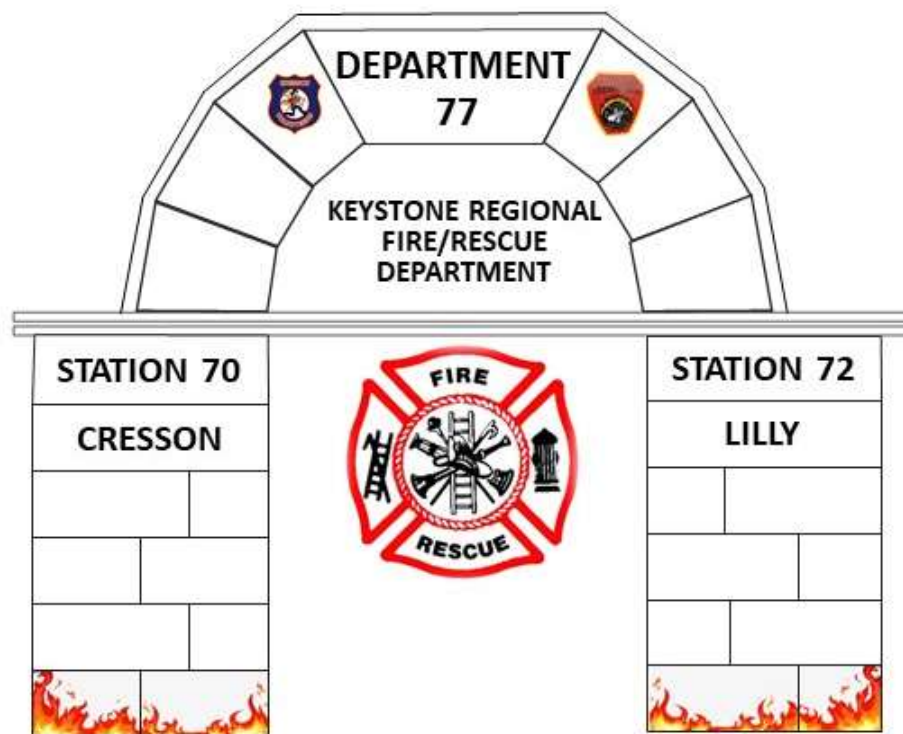

KEYSTONE REGIONAL FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



LOYAL TO OUR DUTY

***UNITED AS ONE DEPARTMENT
COMPRISED OF TWO DEDICATED COMPANIES
THE KEYSTONE REGIONAL FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
REMAINS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO EVERY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE***

Dear Reader:

On behalf of the membership of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department (KRFRD), we are honored to share this 2025 Annual Report with you. Within these 39 pages, you will find a record of our achievements in 2025 and the objectives we have set for 2026.

EVERYTHING YOU WILL READ AND DISCOVER throughout this 2025 Annual Report is the direct result of the passion, commitment, and tireless efforts of our volunteer members.

Every accomplishment, every improvement, and every milestone stands as a testament to our members unwavering dedication to serving our communities with integrity, skill, and heart.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the residents and businesses within our primary coverage area, for their steadfast support of our past and present achievements.

We gratefully acknowledge the continued support of our municipal officials and staff, whose commitment helps keep this essential service available to everyone who counts on it.

The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department (KRFRD) extends an open invitation to visit our stations, engage as an active member, or reach out with any questions regarding your fire department. We welcome community involvement and are always ready to assist those interested in learning more about our mission and services.



FAMILY: THE UNSEEN HEROES

**To our members' immediate and extended families,
we extend a sincere "THANK YOU", along with our deepest gratitude and appreciation
for the strength, patience, and support you give every day.
Because of your patience, fortitude, and steadfast support, our members are ready to
answer every call with the wholehearted commitment, lasting integrity, and the
unwavering resolve that defines our volunteer fire department.**

Family remains the foundation of strength for our volunteer firefighters, who devote countless hours to protecting our communities and the traveling public.

Their commitment brings unique challenges for the families who stand behind them. This includes long periods on incidents, sudden disruptions to daily routines, and exposure to difficult and sometimes traumatic events. In this demanding environment, a strong support system at home and within the fire service is essential.

To serve effectively, volunteer firefighters must maintain physical, emotional, and psychological resilience. The unpredictable nature of emergency responses can place significant stress on even our most seasoned members. Understanding, patience, and encouragement from our families play a vital role in helping firefighters process the emotional weight of their duties and remain grounded to duty.

This unpredictable schedule of emergency response often leaves little time for personal responsibilities. When families step in to help with childcare, household tasks, or daily routines, they ease the burden on our firefighters and allow them to focus fully on their mission. This practical support helps us balance our commitment to the community with the responsibilities of home life, strengthening both their well-being and their ability to serve.

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Section 1.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department operates two company fire stations:

—**Company 70** is also denoted as the **Cresson Fire Station** or North Station

—**Company 72** is also denoted as the **Lilly Fire Station** or South Station

Company 70

Cresson Fire Station

223 Ashcroft Avenue
Cresson, PA 16630
(814) 886-4485

Company 72

Lilly Fire Station

505 Main Street
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ARTICLES OF CORPORATION AND MISSION STATEMENT

KEYSTONE REGIONAL FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

ARTICLES OF CORPORATION

The objective of the
Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department
is for the purpose of
Protecting and Preserving the lives and property
of all citizens and the traveling public.

KEYSTONE REGIONAL FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the
Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department
is to provide unlimited fire and rescue services to any
persons in need.

The Department recognizes that persons in need are
not in a position to mitigate their problem.

This will necessitate the intervention of the
Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department to render.

This intervention will be provided to the best of the ability
of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department
to whoever needs the assistance, without regard to
the background of the person who has requested it.

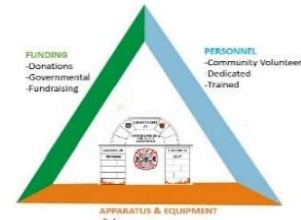
Section 3.

SOUNDING THE ALARM: AMERICA'S FIRE APPARATUS CRISIS

The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department, like fire departments across the nation, are confronting significant financial challenges. Both volunteer and municipal departments are burdened by rapidly rising apparatus, operational, and equipment costs. For the volunteer fire service, these struggles are compounded by a decline in membership, commanding everyone's immediate attention and support to safeguard the well-being and safety of our communities.

A strong volunteer fire service depends on a balanced triangle and only survives when all three sides of the triangle are equally supported and maintained:

- **PERSONNEL** who donate their time and skills
- **FUNDING** to provide fire and rescue services
- **APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT** that is safe, modern and reliable



When any side of the volunteer fire service triangle weakens, whether it's recruitment and retention, sustainable funding, or steady leadership, the entire system begins to strain. One compromised side puts pressure on the others, and before long, the whole structure of the fire service triangle risks collapse. A balanced triangle isn't just a visual metaphor; it's the operational backbone of a resilient, high-performing volunteer fire service. Strengthen each triangle side, and the organization thrives. Neglect even one side of the fire service triangle, and sustainability rapidly slips away.

Recently, the *United States Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Disaster Management* held hearings to address fire apparatus costs, delivery delays, and potential anti-competitive practices. Senators questioned manufacturer representatives about escalating prices and extended delivery times, noting that many departments are forced to rely on aging, less reliable trucks. Concerns were also raised about consolidation in the industry, with three companies now controlling approximately 80% of all fire truck manufacturing through acquisitions by private equity firms.

Key issues highlighted during these hearings include:

Escalating costs:

- New fire engines now exceed \$1 million.
- New ladder (aerial) trucks cost approximately \$2 million or greater.

Funding challenges:

- Volunteer departments cannot raise sufficient funds to purchase new apparatus.
- Fundraising events and community donations fall far short of funding needs.
- Municipal fire departments with taxpayer-based funding also struggle to secure funding.

Operational risks:

- Older, less reliable apparatus remains in service, compromising safety.

Delays and shortages:

- Delivery times for new apparatus range from 2 to 4½ years.
- Replacement parts for older equipment can take 8–12 months to obtain.

Fire departments nationwide (both volunteer and municipal) have called for federal and state action to address these challenges, including investigations into industry practices and the role of private equity firms. Without reforms, fire departments will continue to face mounting obstacles in acquiring the equipment necessary to protect public safety.

Pennsylvania and federal lawmakers must take stronger action to support the volunteer fire service. Declining volunteerism has intensified the strain on departments, and without increased financial support and community involvement, more volunteer fire departments risk closure.

Section 4.

2025 ACHIEVEMENTS

4A. DEPARTMENT WIDE; 4B. FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES; 4C. INFRASTRUCTURE; 4D. RELIEF ASSOCIATION

4A. DEPARTMENT WIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

1. In compliance with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law, the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department maintains strict requirements for background checks and child-protection clearances. All new applicants and any current member who supervise minors are required to obtain both a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check. Junior members (age 14-17) must provide the appropriate affidavits as mandated by state law.

Applicants or members who have not lived in Pennsylvania for the past ten consecutive years must also complete a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint-based clearance. All applicable clearances must be renewed every five years to ensure continued compliance with state law and to uphold the highest standards of safety for the youth participating in our programs.

2. Each year, the Department engages an Independent Accountant's Review to ensure we continue to follow sound financial practices in managing municipal and governmental contract funds, grant awards, and the many community and corporate donations entrusted to us. While a full financial audit is not pursued due to its significant cost, this annual review provides an independent, professional assessment of all Department financial records at a reasonable and appropriate expense.

For the 2024 calendar year, the certified public accounting firm **Sickler, Tarpey and Associates** conducted the Independent Accountant's Review of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department's financial records. We are pleased to report the review identified no deficiencies or recommendations related to the Department's financial practices or policies.

The firm concluded: *"We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Department financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."*

This outcome reflects our ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of all funds supporting the Department's mission.

