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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Fire Service Study Resolution—Draft Report for Review and Comment

The attached draft report, prepared in response to House Joint Resolution 204 by Representative Haynes, is submitted for review and comment. Although the resolution passed in the House but not the Senate, the study was added to the work program at the June 2011 commission meeting because this is such an important issue.

House Joint Resolution 204 directed TACIR to study

- the collection methods and charges imposed by local governments, especially in rural and suburban areas, for fire service, whether provided by a paid or volunteer fire department;
- the overall impact on local governments when their respective jurisdictions are not protected by a fully funded fire department; and
- the impact of making fire service an essential service provided by local governments.

A final report will be presented at the next commission meeting.

Report of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

Fire Service in Tennessee

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An Examination of Fire Service Funding in Tennessee

Concerns about the availability, quality, and funding of fire service in Tennessee prompted the Tennessee General Assembly to introduce several pieces of legislation in 2011, including House Joint Resolution 204 by Representative Ryan Haynes. That resolution directed the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) to study

- the collection methods and charges imposed by local governments for fire service, especially in rural and suburban areas, whether provided by a paid or volunteer fire department;
- the overall impact on local governments when their respective jurisdictions are not protected by a fully funded fire department; and
- the impact of making fire service an essential service provided by local governments.

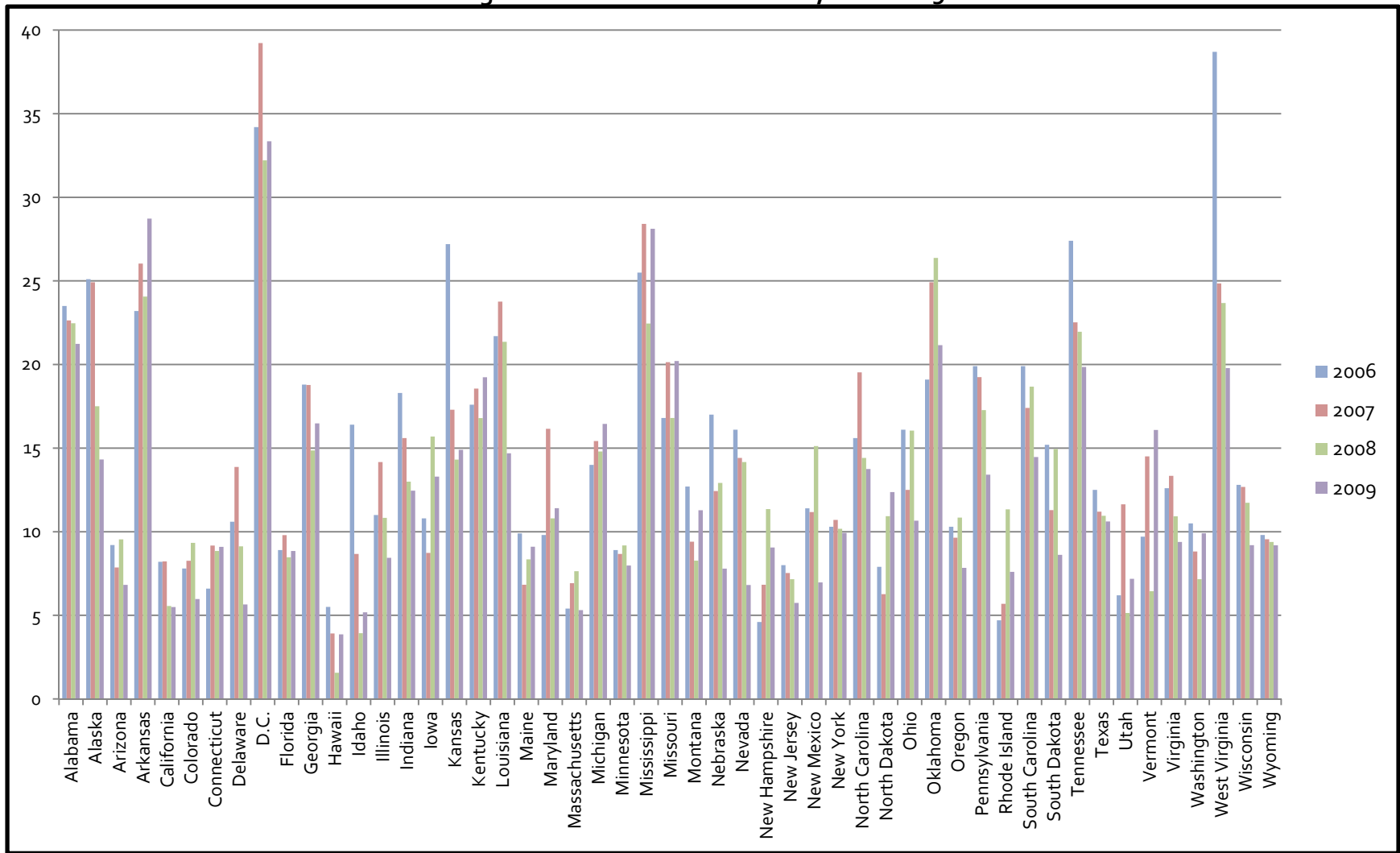
The resolution passed in the House but not the Senate. However, because this is such an important issue, the Commission chose to proceed with the study. See appendix A for a copy of the resolution.

Tennessee Ranks High for Fire Losses

Although the fire death rate has decreased 30% over the last ten years, Tennessee remains among the ten jurisdictions with the highest fire death rates nationwide. Statistics include the District of Columbia, which is also in the top ten. In 2009, the most recent ranking by the US Fire Administration, Tennessee was seventh in the nation at 19.9 fire deaths per million residents; the national rate was 11.0. Tennessee was third in 2006 with a rate of 27.4 compared with 13.2 nationwide. In total, 22 states and the District of Columbia had rates higher than the national average in 2009. Tennessee's rank is comparable to neighboring states. That is, the variation between our fire death rate and that of other states is not that great. See figure 1. It is important to note that fire departments do more than fight fires. Statewide, more than 85,000 calls for service were received by Tennessee fire departments in 2011, including calls for emergency medical service, vehicle rescue, and other rescue-type services, which are provided by most fire departments.

The availability of fire service in Tennessee came to national attention in 2010 and 2011 when two homes just outside the South Fulton city limits in Obion County were left to burn while firefighters were at the scene and did not act except to protect neighboring properties. At the time, the city fire department offered service to residents outside the city for an annual fee but had a controversial "no pay, no spray" policy. If residents outside the city limits did not pay the annual fee, the fire department would not provide fire service. The City of South Fulton has since amended its fire department's policy so that it provides service to nonsubscribers, but they will be billed for services rendered in response to a particular incident.

Figure 1. State Fire Death Rates, 2006-2009



Source: US Fire Administration

Issues Raised by House Joint Resolution 204

The first question raised by the resolution was easy to answer—current funding methods are clearly outlined in state law. Different types of fire departments have access to different types of funding based mainly on whether they are city, county, or private corporations. The most notable difference between cities and counties is that counties can establish fire tax districts with differential property tax rates through fire tax districts to fund fire service, and cities cannot. There is no obvious reason not to extend this option to cities.

Unfortunately, ambiguity in the resolution’s language and a lack of relevant findings in the data made it impossible to fully answer the second and third questions. Because neither the resolution nor state law defines “fully funded,” staff could not determine which departments were and which were not fully funded, and so the effect of being fully funded could not be measured. Likewise, “essential service” is not defined in the resolution or in state law and so the effect of declaring fire service “essential” could not be determined. Based on conversations with the bill’s sponsor and fire officials, staff interpreted a fully funded, essential service a publicly funded, mandatory service for purposes of analysis. There are very few mandated services in Tennessee or any other state. In fact, the only mandatory service in Tennessee with a definition of fully funded is public education. Although the literature and discussions with fire officials support the existence of a relationship between funding levels and fire losses, the data available to staff for Tennessee’s fire departments did not. The lack of findings in the data made formulating recommendations impossible.

