



Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue

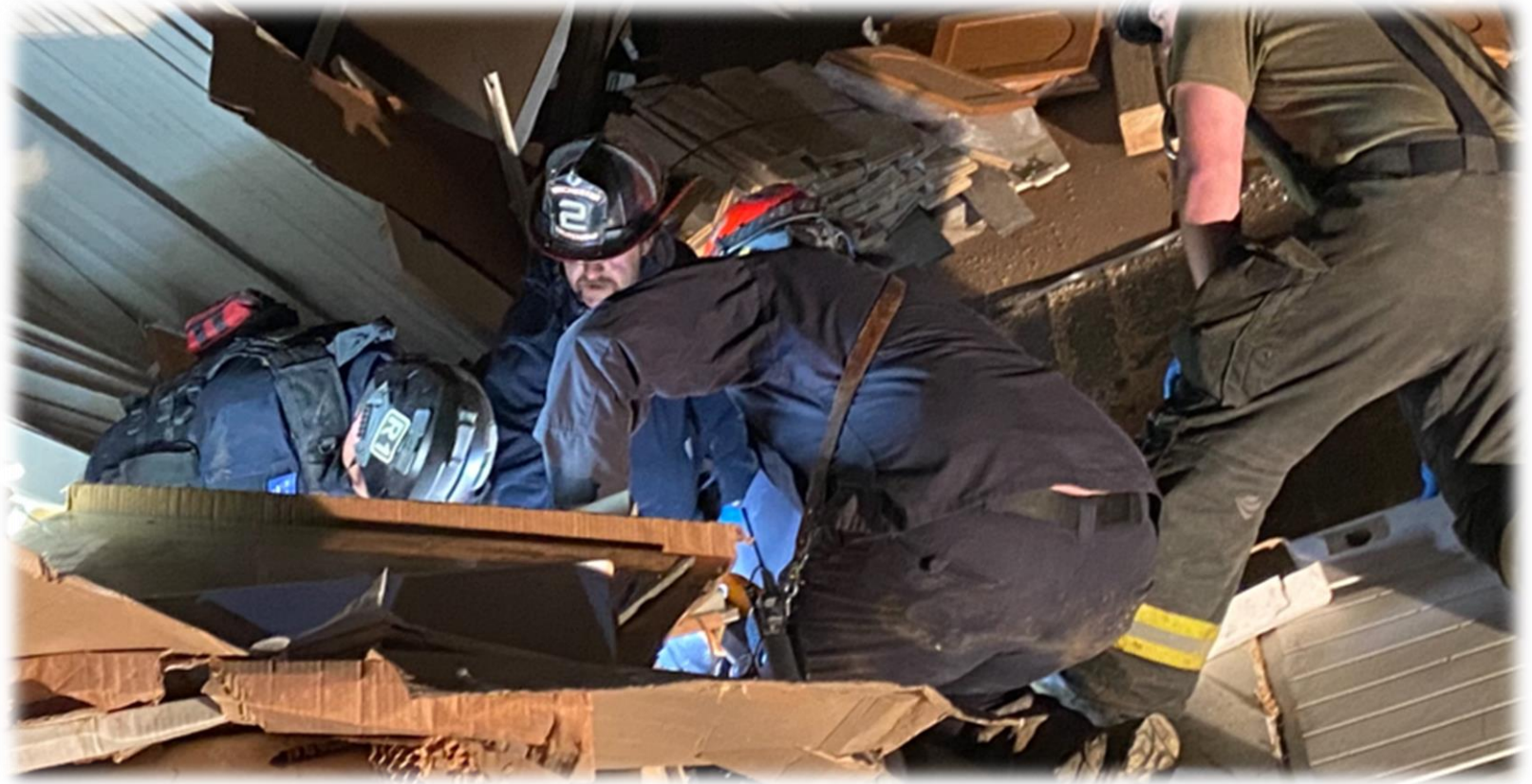
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