

Sunday – All Day

7 Hours

Kentucky Case Histories

The events of December 10, 2021, will live long in everyone's memory as a record setting tornado tracked through Kentucky devastating many communities in Western Kentucky. This course will provide insight on some of the issues encountered by emergency personnel while responding as well as during the recovery phase. Chief Creason will provide highlights about the Candle Factory response and the complete devastation of his EOC and Fire & EMS Base. Chief Bailey will provide details about the complete devastation of the Dawson Springs community, more than 400 structures wiped out, and issues with donation management. Ricky King will talk about the Bremen Community response and will talk about the Coroner Office response and handling of the deceased. Chief Hayes will talk about the July Flooding that went through the Mountains of Eastern Kentucky and the difficulties encountered with response and recovery operations.

Instructors – Jeremy Creason, Nick Bailey, Ricky King, Preston Hayes

Jeremy Creason is the Chief of the Mayfield Fire Department and has served as Chief and EMS Director since 2016. He began his career in 2008 as a firefighter/EMT for the Mayfield Fire Department. Chief Creason is a Paramedic and Level I fire service instructor. He is a Level I Crossfit Coach and assists with physical fitness programming and wellness initiatives within his fire department.

Nick Bailey serves as the Emergency Management Director for the Hopkins County Fiscal Court. He also serves as the Chief of the Grapevine Community Volunteer Fire Department since 2017. Nick is a licensed Paramedic. He oversees the Hopkins County public safety communication system. Nick has served throughout Kentucky at various disasters as part of the Incident Management Team concept with a deployment to the East KY Flooding event.

Ricky King is a retired Chief of the Central City Fire Department. He serves as the Chair of the Kentucky Fire Commission and also works as an adjunct instructor for SFRT District 3. Ricky is a Fire Instructor and an EMS Instructor to provide training throughout the district and across the Commonwealth. He serves as Deputy Coroner for Muhlenberg County.

Preston Hayes is a Paramedic and serves as the Chief of the Hindman Fire Department in Eastern Kentucky. He is a Fire Service Instructor and works with SFRT District 12. He is an avid outdoorsman. He serves as the District 12 Vice-President Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs. He was the 2021 Fire Chief of the Year for the KY Association of Fire Chiefs.