

Gov. Beshear Urges Job Seekers to Consider A Career in Telecommunications

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 16, 2021) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced there are currently 45 full-time and part-time telecommunicator positions available at 14 post locations across the commonwealth. This is the highest vacancy rate in the agency’s history for telecommunicators, which is one of the most essential roles in law enforcement’s ability to respond to emergencies and critical needs of the state.

“Telecommunicators are crucial to our law enforcement agencies,” said Gov. Beshear. “Over the past few days, we have seen first-hand the role they have had in the Western Kentucky Tornadoes. They have truly been the bridge between our state troopers and the public. I encourage Kentuckians who want a challenging career serving the communities in which they live to apply.”

KSP Telecommunicators handle dispatch duties for Kentucky State Troopers, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officers and other emergency service agencies. Most important, they are that calming voice on the other line when someone calls 911. New hires will receive the training and equipment necessary for success, including a five-week paid training academy to become certified with the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett Jr. says the agency had to bring telecommunicators in from other posts to relieve the dispatchers who have worked tirelessly since the storms impacted Western Kentucky.

“The determination our telecommunicators demonstrate to assist the public and law enforcement during these critical times is second to none,” said Burnett. “Now, more than ever, we need people to join our team and serve in this capacity.”

The requirements to become a KSP telecommunicator include:

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to handle extremely stressful and challenging conditions
- Handle flexible work schedules, including nights, weekends and holidays
- Ability to learn and adapt, especially in areas of technology
- Must be a High School Graduate
- On Nov. 9, the Governor announced that he plans to make historic investments to improve public safety in his upcoming budget proposal, one of which is competitive salary increase for KSP telecommunicators.

“Last year, telecommunicators answered over 2 million calls resulting in more than 500,000 requests for assistance. They were the calming voice on the other end of the line when those calls were made to 911,” Gov. Beshear said. “Improving their salary is one step toward retaining these essential workers and better compensating them for their dedication.”

The work of a telecommunicator is one of the most challenging in law enforcement. In the past five years, KSP has averaged a nearly 23% turnover rate. The Governor’s proposal will increase KSP telecommunicators’ starting pay from \$24,000 annually to \$32,000. Currently employed telecommunicators also would receive the increase.

The mission of KSP is to promote public safety through service, integrity and professionalism using partnerships to prevent, reduce and deter crime and the fear of crime, enhance highway safety through education and enforcement, safeguard property and protect individual rights.

For more information about a telecommunicator career with KSP visit the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet’s website or contact your local post on the KSP website.

Gov. Beshear Updates Kentuckians on COVID-19, Storm Response

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 20, 2021) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear updated Kentuckians on the state’s response to the devastating storms that hit Western Kentucky just over a week ago and to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“The message is pretty simple: Omicron is spreading faster than anything we’ve ever seen, and it looks like this might be one of the most contagious viruses in modern history,” said Gov. Beshear. “Unfortunately, some of the therapeutics won’t work on it. But what does work is being vaccinated and being boosted. If you haven’t gotten vaccinated yet, please consider doing it now.”

The Governor also reported today that, according to the company, Moderna’s COVID-19 booster dose should offer protection against the omicron variant. Lab tests revealed the half-dose booster shot increased by 37 times the level of antibodies able to fight omicron and a full-dose booster generated an 83-fold jump in antibodies. They did note that the full-dose booster had an increase in the usual side effects. The full-dose booster is recommended for people with weakened immune systems; the half-dose booster is more commonly administered. Similar results have been found in tests of Pfizer’s booster shots.

“So the message here again is, these vaccines are helping to prevent severe disease and we need everyone to go get a Pfizer or Moderna booster as soon as they’re eligible,” Gov. Beshear said.

COVID-19 Case Information, Vaccinations Update

Number of people who have received at least one vaccine dose in Kentucky: 2,749,942

Number of people who have received a vaccination booster in Kentucky: 777,448

Dec. 18, Cases: 2,575,

Dec. 18, Deaths: 32

Dec. 19, Cases: 1,531,

Dec. 19, Deaths: 29

New Cases Today: 1,215

New Deaths: 32

Today’s Positivity Rate: 9.20%

Current Hospitalizations: 1,206

Current Intensive Care Admittances: 325

Currently on Ventilators: 176

During the week ending Dec. 19, 15,588 new COVID-19 cases were reported in Kentucky, and the average test positivity rate was 9.06%.

