

Sovereign Immunity: Disaster or Emergency Response Volunteer or Worker

KRS 39A.280(7)

A registered disaster or emergency response volunteer or worker, who provides their services within the scope of their role, will be defended by the Attorney General if a civil action is brought due to the volunteer or worker acting or failing to act.

Nature of disaster and emergency response functions provided by state or local management agency, licensed professional engineer, or licensed architect ? Immunity, exceptions.

(7) While engaged in disaster and emergency response activity, volunteers and auxiliary disaster and emergency response workers enrolled or registered with a local disaster and emergency service organization or with the division in accordance with subsection (6) of this section shall have the same degree of responsibility for their actions and enjoy the same immunities as officers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions performing similar work, including the provisions of KRS 12.211, 12.212, and 12.215, allowing the Attorney General to provide defense of any civil action brought against a volunteer enrolled or registered with a local disaster or emergency service organization or with the division due to an act or omission made in the scope and course of a disaster and emergency response activity.