



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS WORKERS

are invaluable members of any community and are responsible for saving lives as well as millions of taxpayer dollars across our state. Each day, volunteers give up time with their families and busy lives to answer the call of duty, which is why I have fought to bring better support to our incredible heroes.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS WORKERS SAVE YOUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS!

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 Around 94% of fire departments in New York are volunteer departments (USFA) consisting of nearly 81,000 volunteers.
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 There are about 33,000 volunteer EMS workers operating out of more than 1,100 ambulance services.
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 Volunteers save New Yorkers \$4.7 billion each year.
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 New recruitment efforts and incentives are vital as the number of volunteer firefighters nationwide has declined.
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 Property Taxes would increase 28.4% if all volunteer fire departments were replaced with career paid fire service.

Information provided by <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/statistics/states/newyork.html> and <https://asnyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/FASNY-Economic-Study-2023.pdf>



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In order to make our incredible volunteers feel supported and attract more volunteer sign ups, I have made it a priority to sponsor and co-sponsor legislation in Albany:

- ✔ **A. 8082** - Would establish a retirement service credit for volunteer fire or emergency service workers.
- ✔ **A.6414** - Would enact the "omnibus emergency services volunteer incentive act" to provide certain benefits to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.
- ✔ **A.6790A** - Would raise the current tax credit from \$200 to \$800 for individual volunteer firefighters and up to \$1,600 for joint filers.
- ✔ **A.7908** - Would create a service learning program for students serving as active volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers.



**FIREFIGHTER
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I encourage any individual interested in giving back to their community to visit their local volunteer fire company and explore the options available to them and sign up.



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