



# Responding in a Disaster

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# Catastrophic Events Lead to the Formation of KCCRB



May 14, 1988 Carroll County bus crash  
24 children & 3 adults were killed by  
a drunk driver.



September 14, 1989 Standard Gravure  
Westbecker kills 8 co-workers and  
wounds 12

# KCCRB 1996

- The 1996 General Assembly passed Senate Bill 112 establishing the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB)

# What Is KCCRB?

- We are a free state resource that is tasked with ensuring that an organized, rapid and effective crisis intervention response occurs in the aftermath of a critical incident or disaster.



## ➤ The Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB)

- created under KRS Chapter 36 and
- recognized as lead disaster behavioral health agency by the
  - Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (state mental health authority),
  - Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) and the
  - American Red Cross (ARC)



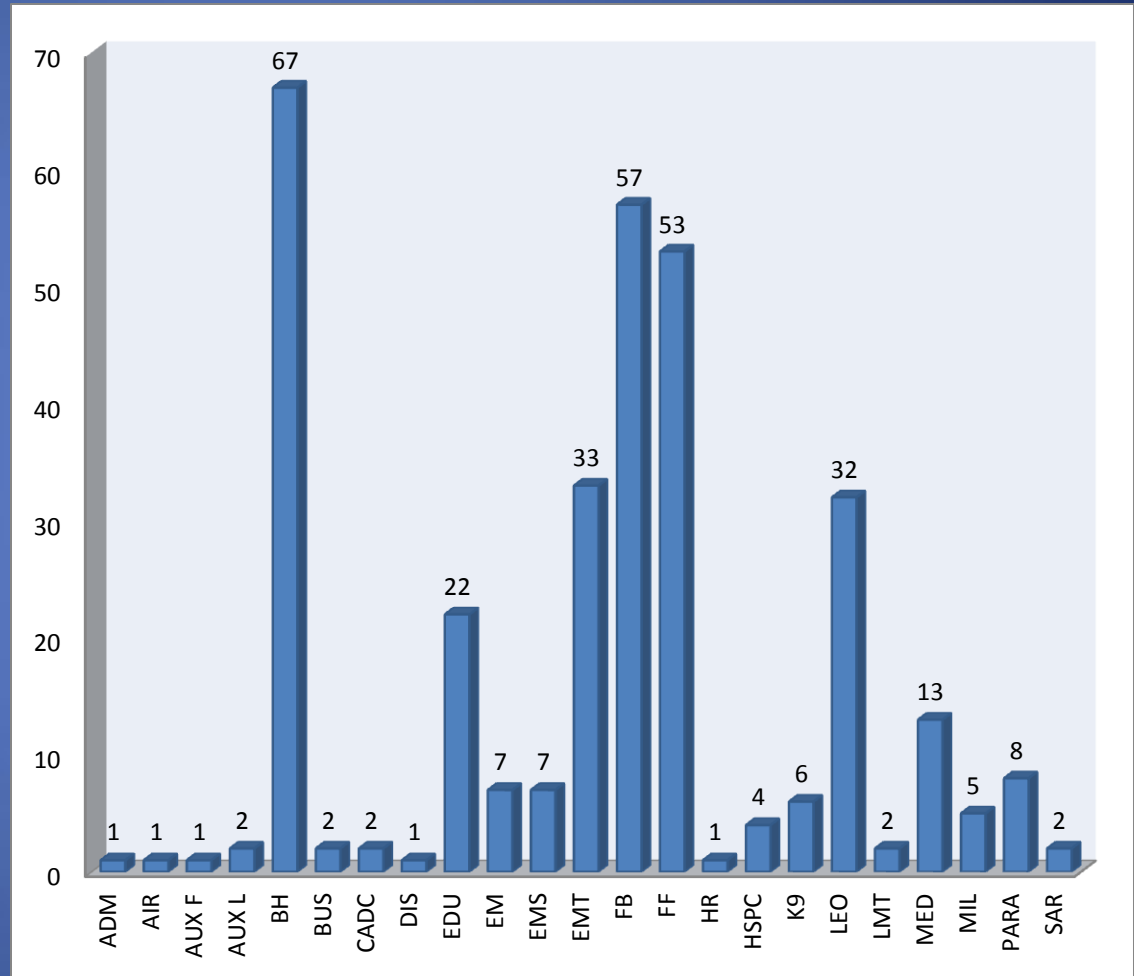
- KCCRB recruits, trains, credentials, and maintains a team of professionals and paraprofessionals to provide crisis intervention response services statewide.



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# 2014 Team Disciplines

Administrative
Air Service/ Air Medical
Aux Fire Service Support
Aux Law Enforcement Support
Behavioral Health
Business/Industry
Chemical Addiction Drug Counselor
Disaster Professional/Paraprofessional
Education/Schools
Emergency Management
Emergency Medical Service
Emergency Medical Technician
Faith-Based
Firefighter
Human Resources
Hospice
K-9 Team
Law Enforcement Officer
Licensed Massage Therapist
Medical (nursing/physician/etc)
Military
Paramedic
Search & Rescue



# KCCRT K9 Strike Team

National Animal Assisted Crisis Response Association





## KCCRT Coroner Strike Team

- Working collaboratively with John Goble, (Scott Co. Coroner and member of State Mass Fatality Team) and the Kentucky Medical Examiners Office to assist the Mass Fatality Coroner Assessment Team during critical incidents involving several fatalities.
- Will work with family members to prepare them to meet with the coroner in order to hopefully be able to provide needed information to help identify their loved ones.
- Forty KCCRT Team members from around the Commonwealth who have been trained.



