



# 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*

# FIRE COMMISSION OFFICE

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



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## HISTORY OF FIRE COMMISSION

In the late 1970's the general assembly passed legislation to form the Commonwealth of Kentucky Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education. This was to give an incentive for training for professional firefighters, volunteer aid to qualifying fire departments, workers comp for volunteer firefighters and funds for the purpose of constructing training centers.

It was funded in 1982 form insurance surcharge on domestic and foreign insurance which provided funding to the Professional Firefighters Foundation Program.

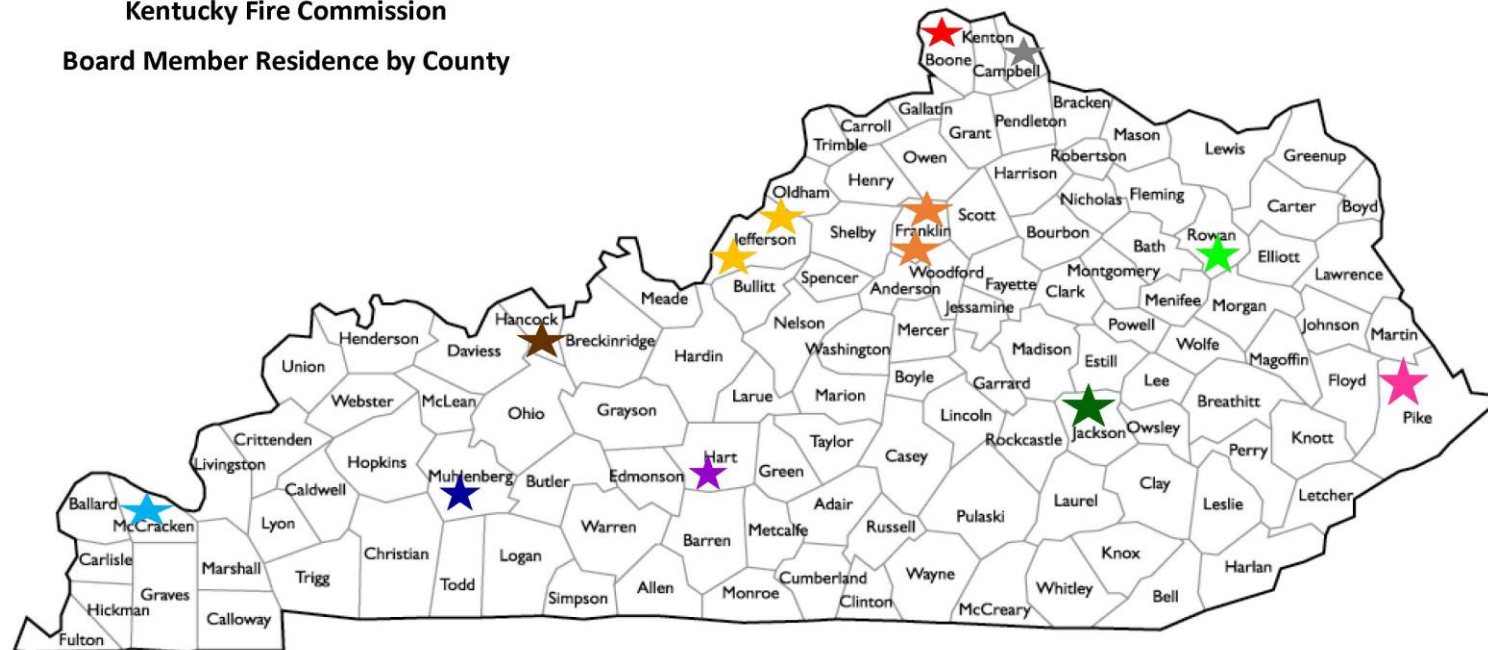
In 2000 the General Assembly passed legislation to move the Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training under KCTCS and we have been there since.

