

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 2010 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 US 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 2014.

\*Source:  
Third Needs Assessment of the U.S. Fire Service  
[www.nfpa.org/assets/files//2011NeedsAssessment.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files//2011NeedsAssessment.pdf)