3. Executive Officers met semi-annually with each of the eight municipalities under contract for fire and rescue services. During these sessions, the Department provided comprehensive updates on operational activities, management initiatives, and financial matters, ensuring that elected officials remained fully informed about the Department's performance, priorities, and emerging needs. To further strengthen communication and collaboration, updated contact information and points of coordination were shared with municipal leaders, reinforcing ongoing partnership and transparency.
4. To enhance Department transparency with the public and our municipal leaders, we made available for public viewing on our homepage, numerous Department administrative and operational documents, including this 2025 Annual Report. The web address to access information about the Department and documents is: <https://keystoneregionalfirerescue.com>
5. The Department received the prestigious **"2025 MAINLINE FAVORITE PLACE TO VOLUNTEER"** award. This recognition reflects the dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment our members bring to the volunteer fire service.
6. In January, the Department successfully restarted our weekly BINGO fundraising event, restoring a vital source of revenue which supports our operations and community services.

7. Through more than sixty-nine (69) fundraising events in 2025, our volunteer members contributed over 5,290 hours of their personal time to generate essential financial support for the Department. The revenue from these events remains a critical stabilizing factor in maintaining the Department's financial solvency, supplementing municipal service agreements, grant funding, and private donations
8. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department continues to submit applications for grants to reduce the financial burden on the Department, our members and the entire community area. The grant awards are used to sustain the financial viability of the Department, improve or replace fire and rescue apparatus or equipment, and improve the overall safety of our firefighters. *(Refer to Section 9 for additional details)*
9. The insurance replacement values for both fire stations and all apparatus were reviewed and updated to reflect current building valuations and the Department's operational alignment.
10. The Department continues to participate in county-wide initiatives for emergency services by having input and/or representation on various county initiatives and committees.
11. The KRFRD name, station designation, and unit number are being added to all apparatus. This identification project is ongoing, with numbering and lettering applied as needed to maintain consistency across the fleet.
12. The fire service is an inherently high-hazard environment, and the Department remains committed to maintaining the safest possible conditions for all personnel. Routine property maintenance and fund-raising activities conducted around the stations also create elevated risk exposures for members, requiring heightened awareness and safe work practices.
13. The Department's Safety Committee continues to address our overall liability to mitigate injuries and soften any potential future Workmen's Compensation premium costs.
14. In 2025, the Department submitted two (2) Workers' Compensation claims for injuries sustained during a fund-raising activity. No injury or illness claims were filed in connection with fire or rescue operations.
15. The Department is an active member of the Eastern Cambria County Chamber of Commerce, strengthening regional partnerships and supporting collaborative community and economic initiatives
16. The Department continues to support local businesses with the purchasing of merchandise and materials. Community businesses are one of the keys to a strong volunteer fire service and we support our local businesses with your municipal funds and private donations from the citizens as much as possible.
17. The Department continued our long tradition of supporting civic organizations, groups and community-based events, such as parades, festivities, school events and other worthwhile causes. *(Refer to Section 16 for additional details)*
18. In collaboration with Cresson Borough, the Department submitted a \$150,000.00 Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide Program grant application for upgrading and remodeling of the Cresson Fire Station kitchen and bathrooms. Additionally, an exterior walk-in cooler/freezer would be added to the structure to eliminate the need for multiple old and inefficient energy coolers and freezers. In late December 2025, the Department was notified this grant application was approved for funding at a reduced amount of \$132,672.00.

19. In collaboration with Cresson Borough, the Department submitted a \$150,000.00 LSA grant application. The goals of the grant are to replace the entire rubber roof of the Cresson Fire Station and replace the station's windows with energy-efficient windows. In late December 2025, we were notified this grant application was not approved for funding.
20. In collaboration with Lilly Borough, the Department submitted a \$150,000.00 LSA grant application for the remodeling of the public restroom facilities at the Lilly Firemen's Park Pavilion to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In late December 2025, we were notified this grant application was not approved for funding.
21. The stone work on the base of the electronic message display sign installed along Second Street at the Pfeister Building in Cresson Borough was completed. The sign was awarded as part of an AFG Fire Prevention grant award in 2023. The stones were purchased using Department funds, with all of the stonework completed by our dedicated members at no cost.

4B. FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES ACHIEVEMENTS

(Refer to Sections 5 and 20 for additional details)

1. The Department responded to a total of **414** incidents in 2025.
2. The Department responded to 100% of requests for fire and rescue assistance and emergency medical responses, serving citizens, businesses, governmental agencies, and travelers within our fire service area, and provided additional assistance outside our primary coverage area.
3. The Department continues to provide Quick Response Service (QRS) to individuals experiencing serious injury or illness. Our trained emergency medical personnel respond to deliver critical pre-hospital care, typically in a dual-dispatch arrangement with local EMS providers. The KRFRD receives no financial compensation for this essential, life-saving service.
4. The Department's annual QRS license was renewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health after personnel completed extensive preparations and equipment upgrades to satisfy the full spectrum of QRS licensing requirements.
5. Members continued to strengthen their skills through training offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner's Office, and other accredited entities. Throughout the year, our personnel earned certifications in Hazardous Materials, Water Rescue Response, Electrical Emergencies, Lithium-Ion Battery Incidents, Aerial Operations, Safety Officer responsibilities, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Vehicle Rescue, Fire Pump Operations, Fire Suppression, CPR, and a wide range of additional courses and specialized trainings.
6. New members of the KRFRD successfully completed both the Basic Firefighter and Firefighter 1 certification programs. The Basic Firefighter course provides foundational skills and safety practices essential for operating on the fireground. Firefighter 1 builds on that foundation, preparing firefighters to perform both essential and advanced fireground tasks and granting eligibility to pursue all subsequent tracks within the state certification system.
7. Department apparatus drivers logged thousands of miles traveling to and from emergency incidents, training sessions, community events, mechanical servicing, and other operational needs. These responses frequently require navigating hazardous roadway conditions created by weather, traffic, and the time-sensitive nature of life-saving deployments. While in transit, drivers must also process continuous radio updates detailing fire and rescue tactics, adding yet another layer of complexity to these critical operations.

8. During 2025, there was one (1) non-reportable very minor accident due to the direct driving actions of an apparatus driver, with no other persons, vehicles or property damage involved.
9. During 2025, there were zero (0) reportable accidents as a direct result of the traveling public driving actions which impacted KRFRD vehicles, personnel or property.
10. Mobile video cameras with audio capability installed on Department apparatus, continue to capture footage of careless motorists, apparatus driver proficiency, and any driving-related accidents. This documentation significantly limits the potential for fraudulent insurance claims involving the Department or its drivers.
11. The emergency and scene lighting systems on Engine 70 were retrofitted and upgraded to modern Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures. This enhancement improves visibility, reduces electrical load, and supports safer operations during nighttime and low-light incidents
12. In September 2025, the Department placed the 2005 Crimson aerial (Tower 70) and the interim 1992 Pierce aerial for sale on a fire apparatus market forum.
13. In January 2025, the Department placed Special Services 72 into service and is based at the Lilly Fire Station. This former unit denoted as Squad 72 was fully refurbished funded with a local bank loan. This includes the chassis updates, installation of aluminum box, emergency lighting and full body wrap.
14. In January 2025, the Department placed Special Services 70 into service and is based at the Cresson fire station. This is a 2023 Dodge RAM 5500. The entire cost to purchase and outfit the unit was funded with a local bank loan. This includes the chassis purchase, installation of aluminum box, emergency lighting and full body wrap.
15. Special 70 and 72 function as multipurpose technical units equipped with a wide range of tools, including rescue and QRS medical kits, vegetation-suppression equipment, and an Urban Interface water pump. These vehicles also serve as traffic-control platforms, utilizing a remotely operated, foldable LED sign capable of displaying messages and directional arrows. This significantly reduces the need for personnel to work in close proximity to moving traffic. Additional safety features, such as enhanced scene lighting and high-visibility chevron striping, further protect crews by improving visibility and directing motorists safely around the incident area.
16. In November 2025, Command 72 was placed into service. The 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe was purchased for \$1.00 and was fully outfitted as a command unit. The unit is based at the Lilly Fire Station.
17. Command 70 and Command 72 are utilized for the Incident Command Officer to respond directly to an incident. This procedure, initiated by the Department in 2022, increases the officer's safety and eliminates the use of a personal vehicle being used to respond directly to an incident scene.
18. After many years of planning and acquisitions, all gasoline and electric powered rescue tools were replaced with modern battery-operated rescue tools. The benefits of battery rescue tools versus gasoline/electric rescue tools are:
 - a. Convenience: Does not require gasoline, storage, or refueling
 - b. Environmental Impact: Produce zero emissions
 - c. Consistent Performance: Battery tools maintain power regardless of battery levels
 - d. Less Maintenance: They require less maintenance, which can save fire department money
 - e. Quiet Operation: Battery-powered tools operate at much lower noise levels

4C. INFRASTRUCTURE ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The masonry stonework for the cement-block base supporting the electronic message board at the Pfeister Building entrance is finished. The finished stone facing improves the building's curb appeal and provides a long-lasting, weather-resistant foundation for the sign.
2. The Cresson Fire Station's floor drains were fully redesigned after 53 years of service with new piping and flush cement covers. These redesigned drain covers reduce trip hazards for members and the public.
3. New rain gutters and drainage piping were fully installed and connected at the Lilly Fire Station. The upgraded system directs runoff away from the building more effectively, reducing erosion and preventing water intrusion.
4. The interior apparatus bay lighting at the Lilly Fire Station was upgraded to energy-efficient LED fixtures. The LED units were generously donated to the department, with installation completed by a licensed electrical contractor. The new lighting provides brighter, more uniform illumination, improving visibility for apparatus checks, maintenance, and emergency response readiness.
5. Ventilation louvers with electric fans were purchased for the installation at the Firemen's Pavilion. These units were purchased with a portion of the substantial cost donated by a local community organization. These units are needed to remove heat buildup at the structure roof peak during events. Units will be installed in 2026.
6. A cover for the outdoor siren at the Lilly Fire Station was fabricated and painted by generous community members. The new cover was installed to protect the siren components from the weather. The original siren cover was severely damaged in a January 2025 winter ice storm.
7. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture completed thorough inspections at the Cresson Fire station kitchen and Lilly's Firemen's Pavilion kitchen. A license for each facility was approved with no deficiencies or recommendations at either kitchen location.
8. The internal Wi-Fi network and audio/visual system at the Cresson community hall was upgraded to meet the current and future needs of the Department audio/visual capabilities. The upgraded systems allow for smoother streaming, clearer audio, and more flexible multimedia setups during meetings and community functions.
9. Several modest but important infrastructure upgrades were carried out across Department facilities. Improvements were designed to strengthen building security, reduce vulnerabilities, and ensure safer operations. By proactively maintaining and upgrading infrastructure, the Department demonstrates stewardship of resources and commitment to long-term service readiness.
10. A boiler inspection at the Cresson Fire Station was conducted by the PA Department of Labor and Industry. Several upgrades, not noted on previous inspections, were required and completed. A license to operate was successfully obtained.
11. The Cresson Fire station's continuous security camera system was fully upgraded. The previous system had reached the end of its service life, with severe age, multiple component failures, and no available replacement parts or software updates. Higher-resolution cameras and advanced recording capabilities strengthen facility protection and provide clearer security documentation.
12. The roof of the Lilly Fire Station was repaired following a water infiltration issue. This is the original roof installed in 1973, underscoring the need for continued maintenance to preserve its integrity.

