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# CHIEFS DESK



Your September Newsletter

9-2024



## *Our Mission*

*The Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs advocates for the leaders of the Kentucky Fire Service by providing education, information, unity and support*

## Message of the Month

Dear Association Members,

Our 2024 Leadership Conference is in the books! We had a record crowd of nearly 200 attendees and corporate partners. A lot of information was shared, and products and services highlighted. Our presenters were enlightening. Chief Bruce Bjorge with Lexipol, Shawn Stokes with Sourcewell and Erica Settelen with the Kentucky Department of Education all presented on topics very relevant to our future. We also got a first look at KMAS, our Kentucky Mutual Aid System.

We would like to thank the following:

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VEI Communications  
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Thank you to everyone who attended and made this a very successful conference!

Michael Morgan  
Executive Director

## Fire Chief of the Year

We would like to congratulate Chief Justin Brooks of the Bowling Green Fire Department for being awarded our 2024 Career Fire Chief of the Year, sponsored by the Kentucky League of Cities and Bullard.

Congratulations Chief Brooks!

## Congratulations!

The Center for Public Safety Excellence has notified us of the following:

Chief Fire Officer Designee - Chief Nathan Mulvey, Fern Creek Fire & EMS

The Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs recognizes Chief Mulvey for this awesome accomplishment, Thank you for your commitment to excellence!

## Bulletin Board



# SEAFC

Recruitment and Retention Survey  
2024

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



97th Annual

## SEAFC/TFCA JOINT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JULY 15-17, 2025  
EMBASSY SUITES FRANKLIN, TENN.



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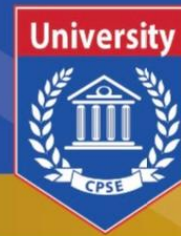
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# *2024 Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service*



**October 2 - 11:00am EST  
Juniper Hill Park - 800 Louisville Road, Frankfort**

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## Louisville Fire Department and CPSE invite you to attend the

Quality Improvement for the Fire and Emergency Services Workshop  
November 19 – 21, 2024

### Location

Louisville Fire Academy  
1501 W. Hill St  
Louisville, KY 40210

### Time

0800-1700 hours each day

Professional/business casual  
attire required

### Host Agency Contact

Major Kyle Fekete, Chief of  
Special Projects  
(O) 502-574-3701  
[kyle.fekete@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.fekete@louisvilleky.gov)

### Registration Fees

Early Registration: \$650 – ends  
October 22  
Regular Registration: \$675  
Registration closes: November 9,  
or until full, whichever occurs  
first.

Onsite registration is **not**  
permitted.

[Click Here to Register](#)

### Learning Objectives:

- The steps in the self-assessment process, from building a team to becoming an accredited agency.
- The key elements of the accreditation process:
  - Creating planning zones for your response area.
  - Establishing a risk assessment process.
  - Applying the risk assessment process to your response area.
  - Developing a critical tasking process.
  - Determine needed resources for fire and non-fire risks.
  - Assess current deployment practices and establish target performance goals.
  - Develop response performance data.
  - Key elements of a Strategic Plan.
  - How to create a self-assessment manual.

### Benefits of Accreditation:

- Provides greater community alignment.
- Encourages quality improvement.
- Facilitates input from and builds positive relationships with labor.
- Identifies strengths and weaknesses.
- Offers independent verification and validation.
- Identifies strengths and weaknesses.
- Provides for data supported decision-making.
- Communicates management and leadership philosophies.

*Adapt | Own | Grow | Stay Relevant | Embody*



KENTUCKY EMS MEMORIAL



# 2024 EMS GOLF SCRAMBLE

***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024***

**The Pearl Club  
6501 Summit Drive, Owensboro, KY  
TEE-TIME IS 10:00 A.M. CDT**

**For Registration and  
Sponsorship Information:**

**[www.kyapa.com/golf](http://www.kyapa.com/golf)**

or

**Email: [dandurham68@outlook.com](mailto:dandurham68@outlook.com)**

**All proceeds from this year's Golf  
Scramble will go to the Kentucky EMS  
Memorial Foundation**

**2024** Kentucky EMS  
Conference and Expo<sup>SM</sup>  
Thirty-Third Annual **September 24 - 27**  
Owensboro Convention Center



## Links

Click the links below to see the latest News and Events from our friends!

**[Fire Commission](#) --- [KBEMS](#) --- [KFA](#)**

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

# IAFF PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Developed and Delivered by Peers

**September 9 - 10, 2024**

Learn and practice skills to effectively become a peer counselor  
and establish your own peer support team

▶ **Attend this important training opportunity if you have ever:**

- Worried about a brother or sister
- Seen signs of substance abuse, family problems, post-traumatic stress, depression, anxiety or major stress
- Wanted to reach out and offer support
- Felt uncertain about what to say or how to reach out

This program is designed specifically for fire fighters, EMS providers, dispatchers, chaplains, retirees, and behavioral health specialists — and any member of the fire service (of any rank!) interested in supporting brothers and sisters during tough times.

