



Kansas Firefighter Relief Act

2024 FRA Annual Seminar

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Agenda

- Contact information
- Purpose of the Kansas Firefighter Relief Act
- Benefits, authorized and unauthorized expenditures
- Loan warrants
- LODD
- Important dates and items
- FRA-online; a new look

Meet your speaker

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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.
- 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

KID-FRA ONLINE

KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ACT - ONLINE SERVICES

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User: testuser (Log out)

Financial Statement Summary

- Net Assets from Previous Year: \$ 0.00
- Total Receipts: \$ 0.00
- Total Current Expenditures: \$ 0.00
- Net Assets 2021 (general condition): \$ 0.00**
- Year End Assets/Investments (should equal Net Assets above): \$ 0.00

If you are satisfied that the above summary is correct and you are ready to submit the final and complete Financial Statement to the Kansas Insurance Department, check the boxes below to certify to the statements and provide your name and telephone number. When finished, click the "Save and Submit Statement to KID" button and you will be returned to the main FS page.
If you are not ready to submit the final Financial Statement at this time, or if the information in the summary above is not correct, click the "Submit Later and Go Back to FS" button. You will be returned to the main Financial Statement page where you can edit the worksheets.

Upload Supporting Documentation

Upload any supporting documentation (bank statements, etc) before submitting statement. PDF only.

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Financial Statement Submission

I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and I further certify that the governing body has declared that the FRA remains entitled to participate in the Firefighters Relief Act.

Treasurer's Bond available per K.S.A. 40-1706(g).

Your name:

Phone: Area Code: Number:

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This Financial Statement has been submitted. If it needs to be amended, please [contact the Kansas Insurance Department](#). You may continue to enter comments regarding this financial statement in the text box below. You do not need to submit any further documents to the Kansas Insurance Department, unless otherwise notified by the FRA Administrator.

Kansas Insurance Department Firefighters Relief Association Financial Statement CY2020

FRA# TEST
Firefighter Relief Association: TEST F R A

Submitted: by KID Administrator Manual Submit, February 9, 2021
KID Amended: No
KID Closed: No

Net Assets from previous year (2019): \$ 0.00

Total current receipts: \$ 0.00 [view](#)

Total current expenditures: \$ 0.00 [view](#)

Net assets 2020 (previous year + receipts - expenditures): \$ 0.00

Year end assets/investments (should equal Net assets above): \$ 0.00 [view](#)

Fire District Information - **INCOMPLETE** [view](#)

Comments/Notes

Add comments/notes you wish to make regarding this financial statement and click "Submit Comments."
You may continue to add more comments until the financial statement is completed by the KID FRA Administrator.
The system will automatically date and timestamp the comments.

Submit Comments

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PDFs to download for saving and/or printing:

COMPARE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Click the button below to open/save a spreadsheet to compare values entered this year against values entered the previous year. Note: This worksheet is not to be used for financial statement submission. It is only a tool to help balance out the statement.

Financial Statement Worksheet

A New Look Cont.

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- [2021 Financial Statement for FRA# TEST](#) (in progress)
- [2019 Financial Statement for FRA# TEST](#) (in progress)
- [2018 Financial Statement for FRA# TEST](#) (in progress)
- [2016 Financial Statement for FRA# TEST](#) (in progress)
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Questions?

Thank you!

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