4D. RELIEF ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Cresson Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association

1. In April 2025, the Pennsylvania Auditor General conducted a full audit of the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association, for the period of or the period January 1, 2024 to September 19, 2024.
 - a. This non-routine audit is required by the Auditor General's Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association Guidelines of August 2023 for merging of relief associations.
 - b. The audit documented no findings or written observations.
 - c. This audit completed the full unification of the Lilly Community Fire Company Relief Association into the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association.
2. Following the unification of Relief Associations, the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association plans to move forward with a legal name change. The organization will petition for the recognized name change of the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association dba Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department Relief Association. No timeframe has been established for the action.

Lilly Community Fire Company Relief Association

1. In April 2025, the Pennsylvania Auditor General conducted a full audit of the Lilly Community Fire Company Relief Association, for the period of or the period January 1, 2024, to September 19, 2024.
 - a. Prior to this April 2025 Auditor General's audit, and as required, all Lilly Community Fire Company Relief Association owned equipment, and monetary assets, were transferred to the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association.
 - b. These transfer actions were necessary to meet the Auditor General's Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association Guidelines issued in August 2023.
 - c. The measures ensured proper alignment with state standards governing the unification of Relief Associations.
 - d. This non-routine audit is required by Auditor General's Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association Guidelines of August 2023 for merging Relief Associations.
 - e. The audit documented no findings or written observations.
 - f. The Auditor General's audit addressed the previous audit and found this Association took appropriate actions to address the findings contained in the prior audit report.
2. This audit formally completed the full unification of the Lilly Community Fire Company Relief Association into the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association. This action finalizes the administrative and financial consolidation required under the Auditor General's Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association Guidelines of August 2023 and ensures that all Relief Association assets, records, and responsibilities now operate under a single, compliant organizational structure.

SECTION 5.

2025 INCIDENT RESPONSE STATISTICS

In 2025, the KRFRD responded to **414** recorded incidents.

Each incident response was documented in the state-mandated incident reporting system, providing a complete and verifiable record of the Department's operational activity for the year. This total does not include various public assistance requests, which are tracked separately.

The KRFRD primary coverage area is approximately seventy-four (74) square miles based on registered statistics. Our primary coverage area includes the following municipalities in Cambria County:

BOROUGH MUNICIPALITIES

- Cresson Borough; Lilly Borough; Sankertown Borough

TOWNSHIP MUNICIPALITIES

- Cresson Township; Munster Township; Washington Township

PORTIONS OF TOWNSHIP MUNICIPALITIES:

- Allegheny Township; Gallitzin Township

The following is a generalized breakdown of the **414 incidents**:

Fire involving a structure	12
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (<i>No Fire</i>)	0
Rescue	1
Service Calls	57
Good Intent Calls	66
False alarms/calls	34
Severe weather/natural disaster	50
Special incident type	9
Motor vehicle accident (<i>MVA</i>)	69
Vehicle fires	2
Natural vegetation fires	5
QRS response/EMS assistance	51
Hazardous condition (<i>No Fire</i>)	6
Mutual aid provided/move up	34
Mutual aid received	4
Other	14

KRFRD incidents required an ***average of 35 minutes** from dispatch to resolution.

**This figure excludes the many post-incident tasks necessary to ready the Department for subsequent responses. These tasks include, but are not limited to, cleaning firefighter gear, hose, equipment, and apparatus; restocking supplies; repacking hose; and refueling apparatus.*

KRFRD responded to an incident approximately **every 21 hours** in 2025.

KRFRD averaged **14 personnel** per incident, including both apparatus and non-apparatus personnel.

The data below reflects the number incident responses by the KRFRD in the past 5 years:

2025	414
2024	384
2023	405
2022	360
2021	328

SECTION 6.

2025 FIRE LOSS STATISTICS

FIRE INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTING SYSTEMS OVERVIEW

During 2025, the Department recorded zero (0) fatalities resulting from structure fires within our primary coverage area.

Throughout the year the Department responded to twelve (12) structure fire incidents within this area. Of those incidents, two (2) met the criteria for a Working Structure Fire. A Working Structure Fire is defined as a fire capable of causing significant property destruction or loss of life.

The remaining ten (10) structure-related responses were successfully mitigated by Department personnel before they resulted in substantial property damage or any loss of life.

All statistics above are derived from the Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal's reports, which are required for any incident involving property damage caused by fire.

INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEMS

Fire departments in Pennsylvania are required to document and submit incident reports to remain eligible for various Commonwealth grant programs. These reports provide the data the state needs to evaluate fire and life safety trends, community risk reduction priorities, recruitment and retention challenges, and GIS-based service coverage.

Pennsylvania's own reporting platform, PennsFire, originated with the Cambria County 911 Center in 1998 and expanded statewide in 2001. It was later integrated into the Emergency Reporting System, which KRFRD used throughout 2025 to document incident activity and personnel responses. This integrated system captures both response data and loss data, ensuring consistent, accurate, and standardized reporting across the Commonwealth. In 2026, a new reporting system is being implemented in Pennsylvania.

The Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) forwards all submitted incident data to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), ensuring Pennsylvania's information contributes to national-level reporting and analytics. Because this transmission occurs automatically, departments that report through the Pennsylvania system do not need to submit separate reports to the national database.

At the federal level, the USFA is currently leading the development of the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), a next-generation, interoperable fire information and analytics platform designed to modernize how emergency response data is collected, shared, and used nationwide.

Completion of these reports is not only a statutory requirement but also a prerequisite for federal and state grant applications, as well as low-interest loan programs that support fire service operations.

LIMITATIONS ON VEHICLE AND WILDLAND FIRE DATA

Pennsylvania law does not classify fires involving vehicles in motion as fire incidents for reporting purposes. These events are legally considered vehicle accidents and fall under the jurisdiction of the appropriate law enforcement agency. As a result, no fire-related value-loss statistics are recorded for such vehicles.

A similar process applies to wildland fires, which fall under the authority of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry rather than local fire service reporting systems.

SECTION 7.

2025 FIRE PREVENTION

The Department provided a Fire Prevention and Safety program to numerous daycares and school buildings located within our primary coverage area.

A total of 538 children/students and numerous employees participated in the Fire Prevention and Safety program along with numerous other employees, educators, and support staff.

Children and students participating in the program ranged from toddlers through 4th grade. Several components of the presentations incorporated educational materials and equipment acquired through the Department's 2023 AFG Fire and Safety Grant award.

In addition, the Department invested in supplemental resources, including reading materials, helmets, crayons, and other learning aids, to further enhance engagement and support long-term retention of key fire prevention and safety concepts.

The Fire Prevention and Safety topics presented to the children/students and staff are as follows:

- Who to call in an emergency
- Close before you doze
- Stay low and get out
- Make noise and do not hide
- Family meeting place
- Do not play with matches
- Stop, Drop, and Roll
- Firefighter appearance
- Not to be scared of firefighters
- What to do when you see a firefighter
- Explore apparatus and equipment



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL—89 Students presented by 3 firefighters.



CHILDREN'S EXPRESS—59 Children presented by 4 firefighters.



LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE—25 Children presented by 4 firefighters.



MOUNT ALOYSIUS HEADSTART/PRE-K—41 Students presented by 4 firefighters.



PENN CAMBRIA PRE-PRIMARY—102 Students presented by 6 firefighters.



PENN CAMBRIA INTERMEDIATE—151 Students presented by 7 firefighters.



START SMART LEARNING CENTER—39 Children presented by 3 firefighters.

Because every school and business operates under its own safety guidelines and protocols, each Fire Prevention and Safety Program was customized to align with the facility's specific requirements.

SECTION 8.

2025 INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

The Department undergoes an annual detailed financial review of all funds, expenditures, investments, capital equipment and depreciation values. *(Refer to Section 4A, Item #2 for additional details)*

This data also supports the Department's Annual Internal Revenue Service (IRS) filings, federal, state, and private grant applications, the BC-10 (*Pennsylvania Charitable Organization License*), and numerous other operational and compliance requirements.

INCOME

Based upon the available data, the Department's income was provided by:

\$ 67% FUNDRAISERS

+ Sources are: *Refer to Section 22 for details.*

\$ 16% CONTRACTS

+ Sources are: Municipal service agreements; Federal government service agreements; private non-profit service agreements.

\$ 14% DONATIONS

+ Sources are: Corporations, businesses, private citizens and governmental agencies. *(Refer to Section 11 for details).*

\$ 3% GRANTS

+ Sources are: *Refer to Section 9 for details.*

EXPENDITURES

The only items that are free in the volunteer fire service is our members' **TIME, TALENTS, AND DEDICATION**. The KRFRD emphasizes to our readers that the Department's annual Personnel Cost category remains at **zero dollars (\$0.00)**. Every other aspect of our operation from equipment, training, insurance, fuel, and maintenance and many more, requires significant financial support.