▶ **This peer-led training will teach you how to:**

- Develop a Peer Team for your department
- Approach a brother or sister of concern
- Establish trust and confidentiality
- Determine whether a crisis is developing
- Refer the person to available resources

## IAFF PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**September 9 - 10, 2024**

TBD

Owensboro , KY 42301

For more information, contact [Larry Baer president@kpff-iaff.org](mailto:Larry.Baer@kpff-iaff.org)



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- February 23-25 **Officer School**

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- March 8-10 **Dixie FF Assn**

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- March 23-24 **NFA Weekend**

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- April 19-21 **Jackson Purchase**

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- May 3-5 **East KY FF Assn**

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- May 17-19 **Daniel Boone**

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- June 5-9 **State Fire School**

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- August 23-25 **Mountain FF Assn\***

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- September 6-8 **Pike Co FF Assn**

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- October 4-6 **SE KY FF Assn\***

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- October 18-20 **Buffalo Trace**

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- October 25-27 **Green River Fall**

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- November 1-3 **South Central  
KY FF Assn**



Schools held in partnership  
with Kentucky Fire Commission



**2024**

**FIRE  
SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE**

*\*Dates subject to change*

**Training Resources**



# SOLUTIONS

## SOLUTIONS FOR FIRE SERVICE

At the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, we believe addressing potential problems BEFORE they occur is the key to minimizing risk. That's why we've partnered with **Lexipol**, the leader in public safety training and wellness support.

Through this partnership, **KAFC members can receive special discounts on Lexipol's services**, including:

More than 1,000 training courses and videos—representing 440+ CEUs— available any time, online through **FireRescue1 Academy**.

- Meets the approval of the **Kentucky Fire Commission**
- Integrates Kentucky EMS codes for quick search results and compliance confirmation
- Offers flexible and convenient online courses available 24/7 from a phone, tablet or computer
- Manages and assigns training in a single step
- Creates and runs on-demand reports for easy assignment tracking

Confidential wellness and mental health support resources through the **Cordico wellness solution**.

- Guidance on more than 60 public safety wellness topics, from fitness and nutrition to posttraumatic stress and health habits
- Anonymous self-assessments to screen for compassion fatigue, sleep issues, alcohol abuse and more
- Exclusive leadership and wellness content with Echelon Front's Jocko Willink
- Mobile one-touch calling to peer support
- Therapist finder
- Customized with your agency's badge and department resources

Plus, Lexipol provides fire service professionals with the latest news, analysis and commentary through its media site, **FireRescue1**.

Learn why more than 2 million first responders and local government officials use Lexipol to help them operate at a higher standard.

Contact **info@lexipol.com** to learn more or **schedule a demo**

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# Test Dates



Accredited Certification

## 2024 Firefighter I and II Skills Testing Schedule

Date	District	Projected Location	Registration Link
January 13-14, 2024	6	11605 Fairmount Road, Louisville	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Louisville</a>
April 4-5, 2024	15	1375 Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Lexington</a>
April 25-26, 2024	Fire Academy KY	4678 KY Hwy 181 N., Greenville	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Greenville - FAKY</a>
May 9-10, 2024	7	3025 Conrad Lane, Burlington	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Burlington</a>
July 20-21, 2024	5	630 College Street Road, Elizabethtown	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Elizabethtown</a>
September 14-15, 2024	13	189 Triplett Drive, London	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - London</a>
October 24-25, 2024	Fire Academy KY	4678 KY Hwy 181 N., Greenville	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Greenville - FAKY</a>
November 16-17, 2024	15	255 Four Mile Road, Richmond	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Richmond</a>
December 2-3, 2024	6	11605 Fairmount Road, Louisville	<a href="#">Firefighter I &amp; II Skills Testing - Louisville</a>

## 2024 CPAT Schedule ONE-DAY ORIENTATION AND TEST

September 10-11 - Louisville  
8 am | 10 am | 1 pm | 3pm | 5 pm |  
10 candidates per time slot

October 8-9 - Paris  
8 am | 10 am | 1 pm | 3pm | 5 pm |  
10 candidates per time slot

November 6-7 - Burlington  
8 am | 10 am | 1 pm | 3pm | 5 pm |  
10 candidates per time slot

December 3-4 - Louisville  
8 am | 10 am | 1 pm | 3pm | 5 pm |  
10 candidates per time slot

## Cooperative Purchasing

Starting July 1st, 2024, the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs is partnering with Sourcewell to provide our cooperative purchasing opportunities. We will have much more information to come.

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