



The interior of the Cuba Volunteer Fire Department sustained significant damage.

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Cuba Fire Department launches fundraiser to aid in recovery

BY MESSENGER STAFF

The Cuba Community Volunteer Fire Department has launched a fundraiser following a structure fire their station suffered on Thursday, Aug. 13. You can support the department's recovery through their GoFundMe: www.gofund.me/69811d766.

"Although our firefighters acted quickly and were able to save our apparatus and much of our equipment, the blaze still resulted in substantial losses," Cuba Fire Department said on the platform. "Several critical items were damaged or destroyed, and replacing them is essential to ensuring we can continue protecting our community with the highest level of safety and readiness."

According to the department, funds raised will go directly toward replacing critical operational equipment, including:

- Protective turnout gear that shields firefighters from heat, smoke and hazardous conditions.
- Personal protective equipment required for safe emergency response.
- Office and administrative supplies needed for daily operations and incident reporting.
- Radio and communication equipment vital

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fulfilling its vision as a "gateway of the new business district" as downtown Mayfield undergoes post-tornado revitalization. She hopes to establish the farmers market as a regional destination while the city resurges.

"We're so glad that we could be one of the first to come about downtown for the community. I think it's just going to continue to grow and grow," Celaya said. "I'm hearing about the Mayfield Farmers Market from all over the region, so I think we've got something special. We have an incredible volunteer board of directors that works tirelessly, so we'll take the next few months to regroup and listen to people's ideas. It's going to be strong."



Graves County Sheriff's Office

Local first responders contained the structure fire that erupted on Aug. 13, though the department will need to replace critical equipment.

for coordination during emergencies.

- Traffic safety equipment used to protect responders and the public at roadway incidents.
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus oxygen, which uses compressed breathing air rather than pure oxygen for standard firefighting work.

"As a rural volunteer department, we rely heavily on community support," Cuba Fire Department said. "Any donation—whether financial assistance, equipment contributions, or connections to organizations that may be able to help—will directly strengthen the safety of our firefighters and the residents we proudly serve."

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The Graves County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 44.9 cents on real property and 45.2 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 45.2 cents on real property and 45.2 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$10,894,634.96. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 44.9 cents on real property and 45.2 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$11,270,376.65. Of this amount, \$1,950,837.64 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 43.1 cents on real property and 45.2 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$10,891,287.45.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$375,741.69 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$7,514.83; building fund, \$41,331.59; instruction, \$188,019.18; transportation, \$37,574.17; and maintenance of plant, \$101,301.92

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

Graves County High School Youth Center offers help to families in need

BY MESSENGER STAFF

Families with unexpected needs are encouraged to reach out to the Graves County High School Youth Service Center.

"We understand that following the storms, some families may be without power or may be facing unexpected needs," a social media post from the center stated. Please know you do not have to face those challenges alone, we are here to help!"

Students needing hygiene items, a change of clothes or



school necessities are asked to stop by or contact the center, and they will connect "students and families" with the appropriate resources, according to the social media post.

The youth center can be reached at 270-328-4920



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'Loss of power' caused Cessna 421C crash near Fulton Airport, FAA says

BY MESSENGER STAFF

FULTON COUNTY, Ky. — A preliminary report released on Monday from the Federal Aviation Administration indicates that "loss of power" is to blame for airplane crash that occurred near the Fulton Airport on Friday.

The plane that

crashed into a field was a Cessna 421C, according to prior reporting. The administration reported that the crash happened at 1:15 p.m. on Aug. 21.

The FAA report indicates that all four occupants sustained injuries as a result of the incident; however, no fatalities have been reported.



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- Previous experience in backhoe, trackhoe, heavy equipment operation is desirable.
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