

Kansas Firefighter Relief Act

2024 FRA Annual Seminar

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- Benefits, authorized and unauthorized expenditures
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CY2023 Year-End Numbers

Receipts

- Kansas Insurance Department check- \$15.3 million
- Insurance proceeds \$4.3 million
- · Annuities and pensions- -\$11.3 million
- · Bank interest \$113 thousand

Total receipts: \$14,607,781.46

Expenditures

- Relief to firefighters- \$1.5 million
- Insurance premiums \$9.8 million
- · Annuities and pensions paid- \$4.2 million
- · Annuity/pension reinvestment \$3.8 million
- · Other- \$416 thousand

Total expenditures:

\$23,142,150.94

Assets and investments

- Bank accounts \$38.2 million
- · Annuity and pensions \$64.8 million
- · Overall net change- -\$8,618,872 million

Total assets/investments: \$104,496,103.41



Redetermination CY2023

2023 Redetermination hearing

Redetermination hearing was held on November 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kansas Insurance Department.

Who applied?

16 FRAs applied for redetermination.

Outcome

Estimated bill: \$112,715.51

16 FRAs will see an increase when the distribution money is released.



Purpose of the Relief Act

Created in 1895 by the Kansas Legislature.

In response to the growing need to provide benefits to those that protect citizens, communities and the property of our state.

There are currently 554 firefighter relief associations.

Provide relief to those firefighters that are injured or die in the performance of their duties.

Removal in whole or in part of the financial burden, hardship or distress of a firefighter, their widow or dependents, resulting from injury or physical disability to a firefighter in the discharge of their duties.



Authorized and Unauthorized Expenditures

Authorized

- Payments for the relief of those injured or physically disabled.
- Death benefit to the surviving spouse or those dependent.
- Payment of LODD funeral expenses.
- Purchase of insurance and cost of the bond for the treasurer.
- Payment of pensions, establishment of an annuity.

Unauthorized

- Expenses of members attending conventions, training or seminars.
- Donations to cities, townships, counties or fire districts.
- Dues to the Kansas State Firefighters Association.
- · Purchase or cleaning of clothing.
- Capital expenditures—equipment, protective clothing, motor vehicles, etc.
- Banquets, luncheons, dances, personal loans, etc.
- Training manuals, magazines or periodicals.



Loan Warrants

• FRA may loan all or part of such funds to a city, township, county or a fire district (governing body of FRA).

To make improvements to its fire department and equipment.

• To be paid back semiannually, not to exceed 6% interest.

 What are improvements to the department or equipment?

- Fire truck
- Air packs and compressors
- New station construction or addition
- Firefighter turnout gear



FRA Definition: Line of Duty Death or Injury

There are many different definitions for a firefighter line of duty death or injury:

- State policy
- Local policy
- Workers' comp
- Public Safety Officers Benefit

Relief

- Of any member of the fire department of such city, township, county or fire district
- Injured or physically disabled in or by reason of the discharge of such member's duties as a firefighter

Death Benefit

- When any member of such fire department is killed in the discharge of such member's duties as a firefighter
- Death from the effect of injuries so received or from disease contracted by reason of such member's duties as a firefighter



Important Dates and Items

- April 1: Financial statements
- October 1: Redetermination requests
- The purpose of the Relief Act is to provide relief to firefighters that are injured or die in the performance of their duties.
- You should submit a KFIRS Incident Report on any injury if it is a "Non-Fire" event. Contact William Hall at 785–296–4294.

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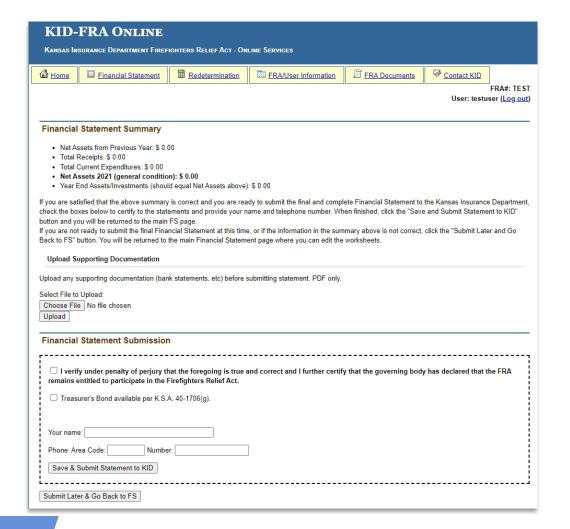
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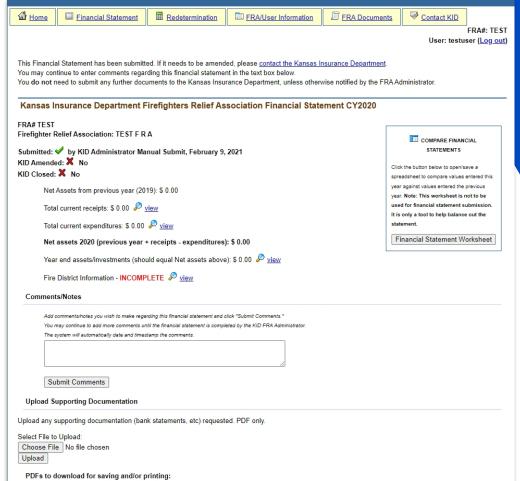
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- If it is a duty-related injury, report it to your workers comp coordinator and complete a KFIRS Incident Report.
- If you issue a check for over \$1,500, you must first obtain certification from your governing body's attorney.

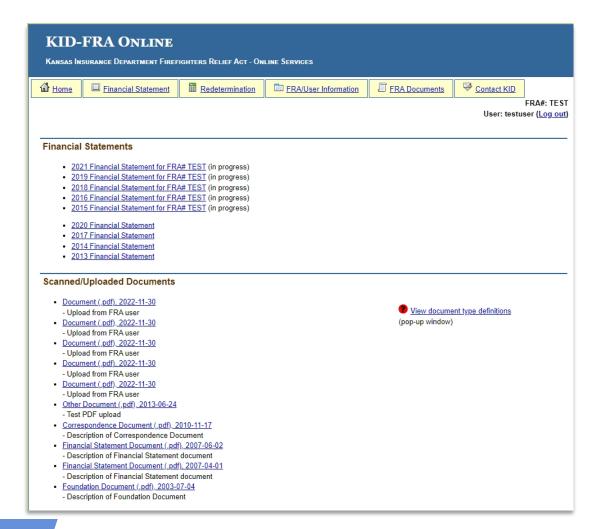


A New Look





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Questions?

Thank you!

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