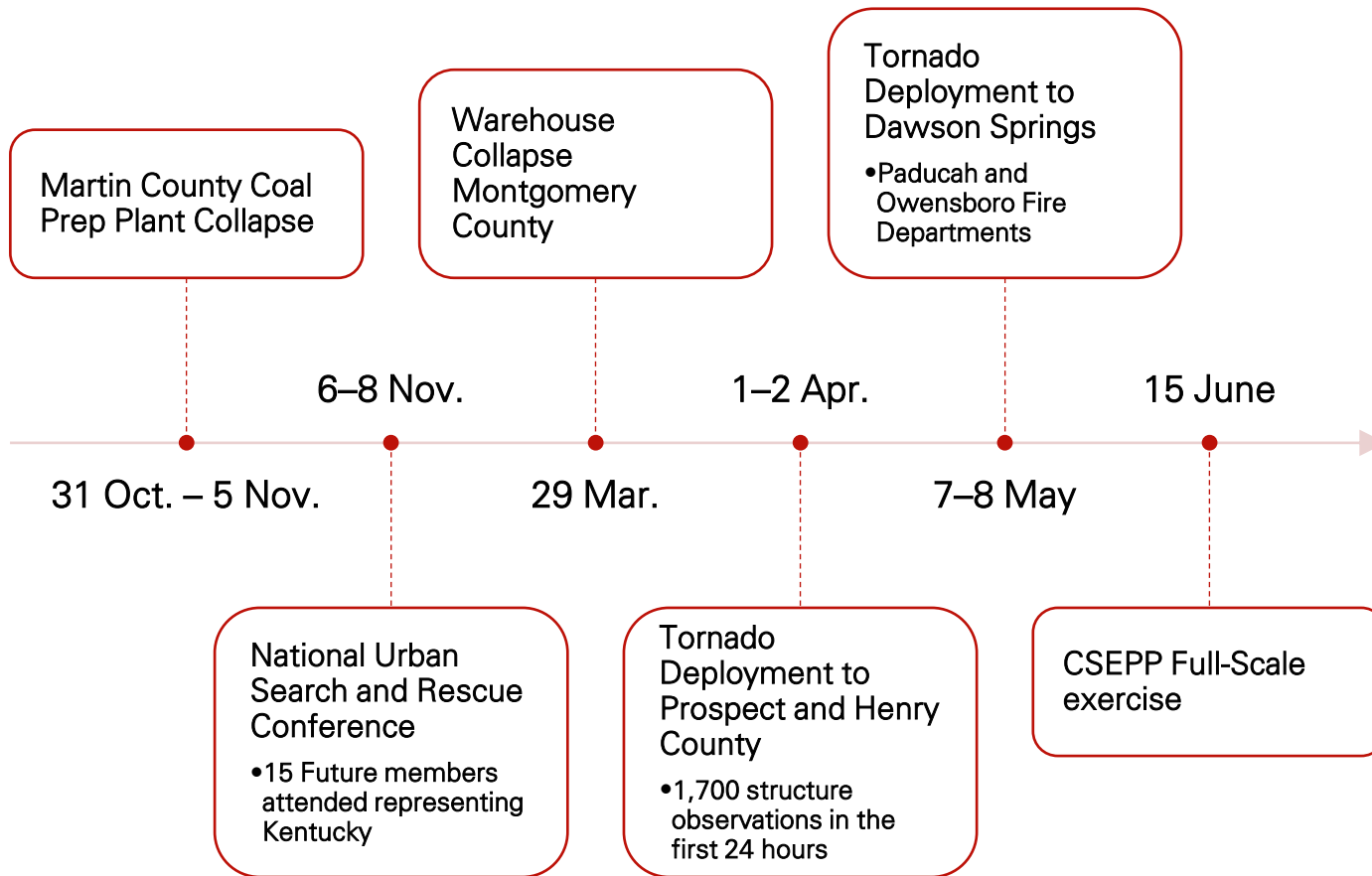
Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection
Committee Meeting

Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue VMAPP

- The commitment from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and legislature in support and development of the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program has significantly changed the landscape of Search and Rescue in the Commonwealth.

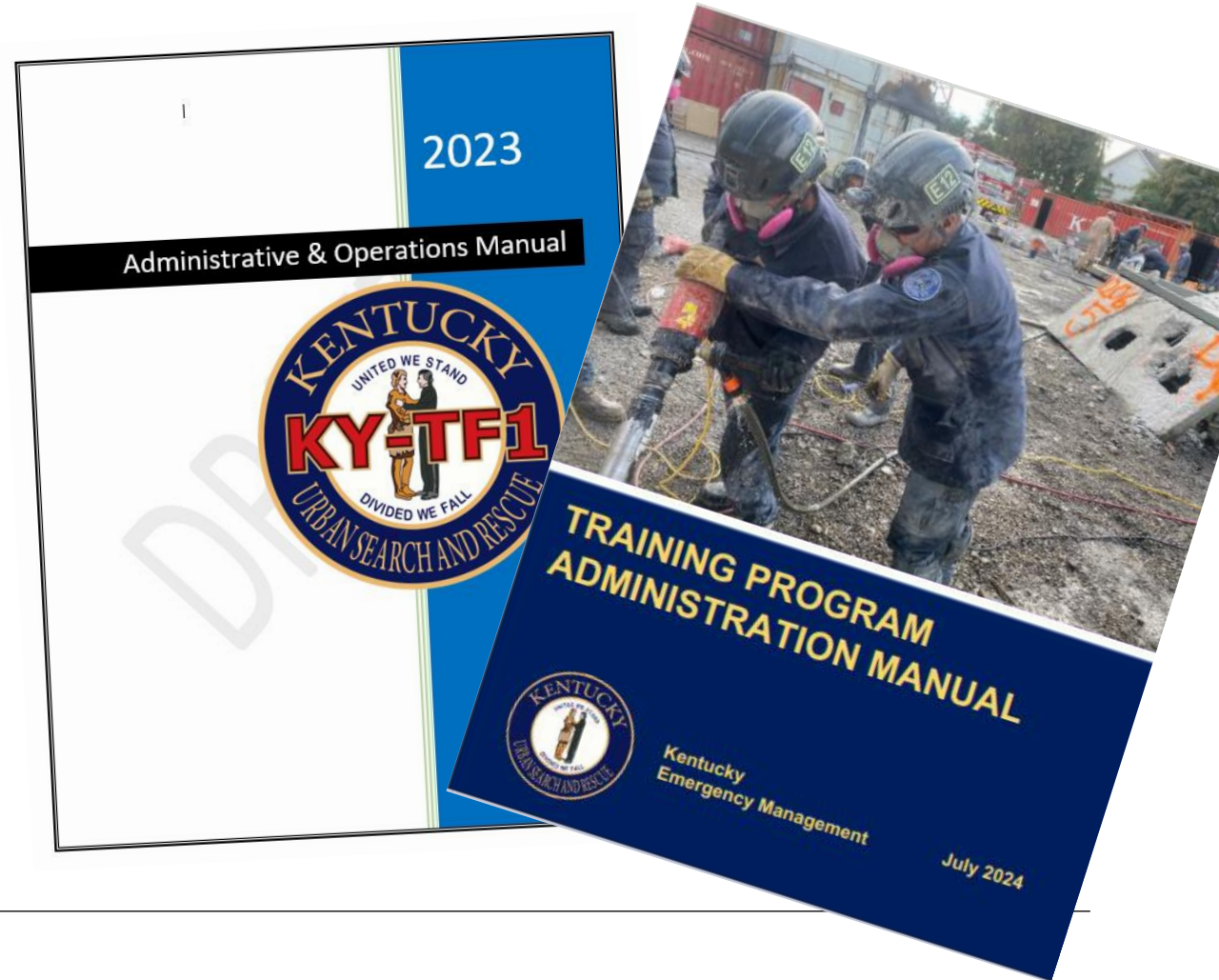


Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Notable Activity in the Last 8 Months



Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Kentucky Administrative Regulations and Policies

- As directed by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) and Department of Military Affairs (DMA) are submitting regulations that align with the US&R Federal Regulations.
- Medical Scope of Practice KARs from the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.



