Kansas Insurance Department Distributes $15 million to local firefighters

Topeka, Kan. - The Kansas Insurance Department made its annual distribution to state and local firefighter relief organizations, pursuant to the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act. More than $15.1 million will be distributed among 554 local Firefighters Relief Associations (FRAs) across the state.

“While many Kansans may not be aware of this fund, it plays a critical role in assisting firefighters and their families when an accident or death occurs in the line of duty,” said Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “We cannot thank our firefighters and their families enough for the sacrifice they make to keep us safe.”

The funds are generated by a two percent tax paid by insurance companies on fire and lightning insurance premiums written in Kansas for the previous calendar year. It is collected by the department, pursuant to the Kansas Firefighter Relief Act, and distributed to the FRAs, as required by Kansas law.

Local FRAs use the funds for purchasing accident and health, disability, and life insurance premiums to assist firefighters and their families. To learn more about the Kansas Firefighter Relief Act, visit insurance.kansas.gov/firefighters.

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