



11. Kentucky Urban Search And Rescue Fundamentals

This 8-hour course provides a foundational understanding of the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) system, tailored for emergency responders and support personnel. Participants will explore the essential components of US&R operations, focusing on:

1. **Kentucky US&R System Overview:** An introduction to the structure, roles, and responsibilities within the state's US&R framework.
2. **Developing Mission Ready Packages (MRPs):** Training in creating and implementing MRPs, ensuring teams are adequately prepared for diverse emergency scenarios.
3. **Local and Regional Team Integration:** Strategies for effective collaboration among local and regional teams, emphasizing communication and resource sharing during disaster response.
4. **Future of Disaster Response in the Commonwealth:** Insights into emerging trends, technologies, and strategies shaping the future of emergency response in Kentucky.

Instructor

Doug Hargreaves grew up in New England following in his father's footsteps in the fire service. Doug entered the fire service in Kentucky himself in 1994. In 1998 Doug received a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Arson, Explosion and Investigation from Eastern Kentucky University. He spent 20 years with the Lexington Fire Department (KY) retiring in 2023 as Lieutenant having served as the department's Special Operations Executive Officer. During his career with the Lexington Fire Department, he was assigned to the Special Operations team his entire career. One of his assignments as a firefighter was on the heavy rescue company. He also served on the Ohio Task Force 1 as a Hazardous Materials Specialist. Doug currently works for the Division of Kentucky Emergency Management as the State Urban Search and Rescue Coordinator. He also is the co-writer of US&R legislation in 2023 that makes it mandatory for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to have a state-funded US&R team.