

OPEN RECORDS POLICY
UNION FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
<https://unionky911.org/open-records-request/>

All requests to the Union Fire Protection Agency (“Union Fire District”) for open records under KRS 61.870 to 61.884 (the "Open Records Act") shall adhere to this Policy and the Open Records Act. This Policy is adopted pursuant to KRS 61.876.

Section 1: Definitions:

Union Fire District - means Union Fire District and any committee, created and controlled by Union Fire District.

Applicant - means any person who requests to inspect any public record of Union Fire District.

Official Custodian - means the person hereinafter designated, who by reason of such designation shall be responsible for the maintenance, care and keeping of the public records of the Union Fire District, regardless of whether such records are in his actual personal custody and control.

Principal Office 9611 US Highway 42, Union, KY 41091.

Public Record - shall have the meaning as set forth under KRS 61.870(2).

Section 2: Official Custodian:

All requests for public records shall be directed to the Official Custodian. The Official Custodian for the Union Fire District is Chief Michael Morgan. The Official Custodian's contact information is as follows:

Chief Aaron Gruelle
Union Fire Protection District
9611 US Highway 42, Union, KY 41091
Office Phone: (859) 384-3342
a.gruelle@unionky911.org

Section 3: Procedure to Request Public Records:

The procedure to be followed in requesting for inspection public records of the Union Fire District shall be as follows:

Any Applicant shall direct his or her request to inspect the public records of the Union Fire District to the Official Custodian. Upon any such request, the Official Custodian may, in his discretion, require the Applicant to submit in writing an application describing the public records of the Union Fire District requested for inspection. The

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(a) A copy of these rules and regulations pertaining to public records;
(b) The mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number of the official custodian of the records or his or her designee to which all requests for public records shall be made; and
(c) The form developed by the Attorney General under that may be used to request public records

application shall include the Applicant's name printed legibly thereon, and shall be signed by the Applicant. The application shall be hand-delivered, mailed, sent via facsimile or via email to the Official Custodian.

After the receipt of any such request, the Union Fire District shall within five (5) days (excepting Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) determine whether to comply with the request and within said five (5) day period the Official Custodian shall notify in writing the Applicant of the determination. If Union Fire District's shall determine that a public record of the Union Fire District requested for inspection shall be made available for inspection, and if that public record is in active use, in storage or for some other reason shall not be made available for inspection within five (5) days from the receipt of the request to inspect, the Official Custodian shall in his notification to the Applicant state a detailed explanation of the cause for the delay and shall notify the Applicant of the place, time and the date on which that public record will be made available for inspection.

Whenever the Union Fire District shall determine that a public record of the Union Fire District requested for inspection is to be made available for inspection that public record of the Union Fire District shall be made available to the Applicant of that public record of the Union Fire District for inspection and suitable facilities shall be made available by the Union Fire District for the exercise of this right. Any and all inspections of the public records of the Union Fire District may be made by either of the two following methods: 1) an Applicant may inspect the public records during the regular office hours of the Union Fire District and shall take place in the facilities provided at the Principal Office of the Union Fire District; or 2) by receiving copies of the public records from the Union Fire District through the mail. The Union Fire District shall mail copies of the public records to an Applicant whose residence or principal place of business is outside the county in which the public records are located after he or she precisely describes the public records which are readily available within the Union Fire District. No person shall remove any original copy of any public record of the Union Fire District from the offices of the Union Fire District without the written permission of the Official Custodian.

Upon inspection, the Applicant shall have the right to make abstracts of any memoranda from the public records which he shall be inspecting, and to obtain copies of all written public records. The Official Custodian shall upon the request of the Applicant make copies of any public records of the Union Fire District that the Applicant is inspecting, provided that, the Applicant shall make this request in writing to the Official Custodian and shall pay the fee, including postage where appropriate, in advance. If an Applicant requests copies of public records of the Union Fire District other than written records of the Union Fire District, the Official Custodian shall permit the Applicant to duplicate such records, provided that, such duplication shall to the satisfaction of the Official Custodian not damage or alter the public records of the Union Fire District that shall be so duplicated.

Whenever the Union Fire District shall determine that any public record of the Union Fire District is a public record and that the Union Fire District by reason of K.R.S. 61.878 is prohibited to disclose, in whole or in part, except by an order of a court of

competent jurisdiction, the Official Custodian shall within five (5) days, (excepting Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) after the receipt of the request of inspection, notify in writing the Applicant of the determination of the Union Fire District. The Official Custodian shall include in such notification a statement of the specific exception that authorized the withholding of the public records requested for inspection and a brief explanation of how the exception applies to the public record of the Union Fire District that is to be withheld. The response shall be issued by the Official Custodian or under his or her authority, and it shall constitute final Union Fire District action.

Section 4: Office Hours of Principal Office:

Records may be inspected at the Principal Office during regular business hours. The regular business hours of the Principal Office are 8:30a.m to 5:00p.m, EST., weekdays, excluding holidays and weekends.

Section 5: Fees:

The Union Fire District sets the following rates of reimbursement of copying expenses under the Open Records Act for noncommercial purposes:

Regular photocopies of documents or photographs	\$0.10 per page
Color photocopies of documents or photographs.....	actual cost
Compact Disc.....	actual cost
Cost of mailing.....	actual cost

Section 6: Display:

This policy shall be displayed in a prominent location that is accessible to the public at each location of the Union Fire District.

Section 7: Authorization

This Policy is hereby adopted by the Board of Trustees.