Based on available financial data, the Department's expenditures are concentrated in the following operational categories:

\$ 0% PERSONNEL COST

= No funds are allocated for personnel, as every member freely donates their personal time to support the mission of the Department.

- 57% FUNDRAISING

> Funds are expended for fundraisers events; merchandise, food and beverages; advertisement; printing; entertainment; amusement rides; rentals; fuel; utilities and other related costs. *(Refer to Section 22 for additional details)*

- 30% APPARATUS AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

> Funds are expended for fuel and maintenance of apparatus and emergency equipment; insurance; new or replacement apparatus and equipment; and other related costs.

- 12% FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

> Funds are expended for building and properties maintenance; infrastructure improvements; natural gas; coal; electricity; sewer; cable/internet; phone; insurance; supplies; and other related costs.

- 1% MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND LICENSING

> Printing, copier; Information Technology (IT); licensing and certifications, financial review; insurance; legal; postage; tax preparation and related costs. *(Refer to Section 12 for details)*

SECTION 9. **2025 GRANTS**

To reduce the financial burden on our municipalities and residents, the KRFRD actively pursues grant funding to support needs across the organization. All grant activity is performed entirely by volunteers, who manage every phase of the process, including research, writing, submission, and post-award monitoring, without the use of outside firms.

The unexpected loss of our main volunteer grant writer in March 2025 temporarily reduced the Department's grant submission volume throughout much of the year. Over the remaining months of 2025, we steadily rebuilt this capacity and are once again well-positioned to pursue applicable grant opportunities in 2026.

In 2025, it is estimated that volunteers dedicated more than 250 hours to grant-related work. This includes pre-grant research, preparation of financial reports, cost gathering, drafting of applications, and final submission activities.

In 2025, the Department received a total of **\$159,534.26** from federal, state, and private grants to assist in funding the Department operations.

If awarded, each grant obligates the department to submit timely documentation of expenditures, along with all required financial and closeout reports. Many funding programs also mandate semi-annual or annual progress reporting for a defined period, ensuring accountability throughout the lifecycle of the award.

Grant amounts and eligible funding sources fluctuate from year to year, and many programs impose mandatory waiting periods before reapplication. Depending on the grant, successful applicants may be required to wait two to five years.

During 2025, the Department submitted a total of four (4) grant applications:

- Two (2) application awarded
- One (1) application denied
- One (1) application pending

A breakdown of the applications submitted in 2024 and 2025:

- Federal Government agencies—6 applications submitted
 - One (1) grant awarded at a reduced value from 2024
 - Five (5) grants denied from 2024 and 2025
- State Government agencies—2 application submitted
 - One (1) grant awarded from 2024
 - One (1) grant award pending from 2025
- Private Entities—One (1) application submitted
 - One (1) grant denied

It is important to note that, following the completion of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department unification, we are no longer eligible to apply for separate grants under the two former departments or their associated Relief Associations.

However, as a unified volunteer fire department, we are now eligible for larger and more competitive grant opportunities, reflecting the expanded population, increased number of structures, and greater land area we collectively serve.

SECTION 10.

2025 COST SAVINGS OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL VALUE OF OUR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

According to *INDEPENDENT SECTOR*, a national organization that establishes the annual value of volunteer time in each state, the estimated hourly value of volunteer service in Pennsylvania for 2025 was **\$32.28**.

Using this valuation and the 17,420 hours of time donated by KRFRD volunteers, the estimated financial savings provided to our municipalities, residents, businesses, and the traveling public in 2025 totaled was **\$562,317.60+**

This figure reflects only the economic value of donated labor and does not include the additional savings generated through grant awards, cost-avoidance measures, or the operational efficiencies of a volunteer fire and rescue department.

VOLUNTEER COST SAVINGS ~VERSUS~ PAID FIREFIGHTER COSTS

Using the *NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE PROJECT CALCULATOR*, it is estimated that the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department generated significant cost savings for the municipalities, residents, and businesses we served during 2025. These savings reflect the value of a fully volunteer fire and rescue organization compared to the cost of operating a paid fire department.

- Total savings operating a volunteer department versus a paid department is: \$1,162,000.00
- Total savings generated per volunteer firefighter compared to paid firefighter is: \$44,692.00
- **Estimated savings per address across all municipalities combined is: \$342.00**

PERSONAL FUNDS EXPENDED

KRFRD members routinely expend their own personal funds for the Department without consideration of reimbursement. These personal non-reimbursed expenditures include but are not limited to:

- Each member's own personal and family time
- Personal vehicle fuel
- Personal vehicle mileage and maintenance
- Personal clothing damage
- Personal purchase of NFPA firefighting gear, tools and equipment
- Personal clothing purchase of KRFRD labeled shirts, coats, hats, etc.
- Computers—used extensively for KRFRD business operations
- Printer/ink—used extensively for KRFRD business operations
- Printer paper—used extensively for KRFRD business operations
- Tools and Supplies
- Winter snow removal
- Lawn and property maintenance costs and supplies
- Construction materials and supplies
- Document/Registration fees
- Food and drinks
- Fundraising support
- Other personal expenses for the benefit of the KRFRD

SECTION 11.

2025 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Annual Fund Drive (Letter Campaign) continues to serve as the primary funding mechanism for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus and essential equipment. With the cost of apparatus and equipment increasing at a rate that surpasses all other revenue streams, contributions from our community remain vital to the long-term sustainability of our volunteer fire service.

2025 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE STATISTICS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES COMBINED

❖ *Addressed and mailed to each residence and business within our primary coverage area*

Initial Donation Request Mailing

- ❖ **3,409**—Total addresses mailed an initial donation request letter
- ✓ **423**—Total number of donors from the initial donation letter
- **2,986**—Total of all addresses **NOT** donating to the initial letter

Reminder Donation Request Mailing (*requires additional KRFRD expenditures*)

- **2,986**—Total addresses mailed a reminder donation request letter
- ✓ **188**—Total number of donors from the reminder donation letter

TOTAL FUND DRIVE STATISTICS—As of December 31, 2025

- ✓ **611**—Total number of residences and businesses donating
- ✓ **17.6%**—Total percentage of residences and businesses donating
- ✓ **\$13.08**—Total average donation of all residences and businesses
- **2,798**—Total number of all residences and businesses **NOT** donating
- **82.4%**—Total percentage of all residences and businesses **NOT** donating

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE SAVINGS COMPARISON

While we are grateful for every dollar entrusted to us, the need for support from all community members is paramount. In 2025, the average contribution from all residences and businesses was just **\$13.08**. When compared to the immense cost savings provided by a volunteer fire service, this modest average underscores how essential broad community participation truly is.

According to regional cost models, transitioning from a volunteer fire department to a paid department would result in an estimated cost increase of

\$342.00 per address annually, or \$28.50 per month,

for every residence and business in our primary response area. This highlights the substantial financial value our volunteer service provides

National Volunteer Fire Service Project Calculator (Refer to Section 10 for additional details)

SECTION 12.

2025 REQUIRED EXPENDITURES

CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL STANDING, ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS AND EMERGENCY READINESS

The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department is required to maintain a broad range of certifications, insurance coverages, registrations, licenses, and permits in order to legally operate as a fire service corporation. These requirements ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and uphold the safe and effective delivery of emergency services. These investments are essential to sustaining the Department's operational readiness, legal standing, and long-term commitment to public safety.

\$90,484.00 is the minimum annual expenditures required to maintain certifications, legal standing, essential operations, and emergency readiness by the Department and our affiliated Relief Association. These costs continue to rise expendably and are required to meet these essential operational and compliance obligations. This baseline amount reflects only the mandatory costs necessary to maintain legal standing, certification, operational, and readiness for emergency service delivery. These expenditures include:

- Required testing and certification of apparatus, equipment, and protective gear
- Insurance coverages for legal operation and member protection
- State and county licenses, permits, and registrations
- Training, continuing education, and mandated skill maintenance
- Utilities essential to daily operations
- Additional Department-related compliance and operational expenses

*This symbol (+) listed on various expenditures in this section, denotes base expenditures which do not include the cost of any repairs, replacements, or upgrades required to meet certification or regulated standards. These additional costs are essential to ensuring that all equipment remains safe, functional, and legally compliant for emergency service operations. In many cases, the parts and vendor labor costs necessary to bring apparatus or equipment into compliance **adds several hundred to several thousand dollars or more** beyond the base testing and certification fees.*

TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE GEAR

1. Apparatus water pump test/certification (10 pumps)
\$ Annual cost average—**\$5,648.00 (+)**
2. Aerial testing and all ground ladders test/certification
\$ Annual cost average—**\$4,000.00 (+)**
3. Hose test/certification (18,185 feet of hose)
\$ Annual cost average— **\$5,185.00 (+)**
4. SCBA test/hydrotesting/certification (39 units)
\$ Annual cost average— **\$8,779.00 (+)**
5. Air Compressor quarterly test/certification
\$ Annual cost average— **\$1,400.00 (+)**
6. Kitchen Fire Suppression system test/certification (Cresson Fire Station Kitchen)
\$ Annual cost average— \$ **390.00 (+)**
7. Apparatus PA Vehicle inspection (15 vehicles)
\$ Annual cost average— \$ **825.00 (+)**
8. Fire extinguisher inspection (All apparatus, both fire stations, Firemen's Pavilion and Community Hall)
\$ Annual cost average— **\$1,020.00 (+)**

\$ Sub Total \$27,247.00 (+)

INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR LEGAL OPERATION AND MEMBER PROTECTION

1. Apparatus insurance (*15 vehicles*)
\$ Annual cost average—**\$10,500.00**
2. Property insurance
\$ Annual cost average— **\$6,000.00**
3. General liability insurance
\$ Annual cost average— **\$2,400.00**
4. Accident/Health insurance
\$ Annual cost average— **\$4,000.00**
5. Other insurance (*Equipment, Bonding, Crime, Officers, etc.*)
\$ Annual cost average— **\$4,500.00**

\$ Sub Total	\$27,400.00
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STATE AND COUNTY LICENSES, PERMITS, AND REGISTRATIONS

