

**75A.060 Board to oversee provision of emergency medical services to residents in service area -- Other powers -- Establishment, maintenance, and operation of a consolidated emergency services district -- Authorized activities.**

- (1) The board shall oversee the provision of emergency services to residents within the service area of the district and may:
  - (a) Purchase vehicles and all other necessary equipment and employ trained personnel who meet all federal and state requirements;
  - (b) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectively and efficiently provide emergency services for the district;
  - (c) Employ a chief;
  - (d) Employ persons to administer the daily operations of the emergency services district;
  - (e) Compensate employees of the district at a rate determined by the board;
  - (f) Apply for and receive available funds from the state and federal governments for the purpose of maintaining or improving the emergency services of the district; and
  - (g) Acquire by bequest, gift, grant, or purchase any real or personal property necessary to provide emergency services.
- (2) The establishment, maintenance, and operation of a consolidated emergency services district shall include but not be limited to the following activities:
  - (a) Acquisition and maintenance of adequate fire protection and, where applicable, emergency medical response facilities or rescue facilities;
  - (b) Acquisition and maintenance of adequate firefighting and, where applicable, medical response equipment or rescue equipment;
  - (c) Recruitment, training and supervision of firefighters and, where applicable, any emergency medical service or rescue personnel;
  - (d) Control and extinguishment of fires;
  - (e) Prevention of fires;
  - (f) Conducting fire safety activities;
  - (g) Payment of compensation to firefighters and where applicable, to emergency medical service and rescue personnel, and providing the necessary support and supervisory personnel;
  - (h) Payment for reasonable benefits or a nominal fee to volunteer firefighters when benefits and fees do not constitute wages or salaries under KRS Chapter 337 and are not taxable as income to the volunteer firefighters under Kentucky or federal income tax laws; and
  - (i) Use of consolidated emergency services district equipment for activities which are for a public purpose and which do not materially diminish the value of the equipment.
- (3) The board shall comply with KRS 65A.010 to 65A.090.

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