



Graduation Ceremony

Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team for the Metropolitan Area of Nairobi

Fire Service Technician KNQF Level 4 via
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

11th December 2025

FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTRE, FIRETRACK



The Genesis of a New Era in Kenyan Rescue Efforts

It is with immense pride and profound respect that we welcome you to this momentous occasion, **celebrating the graduation of 45 elite Kenyan Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team members, each earning the Fire Service Technician KNQF Level 4 national certificates.**

This achievement is not merely a personal milestone for each graduand but it represents a defining, unique achievement in the history of the Fire and Rescue Service in Kenya.

This remarkable achievement has been made possible through the unwavering support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. The project has been co-financed within the framework of the Polish development cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, which, since 2014, has worked alongside the Polish Center for International Aid (PCPM) to lay the foundations for a national education system for firefighters in Kenya.

Today, we witness the elevation of 45 USAR team members' service capability to a new, internationally recognised standard. These professionals have navigated a curriculum of unrelenting rigour, demonstrating the mental toughness, physical resilience, and specialised technical expertise required to manage complex rescue scenarios.



The USAR unit with its 45 certified team members is a testament to the vision of a safer and more prosperous Kenya. The formal certification under the KNQF Level 4 diploma ensures world-class standardisation, recognising and validating their expertise through the spirit of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

This standardisation is fundamental to socio-economic advancement: it guarantees the integrity of critical national infrastructure, minimises economic disruption following major incidents, and positions Kenya to meet global humanitarian response benchmarks.

These men and women are the highly trained point of the spear: the individuals who run toward instability, systematically dismantling chaos to retrieve life and safeguard the national economy. This level of dedication, forged through RPL process embodies the highest form of public service: the commitment to save lives and protect prosperity where few others dare to tread.

We salute their sacrifice, celebrate their competence, and look forward with absolute confidence to their essential service to Kenya.

Congratulations to the USAR Class of 2025!



Programme of the Graduation Ceremony.

- **10:00 - 10:15 am** Arrival of guests
- **10:15 - 10:30 am** Official Welcome
- **10:30 - 10:50 am** Guard of Honour
- **10:50 - 11:20 am** Demonstrations of skills
- **11:20- 11:40 am** Trees planting
- **11:40 - 12:30 pm** Speeches
- **12:30 - 1:15 pm** Award of Certificates
- **1:15 - 1:45 pm** Photo Session
- **1:45 - 2:15 pm** Refreshments
- **2:15 pm** Official Farewell



List of Graduands.

Special Awards

- **Top Male:** Samuel Kisali Chunguli
- **Second Best Male:** Brian Maina Njaguara
- **Top Female:** Joyce Njoki Kinyanjui
- **Second Best Female:** Veronicah Wayua Mutuku
- **Principal Award for the Most Outstanding Student:** Jackson Ngunjiri Maina
- **Class President:** Martin Ngugi Kamau
- **Deputy Class President:** Winnie Wangari Wairimu
- **USAR Team Leaders:** Michael Katuta Munyalo and Gedion Ogola Owiti



List of Graduands.

- Jackson Ngunjiri Maina
- Richard Muema Mweu
- Sarah Wairimu Nyambura
- Amos Anungo Mung'ahu
- Brian Maina Njaguara
- Derrick Mungai Maina
- Bilhah Jeruto
- Lilian Wambui Wangui
- Luka Kiplagat
- Michael Ongeso Agumba
- Nelly Jepchirchir Tandui
- Paul Kuria Kamau
- Peter Mbugua Mugure
- Sammy Kimeli Mengicfh
- Samson Karanja Mungai
- Samuel Kisali Chunguli
- Stephen Ndungu Waweru
- Steve Omondi Mulle
- Wilson Njoroge Gitau
- Silantoi Lucy
- Catherine Wairimu Mwaura
- Gabriel Gichinga Ngugi
- John Karanja Kuria
- Joseph Ngige Muturi
- Josphat Kanyanja Ndung'u
- Joyce Njoki Kinyanjui
- Juliet Nyakaria Ngicu
- Kennedy Maitha Ndinda
- Kenneth Ngugi King'ori
- Margaret Wanjiku Koigi
- Martin Ngugi Kamau
- Mary Mukami Ndung'u
- Paul Ng'ang'a Kibe
- Philimin Mwangi Kahugu
- Stephen Njenga Kimani
- Stephen Wamburu Kibugi
- Veronicah Wayua Mutuku
- Winnie Wangari Wairimu
- Leon Kiprotich Kiplimo
- Kelvin Naai Njenga
- Julius Wambugu Ngatia
- Franklin Ochieng
- Shawn Anzigale Anzigalison
- Caroline Wambui Maina
- Jared Okebiro Atuti

Kenya's path to world-class firefighter education.



FIRST FIREFIGHTING COLLEGE IN KENYA

- The Fire and Rescue Training Centre (FIRETRACK) established by the Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM) between 2018 and 2020 thanks to the Polish aid funding – a development assistance programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland.
- Since 2022, FIRETRACK registered as a Technical and Vocational College by TVETA.

ACHIEVING SYSTEMIC CHANGE

- Profession of a firefighter officially registered under TVETA (Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority) in 2020.
- Certification of Polish trainers and examiners as Kenyan experts in 2020.
- The FIRETRACK Centre successfully developed the first TVET-CDACC- approved competency-based curricula, including Fire Fighting Technology Level 3 and 4 (approved in 2020) and Fire and Rescue Technician Level 5 (approved in 2024).

SYSTEM PIONEERS

- First official vocational training solutions in Kenya, Fire Fighting Technology Level 3 course conducted in 2020-2023 and Level 4 Fire Fighting Technology via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in 2023.
- First in Kenya 104 National Certificates in the firefighting profession awarded in 2023.
- 45 National Certificates for the first Kenyan USAR team for the Metropolitan area of Nairobi awarded in 2025.

Formalising expertise: The USAR team's path to national certificates via RPL.



PRE-ASSESSMENT

- A series of pre-assessment exams held between November 2024 and April 2025.
- Provision of online study resources for LEV 4 curriculum covering 12 Basic and Core Units.

GAPS TRAINING and E-PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE

- Identification of gaps in skills and knowledge based on the Initial Application documents and Pre-Assessment exam results.
- Organisation of Gaps Trainings in: Fight Fire Outbreak, Perform Installation of Fire Equipment and Systems, Conduct Emergency Response including Road Traffic Accidents and Rope Rescue.
- RPL Candidates submit their E-Portfolios of Evidence to prove that they possess the required knowledge, skills, and competence for a Fire Service Technician KNQF Level 4 qualification.

FINAL ASSESSMENT

- Organisation of the Final Assessment with the Nyeri National Polytechnic external supervision.
- Final Assessment comprising both written and practical exams in 12 Basic and Core Units.



Congratulations to USAR Class 2025.

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