1. PA Small Games of Chance License
\$ Annual fee— **\$125.00**
2. PA BINGO License
\$ Annual fee— **\$100.00**
3. PA Dept. of Labor & Industry Boiler license (*both fire stations*)
\$ Annual fee—**\$111.00 (+)**
4. PA Liquor Control Board Interim Liquor License—Fee per each licensed event is **\$30.00**
\$ Annual fee— **\$270.00**—*9 fund raising events per calendar year*
5. PA Department of Agriculture Kitchen License (*both fire stations*)
\$ Annual fee— **\$ 96.00 (+)**
6. PA Charitable Contributions License
\$ Annual fee— **\$150.00**

\$ Sub Total	\$852.00 (+)
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UTILITIES ESSENTIAL TO DAILY OPERATIONS

1. Electricity (*Fire Stations Apparatus Room only*)
\$ Annual cost average—**\$9,100.00**
2. Natural Gas & Coal (*Natural Gas-Cresson Apparatus Room & Coal-Lilly Apparatus Room*)
\$ Average Annual Cost—**\$8,700.00**
4. Pest Control (*Required for kitchen facility*)
\$ Annual cost average—**\$ 650.00 (+)**
5. Internet/ Phones/ Wi-Fi
\$ Annual cost average—**\$7,800.00**
6. Sewage
\$ Annual cost average— **\$1,320.00**

\$ Sub Total	\$27,570.00 (+)
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TRAINING, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND MANDATED SKILL MAINTENANCE

1. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification for members

\$ Annual cost average—\$1,015.00 (+)

2. Firefighter training class fees

\$ Annual cost average—\$1,500.00 (+)

\$ Sub Total \$2,515.00 (+)

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT RELATED COMPLIANCE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

1. I PAD fees—*Located in each apparatus*

\$ Annual cost average—\$1,800.00 (+)

2. Certified public accounting firm to complete items below

\$ Annual cost average—\$3,100.00

- a. Independent Accountant's Review of all KRFRD financial accounts and records
- b. Federal 990 Not for Profit Tax Return
- c. BC-10 Application (*PA Charitable Organization License*)

\$ Sub Total \$4,900.00 (+)

FEDERAL and STATE REGISTRATIONS

**There are indirect costs related to each entity but no direct fees.*

1. PENNDOT Fleet Registration—For all fire apparatus
2. *PENNSFIRE-EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM used by the Commonwealth of PA and Cambria County
3. Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal Reports
4. *Federal 990 Non-Profit tax returns
5. *State Charitable Entity Annual report
6. *Pennsylvania Department of Revenue—Quarterly tax withholdings
7. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) —required for FEMA grant issuance
8. Employer Identification Number (EIN):
 - a. Cresson Volunteer Fire Company (dba) Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department
 - b. Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association
9. Community Volunteer Fire Company of Lilly
(*Required for past Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) awards, with reporting mandates*)
10. Fire Department Identification Number/Department (Federal Issued) FDID/FDINS
11. Fire Department Identification CAGE Number (Federal Issued)
12. Systems Applications and Products (SAP) Vendor ID:
 - a. PA Issued Vendor Number required for State grants/Contract using entities
13. System for Awards Management (SAMS):
 - a. Federal Business registration annual renewal
 - i. Cresson Volunteer Fire Company dba Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department
 - ii. Community Volunteer Fire Company of Lilly
14. *QRS License—Issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health

Various other governmental entities require reporting to comply with mandated obligations.

SECTION 13.

2025 DONATED VOLUNTEER HOURS

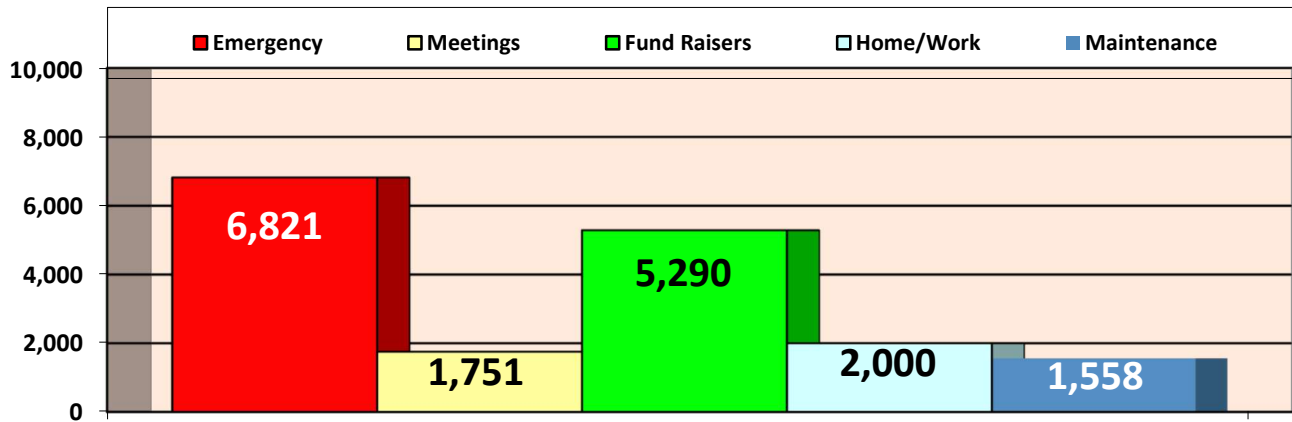
{All total hours in this section are minimal approximations}

~~ KRFRD members DO NOT receive any financial compensation for their donated hours~~

Throughout 2025, KRFRD members donated more than **17,420+ hours** of their time to protect lives, safeguard property, and strengthen community resilience. This extraordinary level of volunteer service highlights the essential role our fire and rescue personnel play in supporting both the community and the traveling public through a broad range of operational, training, and outreach activities.

These contributions include:

- 🕒 **7,920+ hours** responding to emergency incidents, participating in trainings, and providing assistance to the public in a wide array of requests
- 🕒 **1,751+ hours** attending operational, membership, and committee meetings
- 🕒 **5,290+ hours** conducting fundraising events
- 🕒 **2,000+ hours** working from home on administrative tasks, grant preparation, documentation, fundraising coordination, fire and rescue planning, and other departmental responsibilities
- 🕒 **1,558+ hours** maintaining apparatus and facilities, performing groundskeeping, cleaning, and completing other operational support tasks



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

In 2025, the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department sponsored sixty-nine (69) event days dedicate to raising essential funds for the organization. These event days do not include the extensive volunteer time required for pre-planning, organizational meetings, advertising, set-up, clean-up, supply procurement, or the many other tasks necessary to successfully execute each fundraiser.

Based on the 2025 fundraising schedule, KRFRD members contributed more than 5,290 volunteer hours, averaging one fundraising event every 5.2 days throughout the calendar year. These hours represent only the actual operational time spent conducting the events themselves.

This extraordinary level of volunteer commitment reflects the Department's ongoing effort to meet the rapidly escalating costs associated with providing emergency services and sustaining day-to-day operations. Fundraising remains an essential component of the Department's financial stability and its ability to continue serving the community effectively. *(Refer to Section 3 and 22 for additional details)*

SECTION 14.
2025 MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

**The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department endures and flourishes because
of the priceless gifts our members freely donate, their
—TIME, TALENTS AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION—
in service of public safety**

191 individuals are the full membership body of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department.

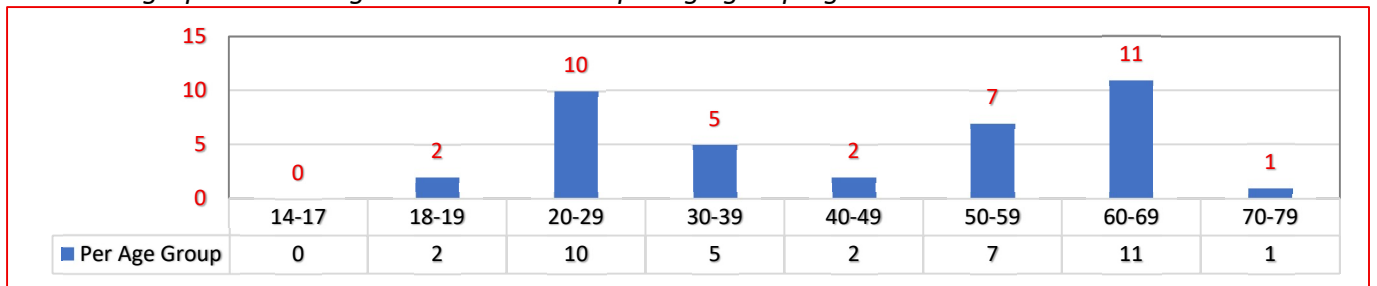
Each member brings a unique blend of skills, craftsmanship, and educational backgrounds, forming a diverse and capable team. This collective expertise equips the Department to address the complex demands of operating, managing, and sustaining a volunteer fire service in the modern era. A detailed breakdown of the Department’s full membership is described below.

38 MEMBERS—RESPONDS TO INCIDENTS AND TRAINING

At the core of our Department is a solid foundation of highly trained and seasoned firefighters, including skilled apparatus operators and medically certified personnel. Their expertise ensures that every response is professional, efficient, and effective.

Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and in all weather conditions, the Department pledges that critical emergency services remain available whenever and wherever they are needed. This unwavering commitment reflects the resilience and reliability of the team, safeguarding the community at all times. With an average age of 41, these members bring a balance of experience and vitality to the team.

Below is a graph illustrating these 38 members per age grouping:



—FIREFIGHTERS RETAINED PER YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP—

The long-term sustainability of the volunteer fire service depends on younger community members stepping forward to join the Department and commit to the rigorous path of becoming a firefighter. This commitment is significant, requiring extensive hours of training, emergency incident response, fundraising responsibilities, and participation in departmental meetings.

The graph below illustrates the number of new Department members who have completed firefighter training and continue to respond to incidents and participate in ongoing training. Totals are shown by membership year, highlighting the Department’s efforts to recruit, train, and retain the next generation of volunteer firefighters.



