

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program helps over 1 million firefighters throughout the United States meet their baseline equipment needs, and plays a critical role in the nation's emergency response capabilities.

Based on the statistics below, the AFG program is working. Since the program's inception in 2001, first responder capabilities have improved, showing real progress and real results.



51% of all fire departments cannot equip all firefighters on a shift with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); down from 70% in 2001.



Three out of five (63%) departments have at least one piece of personal protective clothing that is 10 years old, but this is down from 74% in 2001 and up from 59% in 2005.



46% of all fire departments have not formally trained all of their personnel involved in structural firefighting; down from 55% in 2001.



Nearly half (46%) of all fire department engines and pumpers were at least 15 years old, down from 51% in 2001 and 50% in 2005. There were also roughly 9,000 engines in the U.S. that were at least 30 years old in 2010.



48% of all fire departments responsible for emergency medical service (EMS) have not formally trained all of their personnel; down from 54% in 2001.

Support the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (equipment) program for FY 2015.