Western Kentucky Tornado Toll

Gov. Beshear said the most accurate number of lives lost now stands at 76. The Governor has said multiple times he has been waiting to confirm three people from Dawson Springs that at one point had been included in Hopkins County’s report. He said those three are believed to already be counted in the Caldwell County numbers. The Governor said that would have pushed the number back to 75, but one additional employee of the candle factory who escaped the collapse later succumbed to their injuries.

Gov. Beshear said there continues to be no one listed as missing from the storm. No active search or rescue operations are underway, he said.

Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund

As of Monday morning, the relief fund set up by the Beshear administration to help those in Western Kentucky impacted by the devastating tornado storms that hit the region Dec. 10 has received 112,079 donations totaling \$21,483,814.

Kentucky State Parks Update

Kentuckians displaced by the tornadoes are being lodged at Kentucky state resort parks. Currently there are 226 state park rooms occupied by displaced Kentuckians and 92 rooms have been provided for first responders.

Kentucky State Parks will be looking for volunteers after the New Year to help with dining room, kitchen, housekeeping and laundry as well as some maintenance work assistance. Those interested in volunteering should contact Andy Kasitz via email at andy.kasitz@ky.gov and provide the following information: your name, a cell phone number, the name of park(s) at which you wish to volunteer and your availability.

Team Kentucky All-Stars

Today, Gov. Beshear named Kentucky State Park employees as this week’s Team Kentucky All-stars for their continued efforts to care for and house displaced Kentuckians from last week’s historic tornadoes. The Governor shared that some employees of Pennyriple State Resort Park are now living at the park after losing their own homes in the storm, yet they are still showing up daily to help staff the park showing their dedication and compassion to the people of Western Kentucky.

Insurance Claims

As of Monday morning, the Department of Insurance (DOI) has received 10,235 insurance claims of which 84 have been addressed and closed. DOI provided on-site consumer assistance Monday. A toll-free number is available for additional consumer assistance: 800-595-6053.

Insurance companies are reportedly onsite in Western Kentucky and claims adjusters are working with affected residents.

Beware of Bad Actors

Kentucky State Police (KSP) is warning Kentuckians affected by the tornadoes to be aware of fraudulent disaster relief workers. These individuals may be posing as FEMA representatives, American Red Cross workers, insurance adjusters, contractors for debris removal or general contractors.

While there have been reports of fraudulent workers, there are also legitimate FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams, housing inspectors and other officials working in areas impacted by the storms. Legitimate FEMA representatives carry official identification badges with photo IDs and will have residents’ relevant FEMA application numbers.

FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration representatives never charge applicants for disaster assistance, inspections or help with filling out applications for federal assistance. FEMA representatives will never promise a disaster grant in return for payment and are never authorized to collect your personal financial information.

Anyone observing individuals removing items from properties where they do not belong should contact law enforcement. KSP, Kentucky National Guard and local law enforcement are providing saturated patrols in storm-damaged areas to fend off this criminal activity. Suspicious individuals or activity can be reported to KSP at 270-856-3721.

OPEN TELECOMMUNICATOR POSITIONS



POST 1: 5 full time & 2 part time positions
 POST 2: 1 full time positions
 POST 3: 5 full time & 1 part time position
 POST 4: 3 full time positions
 POST 5: 4 full time & 2 part time positions
 POST 6: 2 full time & 1 part time position
 POST 7: 3 full time positions

POST 9: 4 full time positions
 POST 10: 1 part time positions
 POST 12: 9 full time positions
 POST 13: 2 full time & 1 interim position
 POST 14: 1 full time & 2 part time positions
 POST 15: 3 full time positions
 POST 16: 2 full time positions

Map displays the 14 post locations (in red) that are hiring Telecommunicators.

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