9—ACTIVE MEMBERS—PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS, FUNDRAISING, AND COMMITTEES

These members do not respond to emergency incidents or participate in operational training.

These members contribute to the Department by participating in meetings, fundraising activities, and committee work. Although these members do not serve in an emergency response capacity, they remain vital to the Department's overall operation. Their involvement in administrative, organizational, and fundraising responsibilities significantly reduces the time burden placed on firefighters, apparatus operators, and medically trained personnel, enabling operational members to remain focused on emergency readiness and response.

51—CONTRIBUTORY MEMBERS—PARTICIPATING IN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

These members do not respond to emergency incidents or participate in operational training.

A total of fifty-one (51) contributory members support the Department by participating exclusively in fundraising activities. Each member donates their personal time to assist with fundraising events, providing essential support that directly contributes to the Department's financial stability. In addition, these members serve as public-relations ambassadors within our communities, helping to promote the mission, values, and needs of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department.

93—CONTRIBUTORY MEMBERS—NON-PARTICIPATING

These members do not respond to emergency incidents or participate in operational training.

The Department is supported by contributory non-participating members. Each member serves as a public-relations liaison within our communities, helping to promote and support the mission of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department. Although these individuals participate as dues-paying members only, their ongoing involvement and advocacy play a vital role in sustaining community awareness and support for the Department.

Section 15.

2025 CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department has many certified volunteers, holding memberships in, and involved in many agencies. This brings about much expertise and prestige to the Department.

Emergency Service Certifications held by various members of the Department

- Asbestos, Lead, and Radon, Abatement and Inspector
- Arson Investigator
- Assistant State Police Fire Marshal
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Certified Life Safety Code Reviewer
- CNPT - Neonatal Pediatric Transport Paramedic
- Commercial Driver License Operator A Class
- Confined Space Rescue Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Emergency Vehicle Operator
- FBI Post Blast Investigation
- First Aid
- Fire Arson Investigator
- Fire Inspector
- Fire Inspector I
- Fire Officer 1 & 2 & 3
- First Responder
- Fire Service Instructor 1 & 2
- Flight Paramedic FPC
- Fire Suppression Instructor
- Hazardous Material Operations and Technician
- Hazardous Material Safety Officer
- Hazardous Material Technician Instructor
- Hazardous Material Incident Commander
- Incident response to bombings/ weapons of mass destruction
- Incident response to suicide bombings
- Live Fire Instructor 1041
- Live Fire Instructor In-Charge 1041
- National Vehicle Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician
- NIMS. 100, 200,300, 400, 500, 700,800
- PA Firefighter 1 & 2
- PA Fire Officer 1 & 2
- PA Department of Health Vehicle Rescue Technician
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Instructor
- Pro-Board Hazardous Material Operations Technician
- Pro Board-Certified Fire Instructor I and Fire Instructor II
- Registered Nurse
- Rescue Technician for Machinery and Vehicle Machine
- Rope Rescue 1 & 2
- Special Vehicle Rescue Technician and Instructor
- Structural Collapse, Technician 1 & 2
- Tactical Paramedic TPC
- Transportation Hazmat Response for Rail Incidents
- Trench rescue Awareness and Operations

- Various other Emergency Service Certifications
- Vehicle Rescue Level 1 & 2
- Water Rescue Awareness Operations & Advanced Line Systems
- Weapons Of Mass Destruction, Enhanced Operations

Professional Backgrounds:

- Accident and Illness Prevention Service Provider
- Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Occupational Safety Professional
- Career Firefighter
- Correctional and Probation Officer
- Certified Safety Health Manager
- Commercial Driver License Operator
- Critical Care Paramedic
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Industrial Hygiene
- PA Magisterial District Judge
- Licensed Attorney
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physical Therapist
- Mechanical Engineer
- Multiple Trades Staff
- Municipal Representative
- PA Notary
- Paramedic
- PA State Fire and Emergency Service Training Instructors
- Professional Administrator
- Private business owner
- Registered Nurse
- School Administrator
- Security and Loss Control Specialist
- Various other Professional Backgrounds

Fire Department members also represent the following Professional Associations:

- American Society of Safety Engineers
- International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
- International Society of Fire Service Instructors
- Keystone Chapter of Fire Service Instructors
- National Fire Protection Association

Other Emergency Service Roles of Departmental Members

- Cambria County Fireman's Fire School Training Committee Members
- Local Emergency Management Agency Coordinators
- Local EMS responders

The Fire Department is also a member of the following organizations:

- Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association
- Central District Firemen's Association
- Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania
- Eastern Cambria County Chamber of Commerce

SECTION 16.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**All events listed are based upon a governmental or community request and authorized by the KRFRD.*

The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department receives numerous requests for active participation in a wide range of community events throughout the year. Each request requires thoughtful consideration and the voluntary commitment of our members.

In addition, many community events involve minimal indirect costs that are often covered personally by our volunteers without reimbursement. The following is a partial listing of the community events in which Department members participated.

1. With a special call from Santa, members assisted using firetrucks and supporting “elves” to deliver treats to local day-care centers and schools. This annual outreach brings joy to children and strengthens community engagement during the holiday season.
2. Because Santa’s reindeer were not yet ready for a pre-Christmas visit, he traveled by fire truck to greet children throughout our primary service municipalities. This festive tradition brings excitement to local families and strengthens the Department’s connection with the community.
3. The Department participates in several community-wide Christmas events, with Santa making a special appearance at each one. These activities strengthen community relationships and highlight the Department’s commitment to local holiday traditions.
4. Fire trucks are a lively presence at local Easter Egg Hunts, adding excitement for children and supporting the Department’s community engagement efforts.
5. Our members assisted the American Legion with Memorial Day ceremonies, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation’s veterans and supporting this important community tradition.
6. The Department sponsors an annual community-wide memorial church service and reception in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. This observance honors the lives lost, recognizes the heroism of first responders, and brings the community together in reflection and unity.
7. Department members and apparatus provide approved traffic control assistance to enhance safety and strengthening community partnerships.
8. The Department participated in and provided support for the Penn Cambria Homecoming Parade, showcasing fire apparatus and assisting with event safety.
9. The Department provides the community social hall to the Penn Cambria Football Boosters for their annual student dinner, supporting local student-athletes and strengthening community partnerships.
10. The Department provides the community social hall to local day-care centers for their graduation ceremonies, supporting early-childhood programs and strengthening community partnerships.
11. Department members provided fire apparatus in support of a Penn Cambria Marching Band fundraising event, helping ensure a safe and successful community activity.
12. The Department participated in numerous Halloween parades and provided safety patrols during Trick-or-Treat activities, helping ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for families throughout the community.
13. Department members provide support and equipment for the Catholic Community of Cresson festival, helping ensure a safe and successful event for attendees.

14. The Department provided aerial apparatus assistance to public and private entities for United States of America and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania flag-raising events, banner installations, and related technical support.
15. The Department participated in escorts for both school and community-based events involving local youth, helping ensure safe and well-coordinated activities throughout the area.
16. Department personnel participate in the annual Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet program, supporting youth development and strengthening partnerships with local law-enforcement agencies.
17. The Department participates in Saint Francis University's First Responder Day, supporting educational outreach and strengthening relationships with future public-safety professionals.

SECTION 17.
SAFEGUARDING OF ASSETS

1. All financial records undergo an annual Independent Accountant's Review conducted by the certified public accounting firm Sickler, Tarpey and Associates. This review provides an objective assessment of the Department's financial practices and reinforces our commitment to transparency, accuracy, and responsible fiscal management
2. A written Treasurer's report detailing all line-item expenditures and income for the month is presented to the full KRFRD membership at each business meeting. This practice promotes transparency, supports informed decision-making, and ensures a clear understanding of the Department's financial activities.
3. All municipal, governmental and service agreement monies are deposited into a single financial account (Municipal Account). As defined in each written municipal service agreement, the funds of this account can be expended only on the purchase, maintenance, operation, or repair of the fire house(s), or the maintenance, purchase, operation, or repair of equipment.
4. An annual Municipal Account budget projection and end-of-year expenditure report are provided to each municipality in accordance with the respective municipal service agreements. These reports support transparency, ensure compliance with contractual obligations, and help municipalities plan and evaluate the cost of fire protection services.
5. All grant funds are deposited into a dedicated financial account (the Safety Fund) to ensure they are used exclusively for their designated grant purposes and are not commingled with other Department funds. This practice supports transparency, accurate reporting, and full compliance with grant requirements.
6. All awarded federal and state grant funds are subject to audit by the respective administering agencies. These audits ensure proper use of funds, verify compliance with grant requirements, and support the Department's commitment to transparency and accountability.
7. The Department continually updates and refines its Administrative Procedures to ensure full alignment with federal, state, local, and internal KRFRD requirements. These procedures serve as a vital framework for guiding our operations, supporting accountability, and maintaining compliance across all areas of service. Key sections of the Administrative Procedures include Civil Rights Compliance, Non-Discrimination, Social Media, Ethics, Procurement, and Drug-Free Workplace, along with many additional subject areas essential to the effective and responsible functioning of the Department.
8. Video surveillance and recording systems are in operation at both fire stations, the Community Hall, and the Firemen's Pavilion. These systems enhance facility security, safeguard Department assets, and support the safety of members and visitors.
9. A fully operational fire alarm and detection system with automatic notification capability is installed at the Cresson Fire Station and connected Community Social Hall. This system enhances life safety, supports early incident detection, and ensures prompt notification in the event of an emergency.
10. The Department Treasurer is bonded to ensure the protection and security of all Department and Relief Association funds. This safeguard provides an additional layer of financial accountability and reinforces the Department's commitment to responsible fiscal management.
11. The Pennsylvania Auditor General routinely audits the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association to ensure compliance with state regulations and verify the proper use of Relief Association funds.