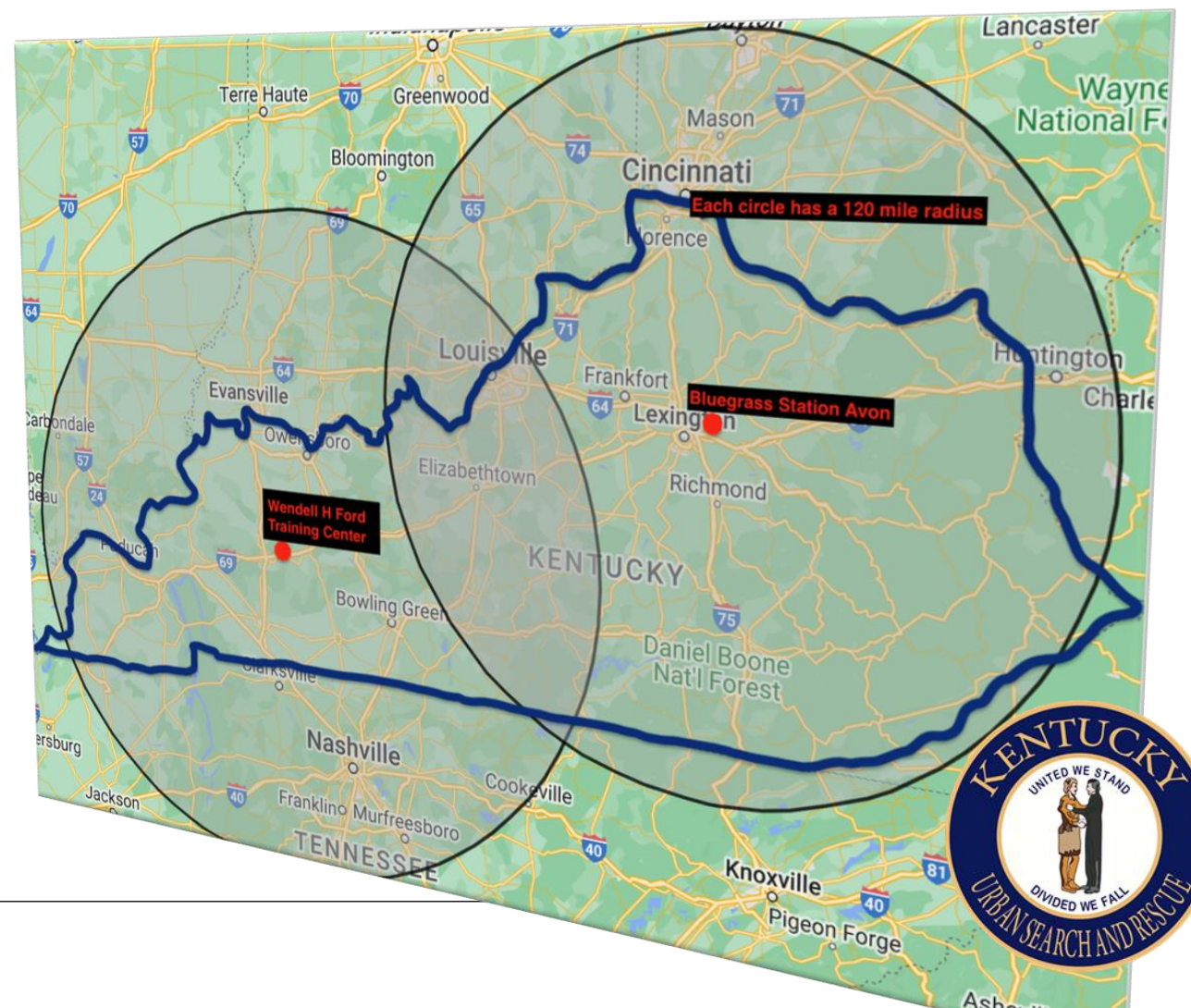
Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Positions and Training

- Full-time employment
 - State Search and Rescue Coordinator
 - Operations Section Chief
 - Logistical Section Chief
 - Planning Section Chief
- Assist state search and rescue program
- Use of Professional Service Contract for responders
- US&R Task Force located at Bluegrass Station (Avon)
 - (total of 210 members)
- US&R Task Force located at Wendell H. Ford Training Center (Greenville)
 - (total of 70 members)
- Manage both locations
- US&R Job Descriptions
- Volunteers and career personnel



Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program locations

- Bluegrass Station
 - Pre-existing 22,000 ft² Warehouse
 - Pre-existing 7,500 ft² Office Building
 - Use of pre-existing 5 acres to establish an US&R training site
- Wendell H. Ford Training Center
 - Pre-existing US&R training site
 - The State Fire Academy
 - Warehouse space



Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program Spending

- Adopted the 2024 US&R Equipment Cache List recommended by these organizations:
 - FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Branch
 - State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance
 - Emergency Management Accreditation Program
- Following current Master Agreements
- Writing specifications for items that do not meet a Master Agreement
- Identifying purchases requiring long lead times and prioritizing those purchases



Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program Next Six Months



**Establishment of
MOAs with
local agencies**



**Development of
leadership roles of
both teams**



**Start team member
training**



US&R Committees



Training site development



Questions

*Martin County 11-Story Building
Collapse of a Coal Preparation Plant*