Other Effective Means of Fire Protection

Fire service is costly, but there are other ways to address fire protection and reduce fire deaths, including sprinklers, smoke alarms, and public education and outreach. Preventive measures can be more effective in achieving fire safety than relying solely on firefighting.¹ The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) found that when sprinklers operate, they are 95% to 97% effective in diffusing fires.² Buildings with automatic sprinklers consume less water than the amount of water a fire department must use to put out a fire in a building without sprinklers, which is an important consideration for areas with limited water supply.³

Additionally, almost 70% of home fire deaths occur in homes without a functioning smoke alarm. The NFPA reports a 50% reduction in deaths in homes with working smoke alarms, and in homes with both sprinklers and smoke alarms, the risk is reduced by 82%. The NFPA fire safety resources are based on research, advocacy, codes and standards, and public education.⁴ A 2011 Tennessee fire mortality study found 31% of fatal residential fires were in homes

¹ Hamins et al 2012.

² Hall 2010.

³ The Fire Protection Research Foundation 2012.

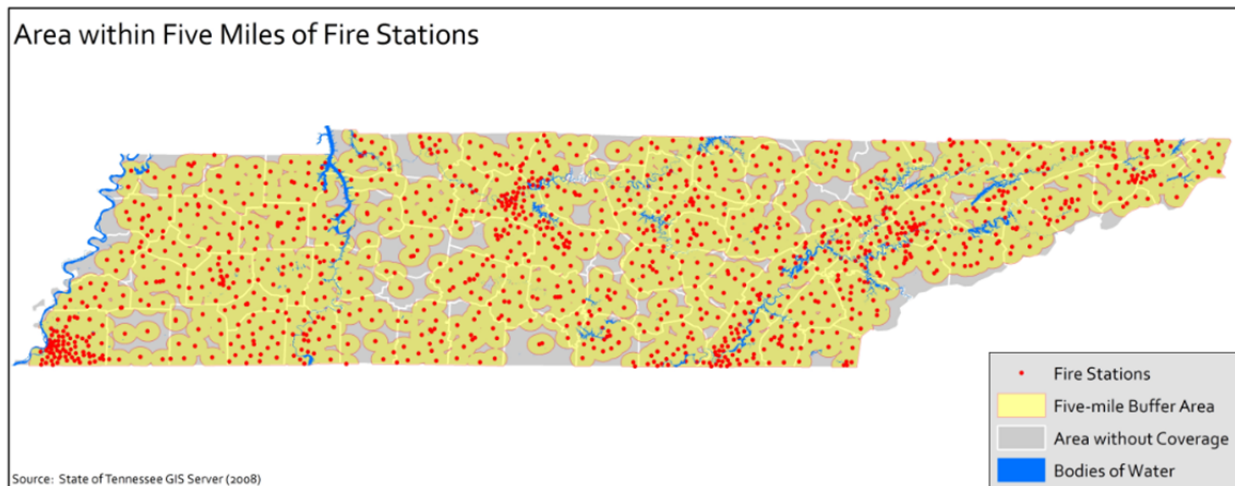
⁴ Karter 2012.

without smoke alarms.⁵ The fire mortality rate was significantly lower in areas where the fire department provided public fire safety and prevention education. Because of these findings, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) recently hired a community risk reduction coordinator to help promote fire safety across the state. The SFMO is also working with local fire administrators to pinpoint areas that lack adequate service, to brainstorm ways to fill those gaps, and to promote and ensure the proper training of firefighters.

How Fire Service is Provided in Tennessee

By industry standards, most of Tennessee has some form of fire protection. It is difficult to pinpoint specific areas that lack fire service because such data is not currently collected, however, the insurance industry considers any property further than five road miles from a fire station not to have fire protection, and this standard is generally accepted in the fire industry as well. Using the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security's GIS fire stations data, map 1 shows areas outside the five-mile radius in gray. It should be noted that the gray areas may never the less have fire service, just not within five miles.

Map 1. Five-Mile Radius of Fire Stations



Public and Private Fire Departments

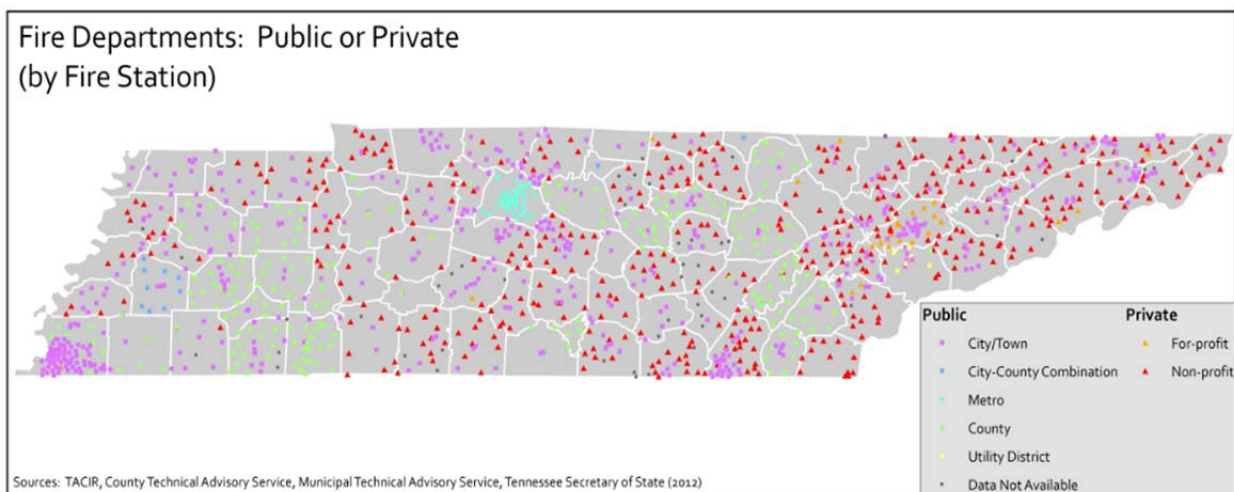
Although a few Tennessee cities have provided fire service for more than one hundred years, historically, most fire service was provided by private fire departments supported by donations and fees from those they serve. As areas become more settled, residents tend to demand better fire service, and local governments eventually either subsidize private fire departments or establish their own. Still, of the 731 fire departments in Tennessee, slightly over half (380; 51%) are privately operated; 303 (43%) are public. The ownership of the other 6% could not be

⁵ Folz et al. 2011.

determined.⁶ See map 2. Both public and private fire departments must comply with state law and rules of the State Fire Marshal’s Office, and both may be staffed by career or volunteer firefighters or both. Most of the public departments are operated by cities or counties, which provide fire service either under their general or police powers or by charter. And one utility district has been established to provide fire service. Most of these public fire departments have both paid and volunteer staff.

While most people think of private, volunteer fire departments as nonprofit corporations that rely on donations, there are actually a handful of for-profit fire departments in Tennessee. The largest for-profit fire department is Rural Metro, which operates in Knox County on a fee basis. It provides service to residents outside of the Knoxville city limits and by contract in certain industrial zones. In addition to operating independently, private fire departments may (and often do) enter into contracts with local governments to provide fire service.⁷ Based on the available data, approximately 380 fire departments are private, most of which are nonprofit corporations.

