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Safe crews make safe care. Independent advocacy for Kentucky EMS — not a government site, not an agency, not a union.

What we stand for

- **Rested drivers.** A fatigue policy per the national EMS guideline.
- **Scene safe? Weather too.** Crews can delay or refuse non-emergent transfers.
- **Trucks that pass.** KBEMS vehicle rules enforced, not ignored.
- **Know who is calling.** Every P25 radio with a unique ID at the console, and an emergency button someone answers.
- **Holdovers by choice.** Volunteers first, paid a premium. On-call is paid.
- **Protected rest.** Extra work by choice, paid fairly — never ordered.
- **Real breaks.** An uninterrupted 30-minute meal break, paid if you work through it.
- **A safe partner.** Concerns documented, investigated and acted on — not waved off.
- **Report without retaliation.** Reports go to someone outside the chain of command.
- **Mark the wires.** Orange marker balls near every landing zone.

Three bills for 2027

- **Protect care wherever it's given.** KRS 508.025 covers EMS personnel wherever they are working, but covers a Nurse only on facility premises. Strike the premises limit so care is protected wherever it is given: ambulance, aircraft, patient's home, scene.
- **Finish HB 713, and make it reach the truck.** Refile HB 713's worker-facing parts (passed the House 98–0, never taken up in the Senate). Define an ambulance provider's workplace to include the vehicle and the scene, and have KBEMS verify its plan at the annual inspection.
- **Name the dispatcher.** Add Telecommunicators and 911 Dispatchers to the list in KRS 508.025 that already names firefighters and EMS. One line. HB 188 (2026) amended the same list and passed 97–0 and 38–0.

Call the Legislative Message Line: 1-800-372-7181. Say your county and the bill. Thirty seconds.

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