12. An annual insurance assessment is conducted for all Department assets to ensure appropriate coverage levels and protect against potential loss or liability.
13. Insurance policies and premium costs are reviewed annually to ensure optimal coverage and maintain strong fiscal responsibility for the Department. This process helps safeguard assets while controlling expenses and upholding prudent financial stewardship
14. A Safety Committee is utilized to review departmental practices and enhance overall safety for the Department, its members, and the public. The committee supports continuous improvement by identifying risks, recommending corrective actions, and promoting a culture of safety throughout all operations.
15. All assets are insured at values established through insurance industry standards and KRFRD's determination of full replacement cost. This ensures adequate protection of Department property and supports responsible risk management.
16. All apparatus drivers must be at least 21 years of age and hold a valid driver's license. This standard promotes the safe operation of Department vehicles and ensures compliance with established driving requirements, supporting both member safety and responsible emergency response practices.
17. All apparatus drivers must complete the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC). This training serves as the cornerstone of safe emergency vehicle operation, ensuring that drivers can legally and responsibly operate emergency vehicles. EVOC also prepares responders for the mental demands, and real-world pressures of driving in high-stress situations where every decision carry life-or-death consequence.
18. Annual training is required to maintain proficiency, including updated EVOC coursework and current best practices with members being personally vetted for safe driving.
19. Contracts are used for all facility rentals and pool fillings to clearly define responsibilities and reduce liability for the Department. This practice helps protect the organization, ensures mutual understanding with customers, and supports consistent, accountable operations.
20. All doors to access both fire stations are secured with combination locks, which are changed on a routine basis for added security.

SECTION 18.

MAJOR ASSESTS

HOUSING—The Department currently operates out of two (2) fire stations, each serving a distinct role in supporting emergency response, training, and community engagement. Together, these facilities form the operational backbone of the department, enabling personnel to respond quickly across a wide geographic area while maintaining the space, equipment, and infrastructure necessary for volunteer fire service operations.

Beyond their emergency functions, both stations serve as visible community anchors, places where residents gather for events, receive safety education, and connect with the volunteers who protect them. This dual mission of readiness and community presence ensures that the Department remains not only operationally effective, but deeply rooted in the people we serve.

Cresson Fire Station— Built in 1973, the Department owns the building and property on Ashcroft Avenue in Cresson Borough, including all interior fixtures and equipment. The facility combines community and emergency functions, featuring a large apparatus room for housing fire apparatus and equipment plus a spacious hall for fundraising activities and community events. The facility also serves as a regional emergency disaster shelter.

The facility entire electrical grid is backed by a natural-gas emergency generator capable of operating all electrical systems, radios, HVAC units, and the emergency alerting siren during power outages.

Lilly Fire Station— Built in 1974, the Department owns the building and property at Main Street and Cleveland Street in Lilly Borough, including all interior fixtures and equipment. The facility houses apparatus and equipment and can serve as a temporary emergency warming shelter.

The facility entire electrical grid is backed by a diesel-powered emergency generator capable of operating all electrical systems, radios, heating units, and the emergency alerting siren during power outages.

ANCILLARY STRUCTURES

Pfeister Building—Under an agreement with Cresson Borough, the Pfeister Building (formerly the Cresson Borough office and garage) now serves as a dedicated training site where firefighters practice structural firefighting, rescue techniques, and both interior and exterior fire-ground operations

The building is also used to store the equipment and materials required to conduct the weeklong major fundraising carnival and other community events. This centralized storage ensures that essential devices are protected, organized, and readily accessible for efficient setup and operation.

The building also houses a dedicated physical fitness room. Firefighters are required to maintain an elevated level of physical fitness to perform their duties safely and effectively, and this space is designed to support those demands. The fitness room is equipped and arranged to meet the specific needs of the fire service, with a focus on improving strength, endurance, flexibility, and agility core components of operational readiness.

Pavilion Building—Located within Lilly Borough's Firemen's Park, the Firemen's Pavilion hosts a wide range of fundraising events that support the Department's mission. The pavilion is also available for public use and serves as a gathering place for numerous community celebrations and activities throughout the year.

SECTION 19.
SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

1. BATTERY OPERATED RESCUE EQUIPMENT



Estimated replacement cost—\$65,000.00 for each full set

Each powered rescue tool is driven by an onboard battery power unit and delivers the force required to spread, lift, hold, crush, pull, or cut. Common tools include cutters, rams, and spreaders. Because they are battery-powered, these tools are free from tethering by wires or hydraulic hoses, improving mobility and safety on scene. For operational readiness, a full complement of battery-powered rescue tools on apparatus at both stations to ensure immediate availability. Batteries are kept at full charge within the apparatus using each station's integrated in-line charging systems, guaranteeing tools are ready for rapid deployment.

2. AIR BAG RESCUE SYSTEM—*Estimated replacement cost—\$30,000.00 for each full set*



The Department maintains two complete air bag rescue systems capable of lifting a combined 134 tons. These pneumatic lifting systems are deployable for building collapses, heavy vehicle extrications, industrial entrapments, and other incidents requiring controlled lifting, displacement, spreading, or movement of heavy objects. Each system is operated using compressed air supplied from SCBA cylinders, providing a portable, high-force lifting solution at the scene.

3. AIR MONITORS—*Estimated replacement cost—\$7,000.00 each*



The Department maintains five MSA Altair 5X gas meters for atmospheric monitoring. These portable detectors are used to assess gas levels inside buildings, rooms, and outdoor areas, and are engineered to sense gases that cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Each meter provides audible and visual alarms when preset thresholds are reached, alerting personnel to potentially unsafe conditions. Gases detected are carbon monoxide (CO); oxygen (O₂); hydrogen sulfide (H₂S); hydrogen cyanide (HCN); Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) which is the lowest concentration of a flammable gas, vapor, or fumes that can ignite in the presence of an ignition source for combustible vapors. The units are used during structure investigations, confined-space entry, hazmat screening, and overhaul operations to verify atmospheres are safe for entry and work.

4. GAS DETECTOR—*Estimated replacement cost—\$2,200.00 each*



The Department operates two portable gas detectors, commonly called "Gas Sniffers." These handheld devices use sensitive sensors to detect the presence of hazardous gases and provide audible and visual alarms to warn operators of unsafe atmospheres. The detectors are used during structure investigations, confined-space checks, overhaul, and hazmat responses to quickly identify dangerous concentrations and protect personnel.

5. **AIR COMPRESSOR**—*Estimated replacement cost—\$70,000.00*



The in-house air compressor delivers high-pressure breathing air up to 6,000 psi and is certified to provide Grade D breathing air per Compressed Gas Association requirements. It supplies SCBA cylinders and other breathing-air needs with a focus on safety and reliability. Quarterly air sample analyses are performed to verify air quality and confirm proper operation of the compressor. These tests ensure compliance with applicable NFPA standards and

departmental safety protocols. Routine inspections, filter changes, and documented testing maintain readiness and regulatory adherence.

6. **THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS**—*Estimated replacement cost—\$7,500.00 each*



The Department operates four thermal imaging cameras (TICs) and has 14 SCBA with integrated TICs for immediate firefighter use. These thermographic devices convert infrared radiation into visible images, enabling crews to locate heat sources through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers.

7. **ROPES/EQUIPMENT**—*Estimated full replacement cost—\$16,000.00*



The Department utilizes ropes in a wide array of incidents. Ropes and equipment include carabiners, pulleys, descent control devices, harnesses, rollers, and other related items. The types of ropes carried are Line Safety Rope, Escape Rope and Utility Rope. Additionally, the Department carries water rescue ropes.

8. **STABILIZATION STRUTS**—*Estimated replacement cost—\$2,000.00 per strut*



Vehicle stabilization struts are used to stabilize vehicles during rescue operations. They are designed to provide a fast-deploying and reliable strut for any rescue scenario. The struts come in several types, including heavy duty, standard-duty, and light-duty, and are rated to support different working loads.

SECTION 20.

2026 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

21A. DEPARTMENT WIDE; 21B. FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES; 21C. INFRASTRUCTURE

21A. DEPARTMENT WIDE

1. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department is committed to responding to 100% of requests for assistance across a full spectrum of emergencies from citizens, businesses, governmental agencies, partner emergency services (Police, Fire, EMS), and travelers within and surrounding our primary service area.
2. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will continue to meet community expectations by providing highly trained volunteer firefighters equipped to address the evolving fire and rescue needs of our residents, businesses, and traveling public.
3. The members of the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will continue to freely donate their time, talents, and dedication to delivering a volunteer-operated, professional emergency service without personnel costs, health benefits, or overtime expenses to the municipalities we serve.
4. The Department will welcome inquiries from any fire department interested in exploring potential unification opportunities and will provide information and guidance upon request.
5. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will continue its ongoing efforts to recruit new members to ensure the availability of low-cost volunteer fire protection for our municipalities. Sustaining this long-standing tradition of volunteer service requires active support and engagement from local governments and community members.

If this challenge is not recognized and addressed by private stakeholders and by local, state, and federal governmental entities, the volunteer fire service in our region will face significant strain. Such impacts may result in increased financial burdens on citizens and businesses through higher fire insurance premiums and/or rising municipal operational costs.

6. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will support and encourage Federal, State, and local legislation that sustains and strengthens the volunteer fire service within our municipalities. As volunteer ranks continue to decline and the cost of fire equipment rises, governmental support at all levels is essential to the long-term viability of this critical public service. Legislative efforts should prioritize encouraging community members to become volunteer firefighters and enhancing overall public safety.
7. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will evaluate multiple avenues to secure increased financial support from private, municipal, governmental, and non-profit organizations. A comprehensive review of available funding sources is essential to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the volunteer fire service.
8. The Department will complete its ongoing efforts to combine and streamline reports, federal and state applications, operating licenses, incident-reporting data, and permits under a single unified name and entity.
9. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will actively pursue grant opportunities including Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and the Pennsylvania Fire/EMS Grant Program to supplement fundraising. Grants awarded will directly fund essential equipment and apparatus, reducing capital strain on local budgets and enhancing operational readiness.

