

Essential Homeowner Fire Safety for the Summer and Beyond



(StatePoint) Home fires today are burning hotter and faster and causing more damage than ever before, according to National Fire Protection Association data. This is why every second counts when it comes to a fire emergency.

Summer, often filled with backyard BBQs, fireworks, friendly gatherings and even campfires, is a great opportunity to evaluate your home safety tools and plans; and make upgrades where necessary.

A new partnership between Kidde, a trusted leader in fire safety for more than 100 years, and Ring, has delivered a cutting-edge collection of Smart Smoke and Combination Alarms (Smoke + CO) featuring seamless integration into the Ring app.

Combining Kidde’s advanced smoke and carbon monoxide sensors that provide quicker, more accurate alerts (29% faster average smoke detection based on internal testing of smoldering wood fires for Kidde 9th Edition vs. leading competitor 8th Edition products) with built-in smart technology, you can better protect your home from anywhere. Whether you’re at home, at work, or on vacation, you’ll receive instant notifications through the Ring app if unsafe levels of smoke or carbon monoxide are detected, allowing you to take immediate action. Ring also offers an optional 24/7 Smoke & CO Monitoring subscription service (\$5/month), where trained agents can request emergency help and alert your emergency contacts in the event of an alarm. “We believe these alarms represent a major step forward in whole home safety, and we’re excited to get them into the hands of consumers,” says Isis Wu, president of Global Residential Fire & Safety at Kidde. Additional features can ensure smooth operation of your home safety equipment. For example, the Ring app notifies you when your devices’ batteries are low approximately seven days prior to the device chirping,

so you can ensure operation with no down time. And Kidde’s enhanced sensing technology reduces false alarms often caused by cooking—a leading reason people disable their devices. And it doesn’t stop there. Once you install one of these smart alarms in your home, you can receive real-time alerts from your other eligible hardwired Kidde products to create a connected home that helps keep you and your family safe. Remember, having working smoke alarms in the home can double the likelihood of safely escaping a house fire in the event of an emergency and are there

to help protect you round-the-clock. That’s why it’s important to install them throughout the house, including the living room, kitchen, bedrooms, hallways, basement and garage. As an additional safety measure, you should also be prepared to tackle small fires quickly. Keep fire extinguishers in key areas, including the kitchen, basement and garage. These new alarms are available now, exclusively at The Home Depot, and will be rolling out

to other retailers later this year. To learn more about the intersection of home safety equipment and smart technology, as well as to find fire and CO safety tips, visit kidde.com.

“Humans are flawed. We forget things, we mess up, and we assume a home fire and other emergencies will never happen to us,” says Wu. “Unfortunately, no home is impervious to an emergency, making the proper safety precautions essential for every household.”

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CROSSWORD
THEME: FLOWERS
ACROSS
1. Straw man’s “victim”
5. Protestant denom.
8. Large edible mushroom
11. Mischievous Norse deity
12. *Thumbelina emerges from a flower in a fairy ____
13. Brick and mortar destination
15. Garner wages
16. Guinness and such
17. *Poison: “Every Rose Has Its ____”
18. *If you go to San ____, be sure to wear some flowers in your hair”
20. Electric one and moray one
21. Killer whales
22. p in mpg
23. Fatwa, alt. sp.
26. Spain’s neighbor, across Strait of Gibraltar
30. “Back To The Future” actress
31. Leaked, as in ship
34. Miso bean
35. Operatic solos
37. H+, e.g.
38. Is dressed in
39. Leave a Hancock
40. Cast-off skin
42. Egyptian boy

king
43. Clearance, as under a bridge
45. Neglectful in duty
47. *”Dandelion Wine” author ____ Bradbury
48. Dear one
50. Black cat, to some
52. *”Build Me Up ____”
56. Adult
57. ____ bowl, frozen dish
58. Poetic “through”
59. Latin dance
60. “Buffalo ____, won’t you come out tonight...”
61. Kids’ building block
62. Altitude, abbreviated
63. Like a fox
64. Water carrier
DOWN
1. Staff symbol
2. Zoo sound
3. Gumbo pod
4. Separate grain from chaff
5. Model-building wood
6. Smart ones?
7. 100 centavos
8. Refrigerate
9. Commits a faux pas
10. Mont Blanc, e.g.
12. a.k.a. meditation in motion (2 words)
13. Ranch grazer
14. *Bette Midler’s 1981 Grammy win-

ning song (2 words)
19. Dungeness one and snow one
22. *Poppy’s seed container
23. Banned camera setting, in a museum
24. Falcon’s home
25. Boreal forest, in Russia
26. Ma tre d’s list
27. Raccoon’s South American cousin
28. *2024 Grammy winner for “Flowers”
29. Hop-drying kilns
32. *Lis in fleur-de-lis
33. * ____ Goo Dolls of “Gutterflower” fame
36. *”Flowers in the Attic” author V.C. ____
38. One of journalism’s Ws
40. Declare
41. Costing nothing
44. Want to
46. ____ Beach, SC
48. Belonging to duke
49. Miuccia Prada’s homeland
50. Like traditional storytelling
51. Lose skin
52. Tea servings
53. Tobacco
54. Strong desire
55. Standard’s partner
56. Govt. property org.

ALLISON BALL
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Independent Auditor’s Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable William Lewis, Leslie County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Holly Collett, Leslie County Sheriff
Members of the Leslie County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement Opinions
We have audited the accompanying Leslie County Sheriff’s Settlement - 2023 Taxes for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Leslie County Sheriff’s financial statement as listed in the table of contents.
Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 of the Leslie County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.
Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Leslie County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinions
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for Sheriff’s Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Leslie County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Leslie County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Leslie County Sheriff’s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the assets and liabilities and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Leslie County Sheriff’s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Leslie County Sheriff’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 12, 2025, on our consideration of the Leslie County Sheriff’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Leslie County Sheriff’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report finding:
2023-001 The Leslie County Sheriff’s Office Does Not Have Adequate Segregation Of Duties
Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

March 12, 2025
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The Leslie County Board of Education will receive Proposals from qualified Construction Managers (CMs) for both Pre construction Phase services and Construction Phase services.

The intended Project is: The Leslie County Area Technology Center Renovation. (ATC)

Interested and qualified CMs can receive a copy of the official Request for Proposal (RFP) by submitting a one-page letter of interest to:

Brett Wilson, Superintendent
Leslie County Board of Education
PO Box 949, 27 Eagle Lane
Hyden, Kentucky

An authorized representative of the Board of Education will receive CM proposals until July 17, 2:00 p.m. Proposals after this date will not be accepted.

The Leslie County Board of Education will receive Proposals from qualified Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Firms for design services.

The intended Project is:
The Leslie County ATC renovation.

Interested and qualified firms can receive a copy of the official Request for Proposal (RFP) by submitting a one-page letter of interest to:

Brett Wilson, Superintendent
Leslie County Board of Education
PO Box 949, 27 Eagle Lane
Hyden, Kentucky 41749

An authorized representative of the Board of Education will receive A/E proposals until August 7, 2:00 p.m. Proposals after this date will not be accepted.

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