



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief

DATE: April 15, 2025

SUBJECT: MOA with Bluegrass Community and Technical College

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to renew a Memorandum of Agreement with Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC), a college of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

Why are you requesting? The purpose of this MOA is to renew the established agreement to set forth and ensure compliance with any and all terms and conditions of the participation of fire personnel in college courses associated with the Fire Academy, with the opportunity for these personnel to earn BCTC credits that apply toward an Associate of Fire Science Degree. The fire department and KCTCS/BCTC agree that the participation of fire personnel as proposed, described, and agreed upon within this Agreement provides mutual and valuable benefit to both parties.

Department needs this action completed because: This Agreement provides a benefit to the members of the Division of Fire and the community that we serve.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: For FY26

The cost for future FY is: Estimated cost will be based on a per student standard fee, not to exceed \$100,000 (this amount does not include any potential financial aid awarded).

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, budgeted in the FY 26 Mayor's Proposed Budget.

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If a contract, please indicate the cancelation clause: Notwithstanding the above, either party may terminate this MOA with or without cause by giving the other party written notice of the termination at least 30 days in advance, provided that (i) all Fire Academy students or Fire Department employees enrolled in the cohort general education courses at the time of the notice of termination shall be given the opportunity to complete the then-current semester; and (ii) the Fire Department shall pay any monies owed to the College, including but not limited to monies owed for the enrollment of students prior to the notice of termination. Further, in the event of termination, the College shall apprise the Fire Department of any SACSCOC requirements, and the Fire Department shall comply with such requirements.

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