# KENTUCKY'S FIRE SERVICE

- 51 Paid Departments
- 617 Volunteer Departments
- 100 Combination Departments
- 4,114 Career Firefighters
- 13,632 Volunteer Firefighters

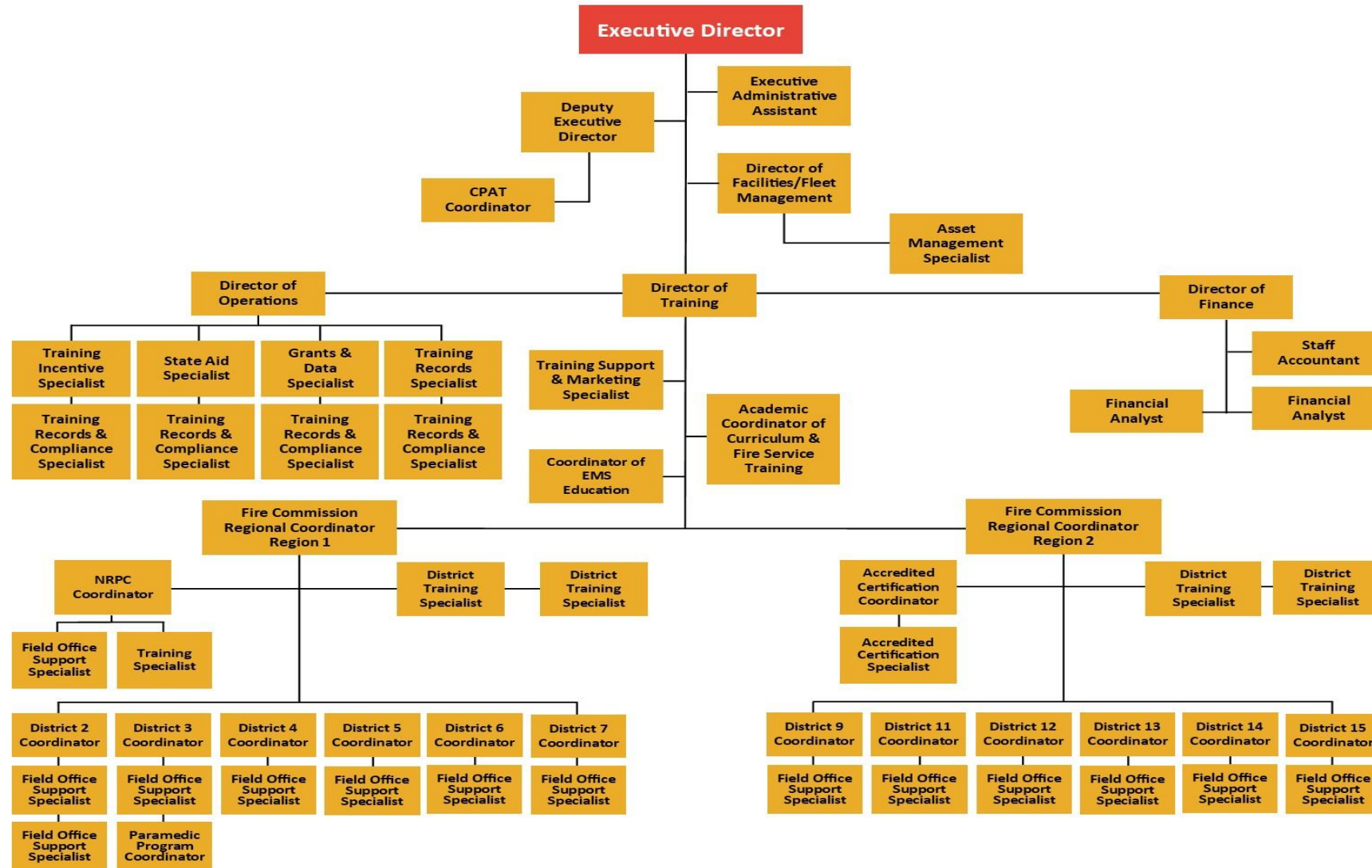
Fire Commission board members are appointed by the Governor. There are 14 voting members, 3 non-voting members and 1 Ex Officio member.

Kentucky Fire Commission  
Board Member Residence by County



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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Dr. Irvin Smith<br>McCracken | 2. Ricky King<br>Muhlenberg  | 3. Dwane Smeathers<br>Hancock | 4. Joe Choate<br>Hart   | 5. Mike Sutt<br>Jefferson         |
| 6. Josh Keats<br>Jefferson      | 7. Wayne Briscoe<br>Franklin | 8. Mike Haney<br>Franklin     | 9. Chris Black<br>Boone | 10. Fr. Matthew Young<br>Campbell |
| 11. Lonnie Madden<br>Jackson    | 12. Jerry Stephens<br>Rowan  | 13. Andrew Scott<br>Pike      |                         |                                   |

# Fire Commission Organizational Chart



**The Fire Commission Central Office in Paris consists of 23 offices.**

**We have approximately 60 full-time employees and 450 part-time instructors and maintenance personnel throughout the state.**



# STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING



**District 2 - Princeton**



**District 3 - Calhoun**



**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



The Fire Academy of Kentucky

# FUNDING OF THE FIRE COMMISSION

The Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training operational budgets for this year are \$53,088,000. The funds come from the insurance surcharge of a tax rate of 1.8% and state general fund dollars.