Map 2. Fire Department by Ownership



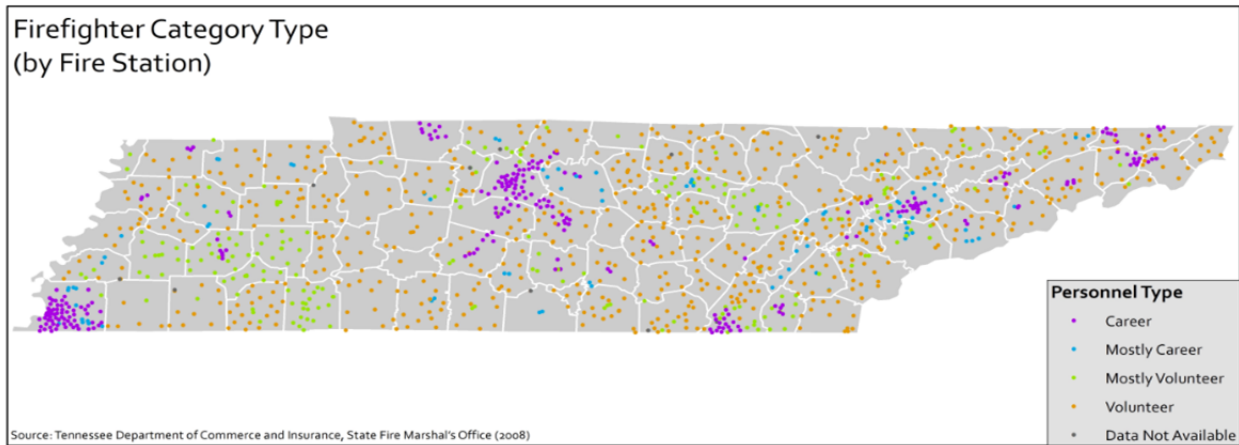
Volunteer and Career Staff

Career and volunteer firefighters serve in both public and private fire departments. State law requires all firefighters, regardless of type (career or volunteer), to receive minimum training—even though there are several counties exempted from this requirement. Fire department staff type is shown in map 3.

⁶ See appendix B for information about the maps in this report.

⁷ Tennessee Code Annotated offers guidelines for such contracts in Title 5, Chapter 9 and Title 6, Chapter 54

Map 3. Fire Department by Staff Category



Does it matter how a department is staffed? Yes and no. Departments with volunteer firefighters are challenged by recruiting and keeping volunteer firefighters on staff. Additionally, when there is an emergency, volunteer firefighters are summoned from wherever they may be at the time, including their home or place of employment, whereas career firefighters are typically on duty at the fire station.

Fire Service Funding

An estimated \$378 million was spent on fire service in Tennessee in 2011, generated by different methods. More than 58% of fire departments in Tennessee, both public and private, receive public funding. Roughly one-quarter of Tennessee fire departments rely on donations for 50% or more of their revenue. Of the approximately 183 fire departments that rely mainly on donations for their revenue, ten are public fire departments and all but two are staffed entirely by volunteer firefighters.⁸ An estimated 3% of fire departments depend on annual fees, and 8% use a combination of revenue sources.

House Joint Resolution 204 asked the Commission to look at collection methods and charges by local governments for funding fire service, especially in rural and suburban areas, whether staffed by paid or volunteer firefighters. There is no commonly accepted definition of rural or suburban (or urban for that matter) that would allow staff to identify rural and suburban areas for statistical analysis, but mapping the data makes some broad conclusions possible. As

⁸ The 10 public fire departments that rely on donations for 50% or more of their revenue are Allardt Volunteer Fire Department (Fentress County), Auburntown Volunteer Fire Department (Cannon County), Bulls Gap Volunteer Fire Department (Hawkins County), Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department (Marshall County), Decatur County Fire Department, Griffith Volunteer Fire Department (Bledsoe County), Hickman County Rescue Squad, Maury County Rural Fire Department, Saltillo Volunteer Fire Department (Hardin County), and Sneedville Volunteer Fire Department (Hancock County).

shown in maps 3 (above) and 4 (below), fire departments in more urban areas are more likely to be publicly funded and have mainly career fire fighters. Those in more rural areas are somewhat less likely to have publicly funded departments and have mainly volunteer fire fighters.

Map 4. Primary Revenue Sources for Tennessee Fire Departments (2008)



There are two main ways fire service is funded—through taxes (public funds) and through fees (upfront, direct payments). Some fees are specifically authorized by statute; others are based on contractual arrangements between property owners and fire departments. Tax revenue is typically general fund revenue, but counties may also establish fire tax districts with specific property tax earmarks. See table 1.

**Table 1. Available Fire Funding Methods
With Relevant Sections from the Tennessee Code Annotated**

| Funding Mechanism | Type of Fire Department | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| | Public | | | Private |
| | County | City | Utility District | |
| General Fund Revenue | 5-8-107, 5-17-101(d)(2) | 6-2-201 | not applicable | 5-9-101(23); 6-54-111 by contract with local government |
| Differential Property Tax Rates | 5-17-101(d)(1), 5-17-105 through 107 | not applicable | | |
| Fees | 5-16-101(b)(2) | 6-2-201(14); 6-19- 101(14); 6-33-101(a) | 7-82-302 | * |
| Incident Charges | not applicable | not applicable | available only in Blount County under 7-82-313 | * |
| Donations | 5-8-101(b), 5-17-101(d)(4) | 6-56-111 | 7-82-304 (12)(b)(3) can only be used toward charitable purposes | 5-9-101 (23), 6-54-111 |

*As private entities, private fire departments can charge fees.

Fees can be paid in advance, in which case they are often called subscriptions. Those who choose not to pay the fee may be able to get service, but may be required to pay an incident charge. Local governments cannot assess an incident charge where fire protection is funded as a public service; however, they may charge those not residing in their service areas for services rendered after the fact. For example, the City of South Fulton in Obion County charges residents outside the city limits for services rendered as incidents occur. Private fire departments may charge any nonsubscriber for services rendered.

The distribution of staff type and primary funding source by fire department is shown in table 2. More than three-quarters of fire departments in Tennessee are staffed by volunteer firefighters, 16% of departments have some combination of career and volunteer firefighters, and 6% have only career firefighters. Public funding is the primary revenue source for fire departments regardless of how they are staffed. Volunteer fire departments are also heavily funded through donations. Any fire department can accept donations, and local governments often contribute funding or equipment to nonprofit fire departments.

Table 2. Fire Department Staff Category and Primary Funding Source Distribution

| Staff Type | Primary Funding Source | | | | | | Total |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| | Tax Funded | Donations | Direct Fees | Other | Combination | n/a | |
| Career | 29 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 43 |
| Combination | 78 | 17 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 116 |
| Volunteer | 294 | 161 | 15 | 14 | 51 | 36 | 572 |
| Total | 402 | 183 | 21 | 20 | 60 | 45 | 731 |

Note: *Combination* under *Staff Type* indicates fire departments that has both career and volunteer fire fighters. *Combination* under *Primary Funding Source* indicates that no single funding source provides half or more of the department’s revenue. The one fire utility district in the state is included in the *Annual Fee* column, and the one county that uses urban type public facilities fee is included in the *Other* column.

