National Volunteer Fire Council

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2018

by the numbers

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Membership

24,551 individuals, departments, state associations, and corporations are members of the NVFC.

VOLUNTEER VOICES

1,200 NVFC members logged in to the new Volunteer Voices member forum in its first two months, participating in nearly **200** discussions.

National Junior Firefighter Program

2,352 junior firefighters and

2,261 local programs in

50 states are registered with the National Junior Firefighter Program.

Training

65 courses are currently offered through the NVFC Virtual Classroom. New courses added in 2018 include an 8-module course on becoming a company officer, a course on the importance of firefighter physicals, and a course outlining a fire chief's authority to adapt NFPA standards.

1,459 individuals registered for **4,552** courses with the NVFC Virtual Classroom in 2018.

17 in-person workshops were offered in locations across the country.

124 attendees from **28** states participated in the NVFC's fourth Training Summit, held June 1-2 in Concord, NC.

67 students took the in-person Wildland Fire Assessment Program workshop. WFAP is a partnership between the NVFC and U.S. Forest Service to train fire service volunteers to properly conduct safety assessments for homes in the wildland-urban interface.

68 of the students received a scholarship to attend.

$55,000 was awarded to the NVFC as part of the Motorola Solutions Foundation's public safety grants to help the NVFC provide more volunteer firefighters and EMS providers with free online and in-person training.

Advocacy

8,115 letters to Congress were sent by NVFC members through the NVFC's Legislative Action Center in 2018 to support the NVFC's legislative priorities.

Make Me A Firefighter

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3,198 volunteer opportunities are posted through the Make Me A Firefighter campaign.

603,425 clicks on opportunities and **8,340** applications have been completed by potential volunteers.

7,008 departments are registered with the NVFC's Make Me A Firefighter recruitment campaign. Register for free at **http://portal.nvfc.org**.

$2.8 million was awarded to the NVFC through a federal SAFER grant to help the NVFC continue its recruitment and retention work over the next four years.

Fire Corps

23,518 volunteers from **48** states and

1,724 programs are registered with the national Fire Corps program.

Health and Safety

An average of **46** calls per month were made to the Fire/EMS Helpline for support with behavioral health issues. Part of the NVFC's Share the Load™ program, the Helpline is run by American Addiction Centers.

11 best practices for preventing firefighter cancer are detailed in the *Lavender Ribbon Report*, a joint effort from the NVFC and the IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section.

6 new animated videos and infographs were released to motivate responders to Serve Strong by focusing on health and safety.

32,000 printed copies of the second *Firefighter Strong* newsletter were distributed to provide information, tips, and resources regarding firefighter health and safety.

3,226 downloads have been made of the *Fire Department Pipeline Response Emergency Planning & Preparedness Toolkit*. This joint effort of the NVFC and Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration helps fire departments plan, prepare for, and respond to pipeline incidents.

20,000 visits were made to the Safety Stand Down web site. A joint initiative of the NVFC and IAFC Safety, Health, and Survival Section, Safety Stand Down took place June 17-23 and focused on the importance of annual firefighter medical/physicals.

$810,000 was awarded to the NVFC through a federal Fire Prevention & Safety grant to help the organization implement a series of fire service health & safety initiatives over the next two years.

Recognition

4 achievement awards were presented to outstanding members of the fire service during the NVFC's spring meeting in April 2018.

Grants and Scholarships

$214,000 in grants was awarded to **43** fire departments through the Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade program. Since the program began in 2006, more than **$2.4 million** in grants and educational materials have been awarded. Georgia-Pacific also provides NVFC memberships to all applicants.

52 sets of turnout gear were awarded to **13** departments in the Globe Gear Giveaway program, a partnership between Globe by MSA, DuPont, and the NVFC. Globe also sponsored **500** department memberships in the NVFC. Since the program began in 2012, **455** sets of gear have been provided to **95** volunteer departments in need.

$50,000 in training grants was awarded to **10** fire departments through a partnership with Josh Cellars.

$100,000 was donated to the NVFC by ADT as part of a partnership to help support the NVFC's initiatives and increase volunteer firefighter recruitment.

2 scholarships were awarded to NVFC members to attend Columbia Southern University. Since the scholarship program launched in 2009, **20** scholarships have been awarded to NVFC members.

500 carbon monoxide alarms were provided to **20** departments in **13** states to distribute in their communities as part of the Fire Corps/First Alert Carbon Monoxide Alarm Donation Program.

$6,500 in stipends was distributed through the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund to **26** fire service volunteers impacted by large-scale disasters in 2018.

Social Media

@ 214,780 web site visits in 2018

65,140 Facebook likes - @nvfc1

11,272 Twitter followers - @nvfc

We're now on Instagram! - @mynvfc

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