# BUDGETARY BREAKDOWN

- **42% - Incentive & Pension**
- **15% - State Aid**
- **12% - The Fire Academy of Kentucky**
- **6% - Mobile Facilities**
- **5% - Training Initiatives**
- **5% - Workers Compensation**
- **4% - Administrative**
- **2% - Expanded Training**
- **2% - PTSD**
- **2% - Health & Wellness**
- **5% - Other**
- **Driver/Operator**
- **EMS Training/Equip**
- **Hepatitis Vaccines**
- **NFA Weekends**
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Public Education**
- **Technical Innovations**
- **Training Facility Grants**
- **WMD, Hazmat, Terrorism**

# 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

Thermal Imaging Program 2013 to current avg of 155 units per year for \$500,000.  
In 11 years, we have purchased 1,705 units for \$5,500,000.

## FY21

Personal Protective Equipment:	157 FDs for \$1,506,352
Fire Based EMS:	21 FDs for \$315,000
Fire Prevention:	106 FDs for \$106,000
Total	\$1,927,352

## FY22

Personal Protective Equipment:	255 FDs for \$2,391,292
Fire Based EMS:	31 FDs for \$348,860
Total	\$2,740,152

## FY23

Battery Powered Combi-Tool:	243 FDs for \$2,883,000
4-Gas Detector:	343 FDs for \$304,381
AEDs:	343 FDs for \$697,402
Total	\$3,884,783