Counties can establish fire tax districts with differential property tax rates

In addition to or in place of general fund revenue, counties but not cities can create fire tax districts and establish separate, earmarked property tax rates for those districts. Commonly referred to as fire taxes, they are assessed and collected as property taxes but accounted for separately in the same manner as are earmarked property taxes for schools and roads. While a city currently may not establish its own fire tax districts, it may elect to join its county’s fire tax district, and the tax collected in the city would be spent on fire service within the city limits. Four counties—Bradley, Cheatham, Franklin, and Roane—have established fire tax districts to fund fire service. In Cheatham County, the area outside Ashland City, Kingston Springs, and Pleasant View is divided into eight fire tax districts, including one district for the city of Pegram. Both Ashland City and Kingston Springs fund their own fire departments through general fund revenue. And like many local governments, the City of Pleasant View contributes general fund revenue to the volunteer department in that area.

Fire tax districts accomplish a number of objectives. They are used most often to assist in funding non-profit fire departments, but are sometimes used to assist cities with fire service. By establishing separate districts, counties can raise different amounts of money in different areas based on the needs of the fire departments they are funding. Typically, the county commission and the fire department agree on a particular figure, and the county divides that amount by the taxable property value in that fire department's district to arrive at a fire tax rate. These earmarked taxes, like school and road taxes, may be easier to explain as "not just another tax." Fire tax districts could work the same way for municipalities.

All fire departments can charge fees for service

Both public and private fire departments can charge up-front fees to fund fire service. In most cases, these fees are optional, but one type of fee, the urban type public facilities fee, is not. Optional fees are often referred to as subscriptions. These fees, which may be paid monthly or annually, are typically based on the square footage of the property to be protected. Some municipal fire departments offer subscription service to residents outside their city limits. Only 21 fire departments report that they receive more than half of their revenue from subscriptions, including three public fire departments—Greenback Volunteer Fire Department in Loudon County, Morrison Fire Department in Warren County, and the Blount County Fire Department (a fire utility district).

Fire utility district

State law authorizes public utility districts to provide fire service upon petition to the Utility Management Review Board. Like any other utility district, a fire utility district has a board that sets rates for service. Customers pay fees, usually annual, for fire service. The only fire utility district in Tennessee is in Blount County, which charges \$110 per year for fire service. Those who choose not to pay this fee are charged \$2,200 per call plus \$1,100 per hour after two hours. These incident charges are authorized only in Blount County.⁹

Urban Type Public Facilities Fee

The urban type public facilities fee allows counties, but not municipalities, to collect a mandatory fee for specific services, including fire protection. Shelby County, the only county currently using this type of fee, provides fire protection to unincorporated Shelby County and the city of Lakeland. The county contracts with Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW), a city owned utility, to collect the fee, which is assessed annually and billed monthly. As with taxes, if payment is delinquent, interest is assessed and the county may file suit to recover the fee and any interest due.

⁹ Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-82-313.

Additional ways to reduce fire losses

Other than firefighting, there are other measures to address fire protection and reduce fire deaths, like building codes, sprinklers, smoke alarms, and public education and outreach on fire safety. All of these methods address fire protection and are underscored by the following rule—every community should tailor its fire service to meet its needs. The US Fire Administration reports that the national fire death rate has improved over the last five years and it credits the improvement to the following factors: smoke alarm usage, sprinklers, fire codes, construction techniques and materials, public education, and improved firefighter equipment training.¹⁰ A special publication by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the US Department of Commerce, reports that direct and indirect economic losses of fire fatalities and injuries can be reduced by improving fire prevention and response to unwanted fires through building codes, construction, and safety and advancing fire service technologies including equipment, tactics, and training and education.¹¹

Sprinklers

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a nonprofit organization that advocates for reducing fire hazard through codes and standards, research, training, and education, found that when sprinklers operate, they are 95 to 97% effective in diffusing fires.¹² Buildings with automatic sprinklers consume less water than the amount of water a fire department must use to put out a fire in a building without sprinklers, which is an important consideration for areas and fire departments with limited water supply.¹³

Sprinklers are a viable option (but not a replacement) for properties that are not within a five-mile radius of a fire station. In areas with inadequate water supply, the NFPA recommends stored water supplies with electric pumps for sprinkler usage as a potential solution. Some local codes require sprinklers in new developments, though a recent state law modifies the process by which local governments adopt new sprinkler rules. Public Chapter 839, Acts of 2012, requires a two-thirds majority vote and at least two readings of proposals requiring sprinklers in one-family and two-family dwellings. According to the USFA, such ordinances and building codes and standards are “pre-event” activities that are effective in reducing the amount of damage in structure fires.¹⁴

¹⁰ US Fire Administration 2009.

¹¹ Hamins et al 2012.

¹² Hall 2010.

¹³ The Fire Protection Research Foundation 2012.

¹⁴ US Fire Administration 2002.

Smoke Alarms

Another way to address fire safety is smoke alarms. National and state research has shown a greatly decreased risk of fire deaths in homes and buildings with working smoke alarms. In fact, a fire mortality study included a survey of Tennessee fire chiefs, who indicated that the most effective approach to reducing fire fatalities is functioning smoke alarms. Tennessee fire chiefs also said that after smoke alarms and sprinklers, public education on fire safety is one of the most effective tools to reduce fire fatalities, similar to the findings in a recent US Fire Administration report. A successful initiative by the Baltimore Fire Department allows residents to call 3-1-1 to not only receive a free smoke alarm, but also have a home safety visit, which has been shown to improve fire safety in those homes and their communities.¹⁵ Results of this initiative in Baltimore are not yet available, but preliminary fire death figures show a decrease.

Public Education

The USFA credits reduced fire deaths nationally in part to increased public education on fire safety.¹⁶ In Tennessee, the SFMO shares fire safety tips through its website and news announcements and many fire departments conduct fire safety classes in public schools. A Tennessee fire mortality study found that the fire mortality rate is significantly lower in areas that have a fire department that provides public fire safety and prevention education.¹⁷ To that end, the SFMO recently hired a community risk reduction coordinator to help promote fire safety across the state and the SFMO is working with local fire administrators to pinpoint which areas are lacking adequate service, brainstorm ways to fill those gaps, and promote and ensure the proper training of firefighters.

In addition to public education and community outreach, fire departments should educate and train their staff on how to properly use the incident reporting program. The SFMO estimates that 80% of the state's fire departments properly filed incident reports in 2012 to the national fire incident reporting system (NFIRS).¹⁸ This is better than the national average, the USFA estimates 59% of US fire departments report fire incidents to NFIRS.¹⁹ Expanding the quality and availability of fire incident data will help policymakers and fire officials make informed decisions to improve fire service statewide.

¹⁵ Crawford, Jim 2012.

¹⁶ US Fire Administration 2002.

¹⁷ Folz 2011.

¹⁸ Dennis Mulder, phone call with author, January 9, 2013.

¹⁹ US Fire Administration 2009.

Effect of not having a fully funded fire department

The second part of House Joint Resolution 204 asked the Commission to study the impact on local governments when their jurisdictions are not protected by a fully funded fire department. As noted earlier, there is not a clear way to measure that effect since there is no definition of fully funded. Instead, staff used the percent of public funding in each fire department's budget as a proxy for full funding. No relationship was found between percent of public funding and fire losses. As such, the Commission found no obvious policy alternative for local governments on how much to spend or how many firefighters to fund.

