

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Kentucky Fire Commission (New Administrative Regulation)

739 KAR 2:015. Firefighter training hours.

RELATES TO: KRS Chapter 65A, 75.430, Chapter 95A

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 95A.230, 95A.240

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 95A.230 establishes required paid firefighter training hours for local governments to receive distributions from the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund. KRS 95A.262(2) establishes required volunteer firefighter training hours for volunteer fire departments to receive distributions from the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund. KRS 95A.240(5) authorizes the Kentucky Fire Commission to reduce the 400 hours of required basic training for paid firefighters if the reduction in hours is based on a certification or equivalence-based testing process determined by the Commission. KRS 95A.240(6) authorizes the Commission to reduce the 150 hours of required training for volunteer firefighters if the reduction in hours is based on a certification or equivalence-based testing process determined by the Commission. This administrative regulation establishes reduced required training hours for firefighters seeking certification as a Basic I or Basic II firefighter.

Section 1. Required Training Hours for Basic I and Basic II Certifications.

- (1) A firefighter seeking a Basic I certification shall complete at least 115 hours of training.
- (2) A firefighter seeking a Basic II certification shall complete at least 300 hours of training.
- (3) All training hours shall be obtained from an instructor who is appropriately certified pursuant to 739 KAR 2:060.

RICKY KING, Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: July 31, 2025

FILED WITH LRC: August 14, 2025 at 12:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on October 29, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. ET at the Kentucky Fire Commission, 110 Cleveland Drive, Paris, Kentucky 40361. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five (5) workdays prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through October 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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