10. The Department will share this 2025 Annual Report with our Federal, State and municipal leaders to highlight progress, and uphold accountability for the Department's ongoing initiatives and activities.
11. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will continue to host a variety of fundraising activities to pay for essential daily operating costs, including utilities, insurance, building maintenance, fuel, and repairs, ensuring the Department remains ready to serve our communities
12. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department remains committed to examining every expenditure with care and accountability. Through constant diligence, we ensure that every dollar is used responsibly in support of our mission.

Our continued operation depends on a balanced combination of fundraising efforts, municipal support, government grants, and the generosity of private donors. Together, these resources enable us to sustain the vital emergency services our community relies on.
13. The Department will continue to pursue reimbursement through available insurance coverage for costs associated with emergency responses, reducing the financial burden on local governing bodies and minimizing reliance on municipal funds for essential emergency services.
14. The Department will pursue ongoing contract reviews and targeted consolidations to reduce costs and streamline operations. Priority areas include utilities, vendor service agreements, insurance coverage, and coordinated purchasing.
15. Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department representatives will engage with Cambria County Emergency Services initiatives and committees to strengthen partnerships, align priorities, and support coordinated implementation of county-wide emergency efforts
16. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will continue to support local initiatives that strengthen our community, including carnivals, parades, children's events, and other longstanding activities.
17. The Department will continue to meet regularly with each municipal governing body within our primary coverage area to maintain open communication and ensure ongoing collaboration.
18. This 2025 Annual Report is posted on our homepage for public viewing and access.
19. The Department will continue collaborating with Cresson Borough and its workers' compensation carrier to ensure all KRFRD obligations under the updated Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation law are fully addressed.
20. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will renew the licenses for the Lilly Firemen's Park Pavilion and the Cresson Fire Station kitchen to ensure continued use and regulatory compliance.
21. The Department will submit plans for the redesign and remodeling of the Cresson Fire Station kitchen and bathrooms, with the goal of securing approval to proceed with construction in accordance with the Department of Agriculture licensing requirements.
22. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will review and approve the submitted plans as part of our kitchen and bathroom remodeling process.
23. The Keystone Regional Fire Rescue Department will continue its extensive efforts to improve ISO fire ratings for all municipalities within our primary coverage area. Building on the accomplishments of the 2022 ISO rating survey, we will focus on enhancing the components of the evaluation that fall within our operational control to achieve further improvements.

21B. FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES

1. The Department will continue to evaluate each apparatus to ensure every unit meets both current and future operational needs, while upholding strong financial stewardship of Department funds.
2. Due to the unattainable cost of purchasing new apparatus and the escalating repair expenses associated with aging units, the Department will conduct evaluations to determine the most financially responsible course of action. If a unit is sold, the proceeds will be invested to maximize return value. Internal repair-cost evaluations will consider operational needs, readiness, and the long-term sustainability of each apparatus relative to the funds required for continued maintenance. *(Refer to Section 3 for additional details)*
3. The Department will submit a Pennsylvania Fire/EMS grant application for loan debt reduction. If awarded, the full amount will be applied to the line-of-credit loan used to purchase the new Special Services 70.
4. The Department will determine if a new fire engine is a priority consideration in the 2026 AFG program. If a fire engine is a priority and obtaining a new unit is feasible, the department will submit a grant application for a new fire engine with a cost estimate of \$1,000,000.00.
5. The Department will determine if a new air compressor is a priority consideration in the 2026 AFG program. If a compressor is a priority and obtaining a new unit is feasible, the department will submit a grant application for a new air compressor with a cost estimate of \$80,000.00.
6. The Department will continue to upgrade our medical related equipment. Funding sources to upgrade will be determined. Cost estimates are approximately \$15,000.00. Upgraded and modern equipment is vital to sustaining our QRS service for the community.
7. The Department will continue replace firefighter's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on a revolving schedule. For our department, PPE is a frontline defense, but it's also a complex, high-risk investment that demands constant oversight. A PPE life cycle plan reduces the risk of exposing our firefighters to harmful contaminants, equipment failures, and noncompliance with NFPA standards. We anticipate purchasing 10 full sets of firefighters PPE at a cost of approximately \$45,000.00.
8. Our volunteer firefighters will continue to train and pursue certifications in Essentials of Firefighting, Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Hazardous Materials Operations, and National Vehicle Rescue. These efforts are complemented by a wide range of additional in-house training opportunities and specialized certification courses.
9. The Department's QRS license will be renewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, ensuring continued compliance and uninterrupted emergency response services.
10. Each of the Department's apparatus will be evaluated for practical service life, operational readiness, maintenance costs, and suitability for the Department's current and future tactics and operations.

21C. INFRASTRUCTURE

CRESSON FIRE STATION

1. The Department will compete the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant update and modernize of the kitchen and bathrooms of the Cresson Fire Station. The majority of funding, will be provided from a Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide program grant award. The remaining funds, which may be substantial, will be provided using Department funds.

2. The Department will obtain the necessary funds to complete a full roof replacement at the Cresson Fire Station. This effort remains ongoing because the estimated replacement cost is \$150,000.00.

After securing a combination of funding sources (bank loan, department funds, grant funds, and donations), the roof replacement options being considered include: (a.) latex spray covering of the current rubber roof; (b.) removal of current rubber roofing and replace with similar product or (c.) remove the full roof and replace with a new metal roof.

Because the structure is classified as a commercial building, existing roofing layers must be removed before any new physical roofing materials can be installed, with the exception of the latex spray application.

3. The Department will obtain a funding source to replace the ten (10) vinyl windows of the Cresson Fire Station. The windows have frames in deteriorating condition and increased air infiltration reducing energy efficiency and comfort.
4. The Department will obtain the necessary funds to replace the apparatus-room heating system at the Cresson Fire Station. The current natural-gas system has surpassed its expected service life after more than 50 years of operation. Installing a modern, energy-efficient heating system will increase reliability, improve temperature regulation and energy efficiency, and promote safer conditions for volunteers and equipment.

LILLY FIRE STATION

1. The Department will continue our efforts to secure funding for the replacement of the bathrooms at the Firemen's Park Pavilion in Lilly Borough. The project is estimated at \$150,000.00 to meet full ADA compliance.

Following multiple unsuccessful funding attempts, the Department will assess alternative renovation plans that enhance these bathroom facilities and prioritize fiscal responsibility for frontline operations.

2. The Department will seek a funding source to replace the seven (7) vinyl windows at the Lilly Fire Station. The existing window frames are in deteriorating condition and allow increased air infiltration, reducing energy efficiency and comfort.
3. The Department will secure funding to replace the main exterior electrical service line to the Lilly Fire Station, and the new service will be installed within underground conduit. Replacing the exterior service line and routing it through underground conduit improves reliability, reduces weather-related outages, and enhances safety for personnel and apparatus. This project supports continuity of operations and aligns with long-term facility resilience goals.
4. The Department will continue searching for funds to install a fire alarm detection and notification system at the Lilly Fire Station. A modern fire alarm system provides early detection of smoke or fire conditions, ensuring rapid notification to occupants and immediate dispatch of emergency responders. For a facility that houses critical apparatus and serves as a hub for volunteer operations, such a system is not simply a convenience, it is an essential layer of protection that reduces risk, preserves continuity of service, and demonstrates the Department's commitment to best practices in safety management.
5. The Department will explore funding avenues to replace the existing coal-fired boiler furnace. The current unit is outdated, inefficient, and increasingly difficult to maintain. A modern heating system will improve energy efficiency, reduce operational costs, and enhance facility safety.

SECTION 21.

KEYSTONE REGIONAL FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

PLANNED EVENTS TO RAISE FUNDS IN 2026*~All events are subject to applicable PA Department of Health Guidelines and Restrictions~**~Discrepancies/changes may occur. Times are approximations~*

MONTH	DATE(S)	DAY	EVENTS	TIMES	LOCATION
JAN-DEC	ALL MONTH	MON-SUN	On-Line Prize Tickets	24hrs/7day	INTERNET
JANUARY	7,14,21, 28	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
FEBRUARY	4,11,18,25	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
MARCH	7	Saturday	GOLF-A-RAMA	5:00-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
MARCH	4,11,18,25	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
APRIL	4	Saturday	GUN-A-RAMA	5:00-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
APRIL	18	Saturday	YARD SALE	8:00-1:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
APRIL	1,8,15,22,29	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
MAY	TBD	Saturday	TICKET TOURNAMENT	5:00-11:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
MAY	19	Tuesday	GENERAL PRIMARY	7:00 AM- 8:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
MAY	6,13,20,27	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
JUNE	ALL MONTH	MON-SUN	50/50 TICKET SALES	Every Day	All Municipalities
JUNE	4,11,18	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
JUNE	23,24,25,26,27	Tues-Sat	CARNIVAL---LILLY	7:00-11:00 PM	Lilly Pavilion
JULY	1,8,15,22	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
JULY	ALL MONTH	MON-SUN	50/50 TICKET SALES	Every Day	All Municipalities
JULY	25	Saturday	HOAGIE SALE	7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
JULY-AUG	27,28,29,30,31,1	Mon-Sat	CARNIVAL---CRESSON	7:00-11:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
AUGUST	5,12,19,26	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
TBD	TBD	Saturday	GUN FEST	5:00-9:30 PM	Lilly Pavilion
SEPTEMBER	2,9,16,23,30	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
SEPTEMBER	TBD	Saturday	TICKET TOURNAMENT	5:00-11:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
SEPT-DEC	ALL MONTH	MON-SUN	ANNUAL FUND DRIVE	Every Day	All Municipalities
OCTOBER	3	Saturday	GUN-A-RAMA	5:00-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
OCTOBER	7,14,21,28	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
TBD	ALL MONTH	MON-SUN	HOG TICKETS	Every Day	All Municipalities
NOVEMBER	3	Tuesday	GENERAL ELECTION	7:00 AM- 8:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
NOVEMBER	TBD	Saturday	CASH BASH	5:00-9:00 PM	Cresson Fire Station
NOVEMBER	4,11,18,25	Wednesday	BINGO	5:15-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station
DECEMBER	2,9,16,23,30	Wednesday	BINGO	5:30-9:30 PM	Cresson Fire Station

TBD=To Be Determined