Staff analyzed the relationship public funding with two common fire service outcome measures, property loss²⁰ and deaths per thousand population. Using available data—which had its limitations²¹—there was no relationship between funding levels and outcome measures, even when accounting for density. Staff also studied the relationship between the outcome measures and another funding level measure (fire department per capita budget), as well as a staffing level variable (percent of fulltime firefighters) and a training variable (number of certified firefighters). None of these had a statistical relationship with the outcomes. Just because the data did not show a statistical relationship between public funding and local losses, however, does not mean such a relationship does not exist. The one notable relationship observed was a medium-strength negative correlation between percent of volunteer fire departments and percent of property saved—meaning that departments staffed with all volunteers were associated with higher percent property losses—though that could be a result of smaller budget size; type of equipment used, number of staff; or further distances. Data cannot capture all the factors that affect fire service, but the State Fire Marshal Office (SFMO) is taking steps to collect useful data to that end. For example, the SFMO modified the 2013 incident reporting system so that the age of the structure information is also reported, because age of structure has a connection to the extent of property damage. Other factors that may contribute to property saved and lowering fire deaths include mutual aid from neighboring departments, distance to water source, number of firefighters at the scene, response time, and the extent to which local building codes promote fire safety.

²⁰ Staff actually looked at the inverse of property lost—the percent of property value saved in each fire incident.

²¹ The budget data was self-reported by fire departments to the State Fire Marshal's Office and 80% of fire departments reported this figure.

Effect of making firefighting an essential service

What is an essential service?

You could not type “essential service” in a Tennessee Code Annotated query and find meaningful results. In order to learn what services local governments must provide, staff contacted the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) and Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS).

County Services

The level of service each county provides is different based on size, tax base, professionalism, and other factors. But there are several basic services that counties provide. The most important state mandates that require substantial county revenue include: education, jails, law enforcement, a court system, county roads, solid waste management, constitutional county offices, emergency management, county medical examiner, elections, and county health department (among others that are common but not necessarily required).

Municipal Services

There are 348 cities in Tennessee, and each city has its own charter that defines what services it provides. If a city’s charter mandates fire service or some form of fire protection, then the city must provide it as defined in the charter. However, this would be a locally imposed mandate, not a state mandate.

General law city mandates, which are applicable to all cities, include: enforcement of laws, a biennial audit, certified municipal finance officer, joint economic and community development board, keep highways in city limits in good repair, crosswalks and sidewalks, city records, duty to declare civil emergency under certain circumstances, and enforcement of traffic laws within city limits.

In addition to the general law mandates, there are mandates that apply to cities that were formed under/adopted specific charters (Mayor-Aldermanic, City Manager-Commission, or Modified City Manager-Council). Each of those charters has additional required services not listed here. The 48 municipalities with a City-Manager Commission charter are required to provide police and fire service. The fire duties are found in Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-21-702, which states, “It is the duty of the chief of the fire department and the members thereof to take all proper steps for fire prevention and suppression.”

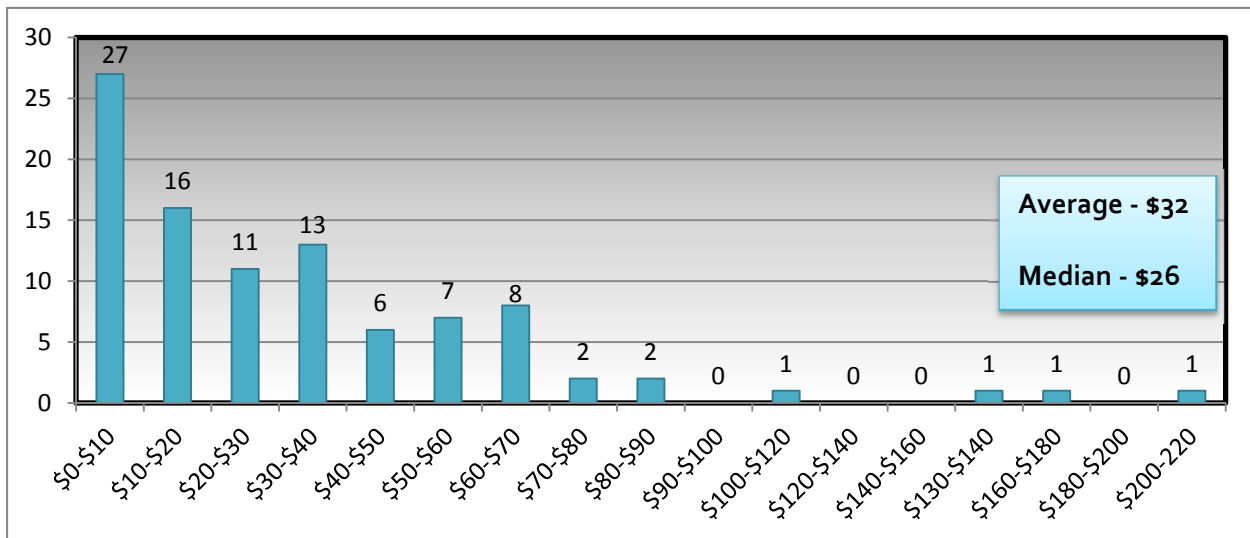
While these services are considered mandatory for their respective parties, other than education, none have a definition for full funding, and only some have a minimum level of service defined in the law.

The final part of House Joint Resolution 204 directed the Commission to study the impact of making fire service an essential service provided by local governments. Since there is no definition of essential service in law or in the resolution, there is no way to know what accurately describes or defines mandatory fire service paid by local governments—one fire truck per 500 people? one fire hydrant every 1,000 feet? five fire departments in each county? \$20 per capita spent on fire service? It is impossible to know what level of service would be required if fire was an essential service since it is not currently mandated nor does House Joint Resolution 204 offer a minimum or maximum level of service. Any legislation making fire service essential should specify the minimum level of service, which might include the following: minimum staffing levels, minimum fire station distance requirements, minimum funding levels, and any required training or professional standards. It should be noted that no example was found of any other state requiring fire service.

Having found no relationship between funding levels and service outcomes, we were unable to set a target level for mandatory funding. Staff was able to estimate fire expenditures based on budget data reported by fire departments and found the cost of fire service was an estimated \$378 million in 2011, with a statewide average cost of

\$32 per capita (see figure 6).²² Using that average, it would cost an additional \$22.5 million for counties that currently spend less than \$32 per capita to reach that level. The variation in spending in counties can be attributed to several factors: the demand or lack of service, residents' willingness to pay for service, the service area and necessary service needed to cover it, tax base, and government and fire department leadership, among others. Fire service costs have increased about 10% over the last decade and are likely to continue at that rate, given no changes are made to fire service policy.

Figure 6. Distribution of Fire Service Cost Per Capita Tennessee Counties



Source: TACIR staff analysis using 2011 data from the State Fire Marshal's Office

Again, there was no obvious distinction in the data between fire departments that spent more or less and their fire service effectiveness. Given that funding and resources are limited, there must be continued analysis of how funds are allocated and what the fire safety outcomes are as a result of those investments.

²² The budget amount data is from 2011 and is self-reported by fire departments to the SFMO.

Appendix A: House Joint Resolution 204

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 204

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION relative to the funding of fire service by local governments.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's communities are supported by fire departments, some paid and some volunteer, and many of these communities experience great difficulty in funding fire service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) is directed to study the collection methods and charges imposed by local governments, especially in rural and suburban areas, for fire service, whether provided by a paid or volunteer fire department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TACIR shall study the overall impact on local governments when their respective jurisdictions are not protected by a fully funded fire department. TACIR shall also study the impact of making fire service an essential service provided by local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies and departments shall provide assistance to TACIR upon the request of its executive director. TACIR shall seek input from representatives of fire service and local government in conducting such study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TACIR shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the respective chairs of the House State and Local Government Committee and the Senate State and Local Government Committee no later than February 1, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Appendix B: Map Data

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) file used to create the maps in this report is from the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security based on their layer of fire departments in 2008, which is slightly less than the actual number of recognized fire departments in 2012. Therefore, the plotted points may not depict every fire department in the state as of 2012. Similarly, the data used in maps 2 and 3 are based on 2008 data from the SFMO. So, if a fire department changed its staffing type or revenue source since then, that change will not be reflected in the maps.

