



Kentucky Community Crisis Response Team (KCCRT) Application and Credentialing Packet Information

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Kentucky's lead agency for crisis response. This document outlines the application process for any individual seeking membership on the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Team (KCCRT) and/or any of the Peer Support Teams.

Background:

The Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) was established after a couple of traumatic events in the late 1980's. Since 1996 the KCCRB has existed as a state agency, consisting of a board of directors and an administrative office, which manages the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Team (KCCRT) and all specialized peer support teams. The team consists of a multi-disciplinary volunteer team of professionals and para-professionals from across Kentucky. The KCCRT are trained, credentialed, and on-call to respond to critical incidents and provide Psychological First Aid and peer support in Kentucky.

The strike teams, while part of the KCCRT, are specialized teams organized based on experience. There are currently four (4) active specialized peer support teams within the KCCRT.

- **K9 Compassion Response Team:** This team consists of specially trained canines and their handlers. Each canine team must undergo stringent training through a national organization to be considered for KCCRT membership.
- **Kentucky Law Enforcement Assistance Program (KYLEAP):** Initiated in 2016 this peer support team consists of law enforcement officers with at least five (5) years of experience. Members of this team are trained in the same manner as all other KCCRT members. The KYLEAP team provides peer support to law enforcement agencies across Kentucky after a critical incident.
- **Kentucky Emergency Services Peer Support (KESPS):** This peer support team, initiated in 2017, consists of firefighters, EMS personnel, E911 dispatchers, and Search and Rescue personnel with at least five (5) years of experience in emergency services. Like the KYLEAP team, the KESPS team members provide peer support to emergency response agencies across Kentucky.
- **Family Support Strike Team:** This team, the newest of the peer support teams, is made up of family members of first responders. While the primary membership is currently significant others of law enforcement officers and firefighters, it is open to other family members of first responders.

More Information on the KCCRB's origins and organizational structure can be found on our website at <http://kccrb.ky.gov>.

You can also follow us online for current activities and information. Just click on the icon to be taken our social media pages.





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KCCRT Membership

Team membership levels are based on training requirements, regional involvement, and response experience. Team members advance through membership levels by taking KCCRB classes, attending regional team meetings, and going on responses.

Each volunteer is credentialed to serve 4-year terms. Those wishing to continue as a volunteer with the KCCRT after 4 years are required to complete a Renewal Packet. Applicants for renewal must provide proof of achieving 30 hours of continuing education during their 4-year team membership.

All trainings offered through KCCRB count towards continuing education requirements and are free for team members. In addition, many KCCRB trainings qualify towards professional continuing educational units. More information about trainings can be found under the Training tab on the KCCRB website: <http://kccrb.ky.gov/train/>

STEP 1: Application

The multi-sectioned application is the first step toward KCCRT membership. Before beginning the application please note there are some items you will need to submit with this application. Information on each section and required information is detailed below.

- Personal Contact Information
- Employment Information
 - **REQUIRED:** Professional Resume or work history showing a minimum of five (5) years in a particular discipline
 - Professional credentials
- References
 - **REQUIRED:** Contact information for three (3) references, with one being your current, or most recent supervisor
- ESF-8 Credentialing Information
 - **REQUIRED:** Current, forward-facing photo against a blank background
 - **REQUIRED:** Any significant medical information – for use only in emergencies
 - **REQUIRED:** Emergency Contact information
- KCCRT Membership Agreement
- KCCRT Membership Training
 - Upload any training certificates for required courses already completed



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STEP 1a: Additional Documents

After a completed application is received, a member of the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) staff will email you additional information and documentation required. Information on the additional required documents can be found below.

Request for Felony Conviction Record Form

All applicants, with the exception of current law enforcement officers, must have a background check completed as part of the application process. Each applicant must complete the Kentucky State Police "Request for Felony Conviction Record" form that will be emailed once the application is received. This request form must be signed by the applicant and witnessed by another individual. The completed request form must then be mailed to the KCCRB office at the address below.

KCCRT Photo Release Form

This document provides the KCCRB permission to use your photo and/or likeness in the promotion of KCCRB activities.

Worker's Compensation Enrollment Form

This document provides your personal information necessary for Workman's Compensation coverage in the event of injury while serving as a KCCRT member during an authorized and approved activity.

Leadership Commitment Letter

This document is only required for applicants that are in law enforcement, fire service, EMS, and/or Dispatch / E911.

Return the signed documents to the KCCRB office at the address below.

Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board
ATTN: Team Membership
111 St. James Court, Ste. B
Frankfort, KY 40601

STEP 2: References

A member of the KCCRB and/or KCCRT Membership Committee will contact each reference provided. The contact may be in the form of a phone call, email, or mailing. Please note, it is also feasible that employers may be contacted should additional information be needed.



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STEP 3: Interview

All Applicants seeking Membership to the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Team, and its peer support teams (K9 Compassion Crisis Response, KY Law Enforcement Assistance Program, KY Emergency Services Peer Support, and the Family Support Peer Team for First Responders) will be required to participate in an interview. The interview will be held in person when possible, but may be held via conference call. The Interview will only take place after all paperwork has been received and references have been contacted. Upon favorable recommendation of the interview panel the applicant will be scheduled for training.

Step 4: Training

After an applicant has been recommended for membership, the next step is to obtain the required training. The required FEMA courses can be taken online at any time. In many instances applicants have already taken the training and only need to submit the training certificate(s).

Approved applicants are eligible to take the remaining required courses at no cost. These instructor-led courses provide 35 total training hours and can be completed in four (4) days.

Team members must complete the instructor-led courses in order to be deployed to any response.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact the KCCRB office at 502-607-5781 or the KCCRB Team Program Coordinator at kccrbteamprogramcoordinator@gmail.com.