

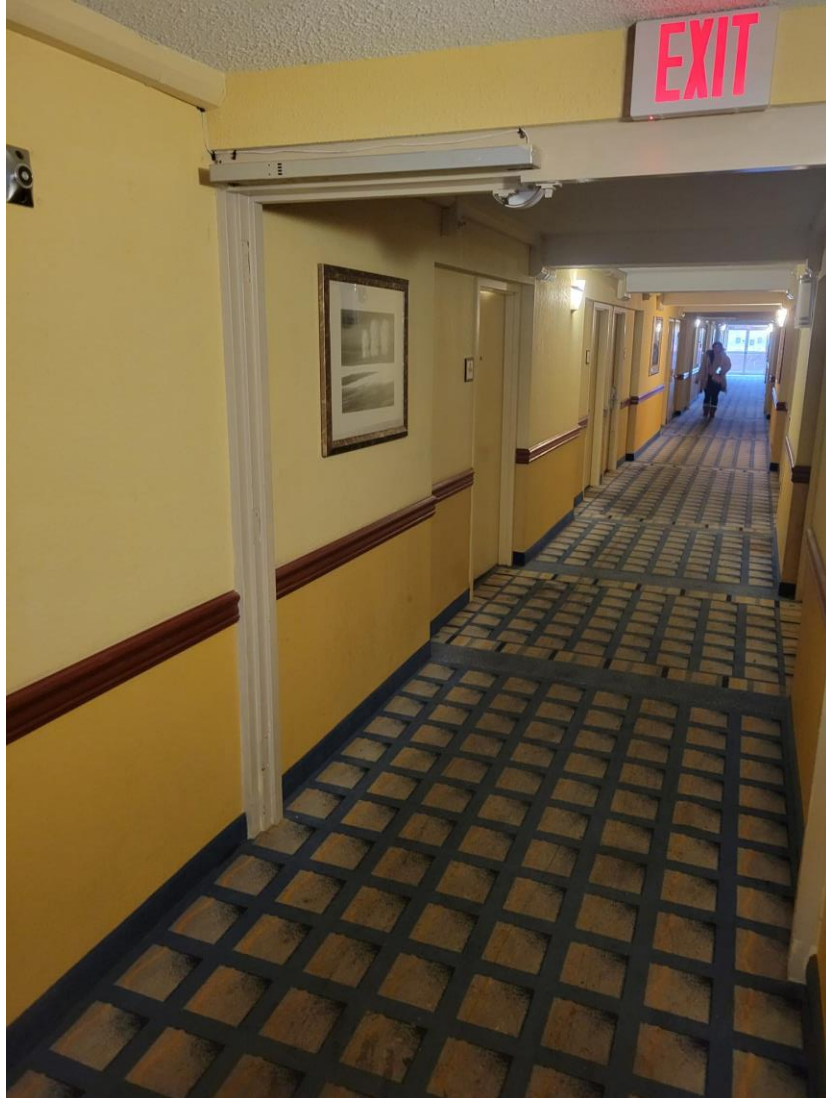
# 2024 Firefighters Relief Association Conference

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# Pop quiz...



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# What we do...



- **Prevention Division**

- Fire Safety Plan Reviews and Inspections
- Boiler Safety Inspections
- Implement and Regulate the Elevator Safety Act



# What we do...



- **Investigation Division**

- Cause and Origin Investigations
- Explosives and Post-Blast Investigations
- Regulation and Inspection of Industrial Hemp Processing
- Regulation of explosives and firework manufacturers and vendors
- Testing and Enforcement of the Safe Cigarette Act
- Fire Incident Reporting (NFIRS)



# What we do...



- **Emergency Response Division**
  - Train, equip, and support 9 regional contract Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Teams
  - Coordinate the state Search and Rescue program
  - Public Safety Education and Outreach





- Provides free smoke alarms to fire departments.
- Firefighters or volunteers install in homes.
- Combination smoke / CO detectors
- For vision & hearing-impaired citizens:
  - Bed Shakers
  - Strobe Lights

**Free Smoke Alarm Program**

**GetAlarmedKS.org**



## Side by Side Burn Trailer

- New addition in 2022 donated by the National Fire Sprinkler Association
- Designed to show the effectiveness of fire sprinkler systems in a home setting.
- Hosting fire department must provide a few Firefighters and a fire truck with water





# Kansas Firefighter Recruitment & Safety Grant

- \$400,000 budgeted for grants in FY 24.
- The application period will open in July 2024.
- Volunteer and Part-Time Fire Departments are eligible
- Grant money must not supplant the fire department budget (without grant, there are no resources to buy)
- Grant funds available for:
  - Structural Firefighting PPE
  - Wildland Firefighting PPE
  - New SCBA masks for individual members
  - Junior firefighter programs
  - Annual fitness for duty physicals for firefighters
    - (not covered by the individual's insurance or reimbursed by their department)
  - Gear Cleaning Extractors



# A Sad Farewell to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)



- Established by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
- Originally paper forms submitted to each State Fire Marshal's Office, who maintained records and statistics
- Early 1990's, the system moved to a DOS based computer system with reports sent by fire departments to the State Fire Marshal on computer floppy disks.
- Updated over the years to the current version- but has many issues and is not user friendly



# National Emergency Reporting Information System (NERIS)

- WASHINGTON — (May 9, 2023) The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) announces the launch of the modernization effort to develop a new, interoperable fire information and analytics platform, known as the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), for the American fire and emergency services. This effort is being carried out as a partnership between USFA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T). The goal of NERIS is to empower the local fire and emergency services community by equipping them with near real-time information and analytic tools that support data informed decision-making for enhanced preparedness and response to incidents involving all hazards.

More information? <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfirs/neris/>



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