Total grants for equipment since 2013 – \$14,052,287

Total grants for training facilities since 1984 – \$15,000,000

Total Grants \$29,052,287



# GRANTS



# CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT)

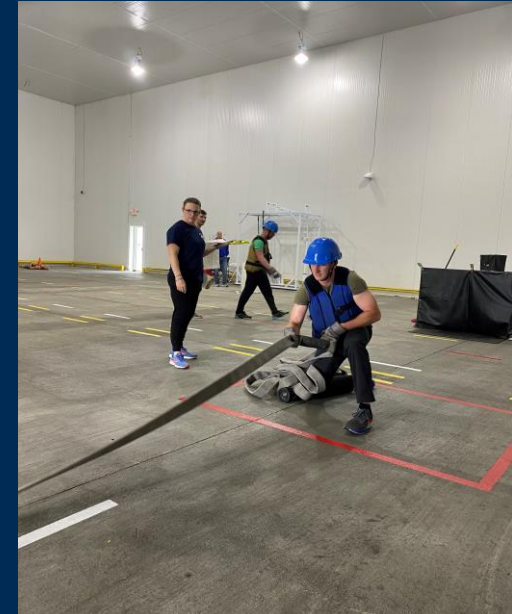
## CPAT Data for FY2023

Total Tests: 1157

Cards Issued: 740

Overall Pass Rate: 64%

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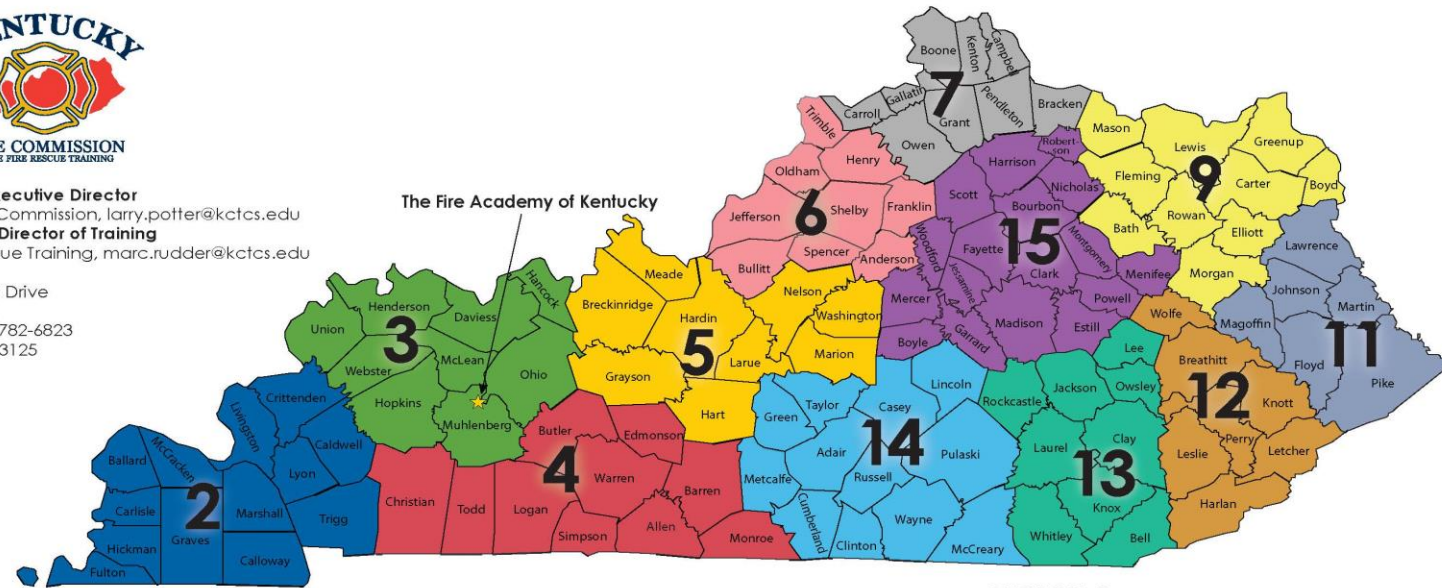


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# STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

## Region 1

- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7
- NRPC
- 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
- Accredited Certification
- Training Specialist –  
Districts 9, 11, 15
- Training Specialist –  
Districts 12, 13, 14

## SFRT System Office

- Curriculum/Degree  
Program
- Emergency Medical  
Services Education

# FIRE COMMISSION FLEET

**We currently have 78 vehicles in our fleet.**

**163 – Trailers**

**32 – 3500 to 5500 Pickup Trucks**

**15 – Toyota Camrys**

**13 – Dodge Durangos/Ford Explorers**

**7 – Road Tractors**

**6 – Pumpers**

**3 – Vans**

**1 – Aerial**

**1 – Tanker**

# STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

- **FY2022 Class/Student Counts**
  - **86,544 Students**
  - **6,520 Classes**

Fire	5,427
EMS	372
Industry	671
  - **25,611.5 Instructional Hours**
  - **287 KCTCS Credentials issued**

State Fire Rescue Training provided courses for 659 fire departments in the Commonwealth during FY2022. This is 85% of the departments. 225 departments received at least 21 hours of SFRT delivered training.

As of FY2023 (through May 31, 2023)

State Fire Rescue Training has taught classes for 703 fire departments (92%).

# STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING PROPS



Mobile Training Tower



Flashover



Fireblast



# STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING PROPS



Car Fire Prop

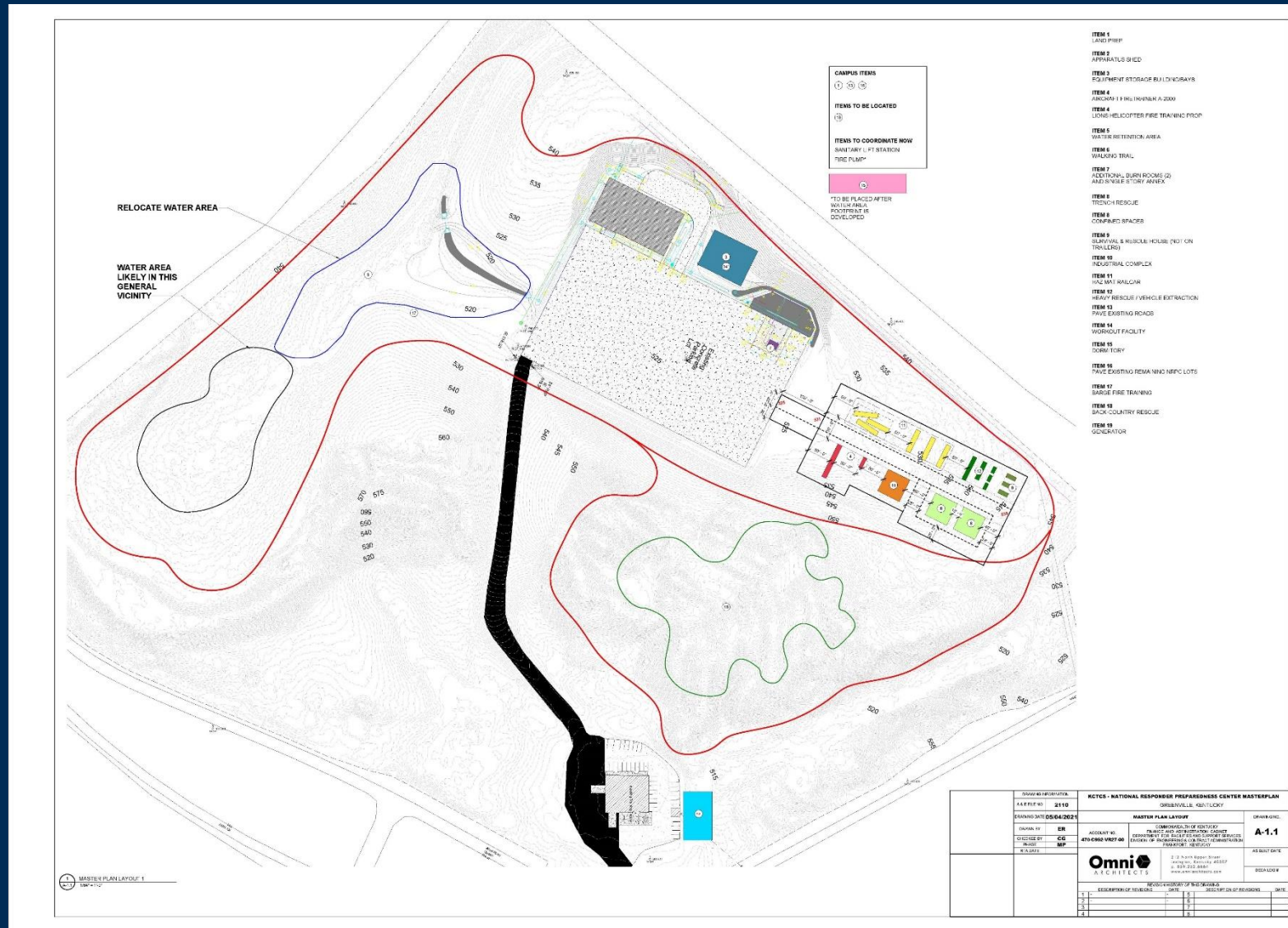


Helicopter Fire Prop



Confined Space

# THE FIRE ACADEMY OF KENTUCKY



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The Fire Academy of Kentucky was developed as the primary facility for Kentucky fire departments to send their new recruits for initial Basic 2 certification as required for full-time career firefighters.

The Fire Academy of Kentucky will continue to expand throughout its nearly 60-acre facility over the next decade. A 10-year master plan has been developed and is being executed as planned. The new administration building is well under way and under roof. This 16,000 square foot facility will be completed in mid-December 2023 and house current staff and equipment, preparing us to expand the number of available recruits beginning in 2024. A 5-story training/burn tower is in the works in the very near future.

# THE FIRE ACADEMY OF KENTUCKY

- 13 weeks
- Monday – Friday
- Residential program
- Physical training, classroom and hands-on training
- Basic 2 (300-hour) firefighter certification
- Accredited Certification

Class One - 7 Departments, 26 Students

Class Two - 10 Departments, 21 Students

Class Three - 15 Departments, 38 Students (Fall 2023)

In total, 47 students representing 12 departments



June 12, 2023

Dear Executive Director Potter,

This letter confirms that I have reviewed the issues you presented regarding the Kentucky Fire Commission's human resources needs as well as its needs for autonomy in making decisions more flexibly and nimbly. In order to do so, I agree with your request and legal counsel's advice that the KFC should be treated analogously to a local college. To put it colloquially, I would call your location, the 17th college.

In conducting your affairs, your budget is set independently with no ability for KCTCS to dictate its use or allocation. To ensure KFC is able to continue the good it is doing for the firefighters and fire agencies throughout the Commonwealth, I ask that you work with the various Cabinet Areas at the System Office to create processes that work for you and your employees both at your Paris location and throughout the state.

As the CEO of the 17th college, you are at liberty to take all actions necessary to conduct the business of the KFC. This includes but is not limited to setting the operating hours and working schedules of your employees, assessing and completing the human resources needs for conducting your statutory duties throughout the Commonwealth, and coordinating when necessary to ensure that you are a functioning yet autonomous part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Immediately, the KFC is no longer an extension or attachment of the System Office but is an independently operating office that should be treated as and likened to an independently accredited college.

Sincerely,

  
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