Please note that each point on the maps does not represent a fire department; the points represent fire stations associated with fire departments. That means if a fire department has more than one station, each fire station is plotted and reflects its fire department data.

In map 3, a fire department's revenue source must be 50% or more of one category in order to classify as such. For example, if a fire department receives 60% of its funding from a city tax and the remaining 40% from donations, it is considered to be publicly funded

Appendix C: Fire Departments by County

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|----------|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Anderson | Clinton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Anderson | Lake City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Anderson | Norris Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Anderson | Marlow Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Anderson | Claxton Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Anderson | Anderson County Volunteer Fire Department Briceville | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Anderson | Medford Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Anderson | Oak Ridge Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Anderson | Andersonville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Career |
| Bedford | Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Bedford | Wartrace Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Bedford | Shelbyville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Bedford | Volunteer Fire Services Inc | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Benton | Big Sandy Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Benton | Camden Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Benton | Holladay-Mcillwain Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Benton | Eva Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Benton | Morris Chapel Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Benton | Chalk Level Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Benton | Sandy River Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Benton | South 40 Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bledsoe | Pikeville Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Nine Mile Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Brockdell Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Mt Crest Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Luminary Frostbite Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Griffith Volunteer Fire Department | County | Donations | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Brayton Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Rigsby Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Bledsoe | Lusk Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Blount | Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Blount | Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Blount | Blount County FP District | Fire Utility District | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Blount | Alcoa Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Blount | Maryville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Bradley | Cleveland Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Bradley | Bradley County Fire Rescue | County | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Campbell | Caryville Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Campbell | Jacksboro Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Campbell | Stoney Fork Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Campbell | Jellico Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Campbell | Ridgewood Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Campbell | LaFollette Fire Department | City | Combination | Volunteer |
| Campbell | Campbell County Rural Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Campbell | Pinecrest Volunteer Fire | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Department | | | |
| Campbell | Jellico Life Saving & Rescue Squad Inc | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Campbell | White Oak Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cannon | Auburntown Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cannon | Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Cannon | Cannon County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Carroll | Atwood Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carroll | Bruceton Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carroll | Hollow Rock Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carroll | Huntingdon Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carroll | McKenzie Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Carroll | Trezevant Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Carroll | McLemoresville Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carroll | Carroll County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carter | West Carter County Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Carter | Watauga Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carter | Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carter | Hampton Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Carter | Roan Mountain Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carter | Central Community Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Carter | Elk Mills-Poga Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Carter | Elizabethton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Cheatham | Kingston Springs Fire Department | City | Publicly | Career |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| | | | Funded | |
| Cheatham | Ashland City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Cheatham | Pegram Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Cheatham | Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department | City | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cheatham | Henrietta Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Cheatham | Two Rivers Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cheatham | Cheatham County Emergency Management | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Chester | Henderson Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Chester | Chester County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Chester | Enville Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | Tazewell New Tazewell Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Claiborne | North Claiborne County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | South Claiborne Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | Springdale Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | North Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | Harrogate Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Claiborne | Clear Fork Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Clay | Celina Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Clay | Moss Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Clay | East Clay Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Clay | Pea Ridge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Clay | Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Clay | Hermitage Springs Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Clay | East 52 Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Clay | Baptist Ridge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Cocke | Parrottsville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cocke | Del Rio Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cocke | Grassy Fork Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cocke | Centerview Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cocke | Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cocke | Newport Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Cocke | Cocke County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Cocke | Cosby Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Coffee | Summitville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Coffee | Manchester Fire & Rescue | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Coffee | Tullahoma Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Coffee | Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Coffee | AEDC Fire Department | Army | Other | Career |
| Coffee | New Union Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Coffee | North Coffee County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Coffee | Hickerson Station Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Crockett | Alamo Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Crockett | Bells Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Crockett | Friendship Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Crockett | Gadsden Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Crockett | Maury City Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Crockett | Crockett Mills Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Crockett | Frog Jump Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Cumberland | Fairfield Glade Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Other | Combination |
| Cumberland | Crossville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Cumberland | Cumberland County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Davidson | Nashville Airport Fire Department | Airport | Other | Combination |
| Davidson | Goodlettsville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Davidson | Nashville Fire Department | Metro | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Decaturville Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Parsons Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Decatur County Fire Department Station 1 | County | Combination | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Bath Springs Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Jeanette Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Woodlawn Shores Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Hydro Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Decatur County Fire Department Station 3 | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Decatur | Bobs Landing Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| DeKalb | Alexandria Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| DeKalb | DeKalb County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| DeKalb | Smithville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Dickson | Burns Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Charlotte Volunteer Fire | City | Publicly | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Department | | Funded | |
| Dickson | Tennessee City Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Dickson | White Bluff Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Vanleer Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Claylick Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Harpeth Ridge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Combination |
| Dickson | Dickson Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Cumberland Furnace Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Dickson County Rescue Squad and Fire Services | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Dickson | Sylvia Yellow Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Fowlkes Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Lenox Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Combination |
| Dyer | Millsfield Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Tigrett Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Newbern Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Trimble Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Bogota Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Bonicord Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Bruceville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Dyer | Finley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Career |
| Dyer | Dyersburg Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Dyer | East Dyer County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Combination |
| Dyer | Dyer County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fayette | Braden Fire Department | City | Publicly | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| | | | Funded | |
| Fayette | Gallaway Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fayette | Moscow Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fayette | LaGrange Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Fayette | Somerville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fayette | Piperton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fayette | Rossville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fayette | Oakland Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Fayette | Fayette County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fentress | Fentress County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Fentress | Allardt Volunteer Fire Department | City | Donations | Volunteer |
| Fentress | Jamestown Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Cowan Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Franklin | Decherd Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Estill Springs Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Capitol Hill Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Huntland Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Sewanee Fire Department | University | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | North Franklin County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Franklin | Winchester Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Belvidere Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Keith Springs Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Crow Creek Valley Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Franklin | Lexie Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Alto Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Franklin County Fourth District Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Franklin | Broadview Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Gibson | Yorkville Fire Department | City | Combination | Volunteer |
| Gibson | Bradford Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Gibson | Dyer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Gibson | Medina Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Gibson | Rutherford Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Gibson | Trenton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Gibson | Town of Gibson Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Gibson | MLAAP Fire & EMS | Army | Other | Combination |
| Gibson | Milan Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Gibson | Humboldt Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Gibson | Gibson County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Giles | Ardmore Fire Department | City | Donations | Volunteer |
| Giles | Elkton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Giles | Minor Hill Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Giles | Pulaski Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Giles | Giles County Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Grainger | Thorn Hill Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Grainger | Rutledge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Grainger | Blaine Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Grainger | Washburn Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| Grainger | Bean Station Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | South Greene Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Tusculum Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Cedar Creek Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Newmansville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Town of Mosheim Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Greene | Mosheim Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Caney Branch Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Debusk Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Greene | Greeneville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Greene | Orebank Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | St. James Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | United Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | McDonald Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Greene | Midway Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Altamont Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Beersheba Springs Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Monteagle Fire & Rescue | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Tracy City Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Coalmont Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Gruetli-Laager Fire Department | n/a | Publicly | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Funded | |
| Grundy | Pelham Valley Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Grundy | Palmer Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Combination | Volunteer |
| Grundy | SE Grundy County Rescue | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hamblen | North Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Hamblen | South Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hamblen | West Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Career |
| Hamblen | Morristown Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hamblen | East Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Hamilton | Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Career |
| Hamilton | Chattanooga Airport Fire Department | Airport | Subscription | Combination |
| Hamilton | Signal Mountain Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Soddy-Daisy Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Hamilton | Lookout Mountain Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Hamilton | Red Bank Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Hamilton | East Ridge Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Hamilton | Chattanooga Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Hamilton | Hwy 58 Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Sale Creek Volunteer Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Walden's Ridge Emergency Services | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Mowbray Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Flat Top Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hamilton | Raccoon Mountain Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hamilton | Sequoyah Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Sneedville Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Treadway Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Camps Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Vardy-Blackwater Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Panther Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Alanthus Hill Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hancock | Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Grand Junction Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Hornsby Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Middleton Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Toone Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Combination | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Whiteville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Hardeman | Bolivar Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Grand Valley Fire District | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Saulsbury Fire Department | Town | n/a | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Hickory Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Town | n/a | Volunteer |
| Hardeman | Silerton District 7 | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Hardin | Saltillo Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hardin | Crump Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Hardin | Savannah Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Hardin | Hardin County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Bulls Gap Volunteer Fire Department | City | n/a | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Persia Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Combination |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| Hawkins | Rogersville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Surgoinsville Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Striggersville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Clinch Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Mt Carmel Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Church Hill Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Hawkins | Holston Army Ammunition Plant Fire Department | Army | Other | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Goshen Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Carters Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hawkins | Stanley Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Combination |
| Haywood | Brownsville/Haywood County Fire Department | City-County Combination | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Henderson | Scotts Hill Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Henderson | Lexington Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Henderson | Henderson County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Henry | Cottage Grove Comm Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Henry | Henry Fire Department | City | Combination | Volunteer |
| Henry | Puryear Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Henry | Springville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Henry | Paris Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Henry | Paris Landing Comm Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Henry | Mansfield Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Henry | Oakland Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Donations | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| Hickman | Hickman County Rescue Squad | County | Donations | Volunteer |
| Hickman | Centerville Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Hickman | Pinewood Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Hickman | Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Hickman | Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Houston | Erin Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Houston | Tennessee Ridge Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Houston | Houston County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Humphreys | McEwen Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Humphreys | New Johnsonville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Humphreys | Waverly Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Humphreys | Humphreys County Fire Department | County | n/a | Volunteer |
| Humphreys | Bold Springs/Poplar Grove Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Nameless Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Gainesboro City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jackson | South Side Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Jackson County Central Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Dodson Branch Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Flynns Lick Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | West End Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Granville Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Jennings Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jackson | Fairview Volunteer Fire | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| | Department | | | |
| Jefferson | Dandridge Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | White Pine Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | Lakeway Central Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | New Market Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | KansasTalbott Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | Chestnut Hill Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | Baneberry Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Jefferson | Jefferson City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Jefferson | Parrotts Chapel Community Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Neva Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Mountain City Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Johnson | First District Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Shady Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Second District Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Doe Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Dry Run Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Butler Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Johnson | Trade Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Knox | Heiskell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Knox | Knoxville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Knox | Karns Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Knox | Rural Metro Fire Department | For-profit | Subscription | Combination |
| Lake | Ridgely Fire Department | City | Publicly | Volunteer |

