

# ORDER OF AFFILIATION

## County of Kenton County Executive Order 21-71

The purpose of this order is to outline the responsibilities of the Kenton County Government and the Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team.

The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team is one of the officially recognized rescue squads in Kenton County. By virtue of this order, the Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team is officially affiliated with the Kenton County Government and the Kenton County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team shall serve the citizens of Kenton County by providing fully trained and equipped personnel who will take the lead role in the following types of missions:

- (1) Extrications from vehicles, (heavy and light), and machinery.
- (2) Rescue of and/or recovery of trapped, injured or disabled persons from buildings or other structures.
- (3) Confined space rescue of trapped, injured or disabled persons.
- (4) Trench rescue of trapped, injured or disabled persons.
- (5) Persons trapped, injured or disabled in elevated places up to 800 foot.
- (6) Rescue of persons trapped, injured or disabled in ice conditions.
- (7) Rescue of persons trapped, injured or disabled in static water sources.
- (8) Rescue of persons trapped, injured or disabled in swift water sources.
- (9) Ground search and recovery of lost, trapped, injured or disabled persons.
- (10) Providing manpower for debris removal after severe storms, building collapse etc.
- (11) Assisting in the evacuation of structures or areas.
- (12) Transporting mass casualty victims to emergency medical facilities.
- (13) Decontamination of victims trapped, injured or disabled by hazardous materials outside of the hot zone.
- (14) Rescue of and/or recovery of trapped, injured or disabled large animals.

The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team will respond and assist other agencies or departments upon request, but will not take the lead role in:

- (1) Setting up temporary shelter and equipment.
- (2) Evidence search not related to criminal acts.
- (3) Electrical emergency rescue or recovery.
- (4) Hazardous materials incidents.

The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team will not respond or assist with the following types of missions:

- (1) Incidents with armed personnel who could cause harm to squad personnel, not related to rescue situations.
- (2) Incidents of criminal activity, not related to rescue situations.

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The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team may be called to respond by any of the following services or agencies:

- (1) Kenton County Judge Executive
- (2) Kenton County Homeland Security/Emergency Management Director
- (3) Kenton County SAR Coordinator
- (4) Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Area 6 Manager
- (5) Kentucky Division of Emergency Management SAR Coordinator
- (6) Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team may receive notification of calls for rescue or recovery in the following ways:

- (1) Any police, fire, EMS, EMA or public person can call the Boone County PSCC center at either (859) 371-1234 or 911 within the Northern Kentucky area serviced by Cincinnati, Bell telephone.
- (2) Back up dispatch services are available through Kenton County Communications Center, (859) 356-3191.
- (3) Telecommunicators then alert the crews by means of radio transmission. This sets off individual voice alert pagers carried by all personnel. Information is then rebroadcast out to team members' personal cell phones via text messaging or through automated voice mail messaging with additional information regarding, incident type, services needed and response location.

In any State of Emergency declared by Kenton County Fiscal Court, the Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team shall fall under the direction and control of the Kenton County Homeland Security/Emergency Management Agency and/or the Kenton County Judge Executive. The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team shall operate under its own chain of command during the State of Emergency.

This affiliation agreement does not influence the organizational by-laws, standard operating procedures, or other powers of the Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team incident command system except during a declared emergency.

The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team shall maintain their equipment and property and shall be accountable for all equipment through an annual inventory which will be submitted to the Director of Kenton County Homeland Security/Emergency Management.

The Kenton County Government shall be responsible for all funds donated to the squad by the county. The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team shall be responsible for all funds donated to the squad by outside sources. The Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team shall not charge for rescue services.

The Kenton County Government will provide official license plates for all rescue vehicles. The Kenton County Government may appropriate a yearly allocation in the county budget to cover costs of operational expenses by the squad.

The responsibilities of all parties to this order of affiliation shall conform to those responsibilities as provided in KRS Chapter 39F.

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This order of affiliation can be updated, modified, amended or canceled upon consent of the parties involved. If a vacancy should occur in any of the positions of this order, the order will remain in effect for thirty days while the order is renegotiated.

The effective order of this affiliation shall be for one year. It shall remain in effect until October 9, 2022, at which time the order of affiliation may be renegotiated, updated, modified, or cancelled.

The affiliation agreement was approved and adopted by the Kenton County Fiscal Court on July 13, 2021.

All other written agreements of affiliation are null and void upon the effective date of this order.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge Executive

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Kenton County Homeland Security/EMA

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team