



## Cosponsor the FIRE STATION Act

- **What would the FIRE STATION Act do?**

The Facilitating Investments Required for Emergency Services To All Towns In Our Nation (FIRE STATION) Act would authorize a one-time \$750 million appropriation to help local fire and EMS agencies modify, upgrade, and build new stations and/or training facilities.

- **Why do fire and EMS agencies need help with facilities construction?**

According to a 2024 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) report, 21,710 fire stations across the U.S. are over 40 years old. These stations have a replacement cost of \$143.1 billion. Fire stations that are over 40 years old are more likely to have problems that cannot be addressed through repair and maintenance alone. Among the most common issues with older fire stations are lack of exhaust emission control, lack of backup power, lack of separate facilities for female personnel, and need for mold remediation.

- **Where is the need for facilities upgrades most acute?**

Many fire stations over 40 years old serve smaller communities. According to the same NFPA report referenced above, one third of the fire stations that are over 40 years old serve communities with under 2,500 residents. These fire stations have a replacement cost of \$38.3 billion.

- **How does the FIRE STATION Act ensure that smaller communities access grant funding?**

The FIRE STATION Act allocates a minimum of 25 percent of the funding for volunteer fire and EMS departments and an additional 25 percent of the funding for competition between career, combination, and volunteer agencies. There is also a \$7.5 million cap on awards to any one agency.

- **Status**

Soon to be reintroduced in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, as of January 27. Bill numbers in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress were H.R. 1814/ S. 977