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| Lake | Tiptonville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lauderdale | Gates Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lauderdale | Halls Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Lauderdale | Henning Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lauderdale | Ripley Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lauderdale | West Lauderdale County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Lauderdale | NW Lauderdale County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Other | Volunteer |
| Lauderdale | East Lauderdale County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Iron City Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | New Prospect Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Loretto Fire & Rescue | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | St Joseph Fire Department | City | Other | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Center Point Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Henryville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Leoma Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | West End Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Gandy Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Lawrence | West Point Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Combination | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Lawrenceburg Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Summertown Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Ethridge Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | Lawrence County Rescue Squad | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Lawrence | SE Lawrence County Volunteer | n/a | n/a | Combination |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| | Fire Department | | | |
| Lawrence | Crossroads Fire Department | n/a | Combination | Volunteer |
| Lewis | Hohenwald Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lewis | Lewis County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Lincoln | Petersburg Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Lincoln | Fayetteville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Lincoln | Lincoln County Volunteer Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Loudon | Lenoir City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Loudon | Loudon Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Loudon | Philadelphia Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Loudon | Greenback Volunteer Fire Department | City | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Loudon | Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Other | Volunteer |
| Loudon | Loudon County Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Macon | Lafayette Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Macon | Red Boiling Springs Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Macon | Willette Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Madison | Jackson Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Madison | Madison County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Marion | Kimball Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Marion | New Hope Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Suck Creek Mountain Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | South Pittsburg Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

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| Marion | Whitwell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Jasper Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Orme Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Mullins Cove Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | West Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Haletown Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Foster Falls Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Marion | Sweetens Cove Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Whitwell Mountain Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | South Pittsburg Mountain Volunteer Fire Department | City | Combination | Volunteer |
| Marion | Sequatchie Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marion | Battle Creek Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Marion | Irondale Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marshall | Sanford LMTC Fire Brigade | Private | n/a | Combination |
| Marshall | Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department | City | Donations | Combination |
| Marshall | Cornersville Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marshall | Lewisburg Fire Department | City | n/a | Volunteer |
| Marshall | Belfast Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Career |
| Marshall | Five Points Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Marshall | Mooresville Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Marshall | Berlin Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Marshall | South Marshall Rural Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Marshall | Farmington Rich Creek Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Marshall | Caney Springs Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Combination |

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| Maury | Mt Pleasant Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Maury | Spring Hill Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Maury | Culleoka Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Maury | Theta Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Maury | Duck River Basin Fire & Rescue | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Maury | Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Maury | Columbia Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Maury | Maury County Rural Fire Department | County | Combination | Volunteer |
| Maury | East Maury Rural Fire Department | n/a | Other | Volunteer |
| Maury | Mynders Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Maury | Hampshire Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Maury | Santa Fe Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Maury | Mt Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department | City | Other | Volunteer |
| Maury | Bethel Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Career |
| McMinn | Calhoun Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| McMinn | Englewood Rural Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Riceville Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Career |
| McMinn | Etowah Rural Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Englewood Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Niota Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Athens Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Etowah City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McMinn | McMinn County Wide Rural Fire Department | County | n/a | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Athens Rural Fire Department | n/a | Combination | Combination |
| McMinn | Union Grove Volunteer Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| McMinn | Claxton Community Volunteer | County | Donations | Volunteer |

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| | Emergency Services | | | |
| McMinn | Clearwater Volunteer Fire Department | County | n/a | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Idlewild Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Combination | Volunteer |
| McMinn | Hillsview Volunteer Fire Department | County | n/a | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Guys Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Career |
| McNairy | Adamsville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Bethel Springs Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Michie Volunteer Fire Rescue | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Ramer Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Selmer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Milledgeville Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Town of Stantonville Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Eastview Volunteer Fire Department | Town | n/a | Volunteer |
| McNairy | Finger Volunteer Fire Department | City | n/a | Volunteer |
| McNairy | McNairy County Volunteer Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Meigs | Decatur Volunteer Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Meigs | Meigs County EMS | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Madisonville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Monroe | Mt Vernon Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Ball Play Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Monroe | Sweetwater Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Tellico Plains Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Vonore Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

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| Monroe | Monroe Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Notchey Creek Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Conasauga Valley Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Rafter Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Turkey Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Coker Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Citico Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Monroe | Christianburg Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Monroe | North Monroe Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Career |
| Monroe | Gudger Comm Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Career |
| Monroe | Tellico Plains Rural Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Montgomery | Fort Campbell Fire Department | Army | Other | Volunteer |
| Montgomery | Clarksville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Montgomery | Montgomery County EMA | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Moore | Metro Moore Volunteer Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Moore | Jack Daniels Fire Brigade | Private | Other | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Deer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Oakdale Area Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Petros Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Other | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Wartburg Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Joyner Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Burville Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Coalfield Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Clear Fork Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |

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| Morgan | Sunbright Area Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Morgan | Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Obion | Hornbeak Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Obion | Kenton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Obion | Obion Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Obion | Samburg Reelfoot Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Combination | Volunteer |
| Obion | South Fulton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Obion | Troy Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Obion | Rives Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Obion | Union City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Obion | Obion County Rescue Squad | Non-profit | Other | Volunteer |
| Overton | Livingston Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Overton | Monroe Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Allons Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Hilham Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Rickman Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Overton | Fairgrounds Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Overton | Muddy Pond Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Alpine Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Hardys Chapel Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Mountain Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Timothy Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Taylors Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Overton | Dry Hollow Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Other | Volunteer |

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| Perry | Linden Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Perry | Lobelville Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Perry | Perry County Rescue Squad | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Perry | Pineview Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Perry | Pope Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Perry | Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Combination |
| Perry | Cedar Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Pickett | Byrdstown Pickett County Volunteer Fire Department | City-County Combination | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Polk | Benton Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Polk | Copperhill Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Polk | West Polk County Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Polk | East Polk County Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Putnam | Algood Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Putnam | Baxter Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Putnam | Monterey Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Putnam | Cookeville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Putnam | Putnam County Volunteer Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rhea | Dayton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rhea | Graysville Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rhea | Rhea County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rhea | Spring City Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Roane | Blair Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Roane | South Roane County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |

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| Roane | Kingston Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Roane | Oliver Springs Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Roane | East Roane County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Roane | Harriman Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Roane | Rockwood Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Roane | Midtown First District Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Roane | West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Roane | Roane County Office of Emergency Services | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Robertson | Ridgetop Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Robertson | Adams Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Robertson | Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department | City | Other | Volunteer |
| Robertson | Greenbrier Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Robertson | White House Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Robertson | Orlinda Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Robertson | White House Comm Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Robertson | Springfield Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Robertson | Robertson County Rescue Squad & Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Robertson | North Robertson Fire & Rescue | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Smyrna Airport Fire Department | Airport | Other | Combination |
| Rutherford | Salem-Blackman Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Almaville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Career |
| Rutherford | Eagleville Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Lascassas Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |

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| Rutherford | La Vergne Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Walter Hill Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Career |
| Rutherford | Christiana Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Rutherford County Fire Department Inc | Non-profit | n/a | Career |
| Rutherford | Smyrna Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | SE Rutherford Fire Department INC | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Murfreesboro Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Fosterville Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Kittrell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Rockvale Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Rutherford | Rutherford County Fire and Rescue | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Scott | Oneida Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Scott | Huntsville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Scott | Winfield Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Scott | South Scott County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Scott | East 63 Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Scott | Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Scott | Mid County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Scott | Paint Rock Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Scott | Pine Hill Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sequatchie | Dunlap Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sequatchie | Lone Oak Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Sequatchie | Lewis Chapel Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

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| Sequatchie | Cagle Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Sequatchie | Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Sequatchie | Southend Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Combination |
| Sevier | Wears Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Sevier | Gatlinburg Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sevier | Northview Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sevier | Pigeon Forge Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sevier | Sevierville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sevier | Seymour Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Sevier | Walden's Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sevier | Pittman Center Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Sevier | English Mountain Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Sevier | Sevier County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Combination |
| Sevier | Catons Chapel Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Shelby | Memphis Refinery Fire Department | Private | Other | Combination |
| Shelby | Germantown Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Shelby | Collierville Fire & Rescue | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Shelby | Arlington Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Shelby | Bartlett Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Shelby | Millington Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Shelby | Memphis Fire Services | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Shelby | Shelby County Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

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| Smith | Carthage Fire Department | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Smith | Gordonsville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Smith | South Carthage Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Smith | Smith County Fire Department Central District | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Smith | Rock City-Rome Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Smith | Forks River Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Smith | Defeated Creek Fire Department Dist 3 | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Smith | Riddleton-Dixon Springs Fire Department Dist 5 | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Smith | Lancaster Fire Department Dist 6 | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Smith | New Middleton-Grant Fire Department Dist 7 | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Smith | Pleasant Shade Fire Department Dist 8 | n/a | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Smith | Sykes Volunteer Fire Department Dist 1 | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Stewart | Dover Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Stewart | Stewart County Fire Services | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | Tricities Regional Airport Fire Department | Airport | Other | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | Avoca Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | Bluff City Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | Hickory Tree Volunteer Fire Department Inc | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Sullivan | Piney Flats Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Sullivan | Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department Inc | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | East Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | Bristol Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |

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| Sullivan | Kingsport Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Sullivan | Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Sullivan | Warriors Path Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Sullivan | 421 Area Emergency Services Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Sumner | Hendersonville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Portland Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department | City | Combination | Combination |
| Sumner | Millersville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Number One Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Mitchellville Volunteer Fire Department | Town | n/a | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Gallatin Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Shackle Island Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Cottontown Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Sumner | Gallatin Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |
| Sumner | Southeast Community Fire Department Inc | Non-profit | Subscription | Combination |
| Sumner | Highland Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Sumner | Oak Grove Comm Fire District | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Munford Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Tipton | Brighton Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Atoka Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Garland Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Mason Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Quito Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Combination |

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| Tipton | Gilt Edge Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Tipton | Three Star Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Drummonds Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | n/a | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Covington Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Tipton | Munford Rural Fire Services | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Tipton | Charleston Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Trousdale | Hartsville Fire Department | City-County Combination | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Unicoi | Town of Erwin Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Unicoi | Southside Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Unicoi | Limestone Cove Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Unicoi | Unicoi Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Union | Maynardville Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Union | Luttrell Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Union | Union County Rescue Squad & Fire Services | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Union | Sharps Chapel Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Union | NE Union County Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Union | Paulette Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Van Buren | Cedar Grove Fire CO | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Van Buren | Piney Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Van Buren | Fall Creek Falls Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Van Buren | Rocky River Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Van Buren | Spencer Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Warren | Centertown Comm Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |

| County | Fire Department | Public or Private | Primary Revenue Source | Career Type |
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| Warren | Morrison Fire Department | City | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Warren | Viola Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Career |
| Warren | North Warren Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Warren | Rock Island/Campaign Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Warren | Collins River Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Warren | McMinnville Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Warren | Harrison Ferry Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Washington | Fall Branch Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Washington | Gray Volunteer Fire Department | For-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Washington | Jonesborough Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Washington | Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Washington | Embreeville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Washington | Johnson City Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Washington | Nolichucky Valley Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Washington | Limestone Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Collinwood Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Waynesboro Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Southgate Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Cypress Inn Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Clifton Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Lutts Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Wayne County EMA | County | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Buffalo River Comm Ctr & Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |

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| Wayne | Hwy 69 Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Beech Creek Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Ovilla Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Volunteer |
| Wayne | Holly Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Wayne | Eagle Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | n/a | Combination |
| Weakley | Dresden Fire Department | City | Combination | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Gleason Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Greenfield Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Weakley | Sharon Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Palmersville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Sidonia Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Martin Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Pillowville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Weakley County Rescue Squad | n/a | Other | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Ore Springs-Como Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| Weakley | Latham Dukedom Fire Department | Non-profit | Subscription | Volunteer |
| White | Doyle Volunteer Fire Department | Town | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| White | Cassville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| White | Central View Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Volunteer |
| White | Bon De Croft Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Combination | Volunteer |
| White | Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Donations | Volunteer |
| White | Eastland Fire Department | n/a | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| White | Hickory Valley Volunteer Fire Department | City | Combination | Volunteer |

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| White | North End Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| White | Mt Gilead Volunteer Fire Department | n/a | Donations | Combination |
| White | Sparta Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Williamson | Arrington Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Williamson | Brentwood Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Williamson | Fairview Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Williamson | College Grove Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Williamson | Flat Creek Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Williamson | Franklin Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Williamson | Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Williamson | Peytonsville Volunteer Fire Department | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Williamson | Williamson County Rescue Squad | Non-profit | Publicly Funded | Combination |
| Wilson | Watertown Volunteer Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Volunteer |
| Wilson | Lebanon Fire Department | City | Publicly Funded | Career |
| Wilson | Wilson County EMA | County | Publicly Funded | Combination |

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