle Extrication
- Water Rescue
- Rapid Intervention Teams
- Vehicle Rescue 1-2-3
- Officer (Chief, Company and Fire)
- Hydraulics & Water Supply
- Marine Firefighting
- Orientation & Terminology

Curriculum & Special Projects Coordinator: Casey Hall

Degree Program Update:

A new program of study was developed and approved by the KCTCS Faculty Senate in FY2020. This updated degree program is aligned to current NFPA standards and will allow students to have more options, including electives, which will allow students to focus on either academic or technical coursework and will be implemented with the Fall 2020 semester.





FY2019 Notable NRPC Training and Events

The National Responder Preparedness Center provides quality training for the Commonwealth, America's Armed Forces and students from across the nation. Training is customized to include technologies and methodologies to meet the needs of the fire service, emergency medical services, the U.S. military and all other response agencies.



- Hosted over 28 fire classes including High Angle/Rope Technician, Hazmat Technician, Fire Instructor I & II, Fire Officer I, Recruit Week, Junior Firefighter Camp, Driver/Operator/Mobile Water Supply
- Served 1,257 students on 210 Fire Departments/Organizations during 536 instructional hours
- 761st KY National Guard Live Fire Training
- 138th Officers Division CPR/First Aid Training
- Multi-day instructional course at Arnold Air Force Base with FireBlast Trailer
- Hosted several Kentucky Fire Commission Train-the-Trainers
- Began construction on driving pad, fence and road to 60 acre property extension
- Updated several mobile prop trailers
- Took delivery of new 53' mobile drill tower

NRPC Coordinator: Marc Henderson

ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION

Accredited Certification Coordinator: Larrel Alley
Testing Coordinator: Christy Rodgers



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-Rescue Science Technology degree program.

IFSAC accreditation is based on a peer-review process. During FY2020, Fire Commission employees participated in six site visits to review each entity's IFSAC program. Contingents also traveled to the fall IFSAC conference during FY2020. Both the accreditation and degree program certifications will be valid through 2023, at which time both programs must be reviewed and reaccredited again.

The Fire Commission updated their Firefighter I & II and Hazmat Awareness & Operations written and skills testings in FY2020 to align with new national standards.

Written tests are administered monthly in each area office as well as by appointment at the SFRT Area 9 office. 957 seals were issued from 771 written tests. 54 skills testing sessions were offered across the state during FY2020, with 783 candidates. 12 skills testing sessions were cancelled due to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

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



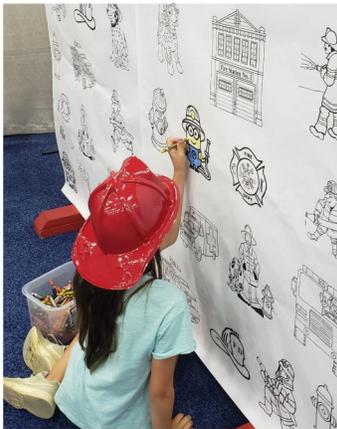
FLEET/FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT



Major Purchases and Construction

- Mobile Drill Tower
- Commercial Rescue Pumper
- Custom Rescue Pumper
- Flashover Trailers
- Confined Space Trailer
- Driver Simulators
- Chevy 3500 Pickup Trucks
- Toyota Camrys
- Road Tractor
- NRPC Perimeter Fencing
- NRPC Facility Improvements
- NRPC Driving Pad Construction
- Area 3 Roof







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