



Kentucky State Fire School

Lexington, KY

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109 Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Operations – Lifting & Moving

This course introduces responders to the **Kentucky Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) system** and prepares participants to support search and rescue operations across the Commonwealth. The course provides an overview of the Kentucky US&R program, including team structure, operational coordination, deployment expectations, and basic reimbursement policies for training and activations.

Participants will also receive instruction on the **Search and Rescue Common Operating Platform (SARCOP)** and how it supports situational awareness, resource tracking, and mission coordination during incidents.

The final two days consist of a **hands-on lifting and moving course** for first responders. Participants learn basic **rigging, mechanical advantage systems, anchor considerations, and simple load estimation techniques** used to safely lift and move debris during rescue operations. The course emphasizes **scene safety, proper equipment use, and practical field applications**.

PRE-REQUISITES/EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Students will need to bring a helmet, eye protection, gloves, steel-toed boots and outerwear (extrication coveralls or turnout gear **or** long pants & long-sleeved shirt).

*Classroom session for this class will be held on-site; hands-on training will be held off-site.
This 4-day course will be offered Thursday-Sunday.*

Lead Instructor: Doug Hargreaves, Kentucky Emergency Management

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