# Disaster Response

# 106 KAR 5:040

## Initiation of a crisis/disaster response

- Section 1. KCCRB shall be the lead agency for crisis or disaster response behavioral health services....

# The “Flow” of a Disaster

Presidential Declared Disaster



Governor Declares an Emergency



State Emergency Management



County Declares an Emergency

# Executive Order

- The Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) is directed to assess the need for and activate their network of trained counselors if needed to provide crisis response services to citizens in the affected areas.

# Presidential Declared Disaster

President Declaration:

- 1) Public Assistance and/or
- 2) Individual Assistance

A declaration for Individual Assistance is required in order for FEMA to accept Crisis Counseling Program Grant Applications.



# 2 Types of Crisis Counseling Program Grants Available

- **Immediate Services Program Grant:** Filed within 14 days of Presidential Declaration
  - Provides funding for Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) for 60 days
- **Regular Services Program Grant:** RSP application and ISP extension request are due 60 days after the declaration
  - Provides funding for CCP for up to 9 months



# Organization & Assignment of Responsibilities

- The local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has primary responsibility for requesting assessment and provision of coordinated disaster behavioral health services during **locally** designated emergencies or disasters.
- In the event that local behavioral health centers become overwhelmed or can no longer maintain the level of response required by the event; the local EOC will request additional disaster behavioral health resources through KCCRB at the CEOC.
- The KCCRT State representative will be responsible for activating disaster behavioral health response teams.
- In the event of a federal declaration, it is the responsibility of KCCRB to evaluate the need for and pursue funding for a FEMA Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) Grant.

# Events That May Trigger the Need for KCCRB Services

# Natural Disasters

- Fire
- Tornado
- Flood
- Earth Quake
- Ice-storm
- Public Health Pandemic



# Public Health Pandemic

- November 2009 KCCRB partnered with the Louisville Metro Dept. for Public Health to provide critical incident stress management during their first, massive H1N1 vaccine clinic.
- 27 KCCRT responded delivering services to approximately **6,578** citizens



# January 2009 Ice Storm

- 11-day response activation
- 19 Counties served
- 103 / 120 Counties declared a state of emergency
- 26 consultations
- 2,352 one-on-ones
- 10 informational briefings.

Services were provided by KCCRB Staff and volunteer team members in addition to MOU's with the following Regional Behavioral Health Centers:

Four Rivers Behavioral Health

Pennyroyal Center and

River Valley Behavioral Health.



## 2009 May Flooding

- Applied for and received Immediate Services Program (ISP) Grant to provide a Crisis Counseling Program in the amount of \$56,987.36





## May 2010 Floods

- KCCRT provided crisis counseling services to 326 flood survivors
- Provided educational information to approximately 338 citizens, state and local officials



## July 2010 Floods

- KCCRT provided crisis counseling services to 1,090 flood survivors in Lewis, Carter and Pike Counties
- Applied for and received ISP Grant to provide Crisis Counseling Program in the amount of \$54,181.68
- KCCRB partnered with local CMHC's: Pathways and Mountain Comprehensive Care





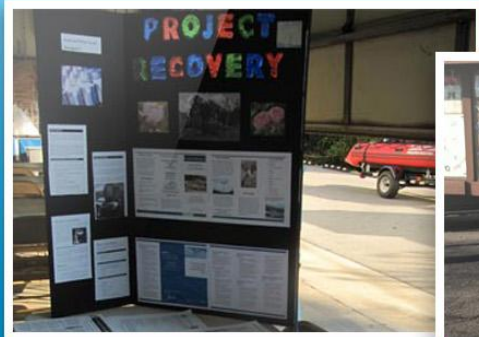
## March 2012 Tornadoes

- Received ISP grant from FEMA to continue crisis counseling services to the affected counties \$206,479.68
- July 2012 Received RSP grant from SAMHSA to continue CCP in 5 Counties \$577,012.00



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# KCCRB Services

## ➤ Critical Incident Responses

Emergency Service Personnel

Community

Schools

## ➤ Trainings

## ➤ On Scene Support / Risk Assessment / Critical Incident Stress Management

## ➤ Consultation

# KCCRT

**18 Volunteer  
Regional Team  
Coordinators**

**6 Volunteer  
Regional Resource  
Coordinators**

**187 Volunteer  
Team Members**

## KCCRB Staff



**Debborah Arnold**  
*Executive Director*  
January 2009



**Kelli Robinson**  
*Deputy Executive Director*  
January 2012



**Tammy Napier**  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
March 2009



**Cynthia (CJ) Wright**  
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