

4th Needs Assessment of the U.S. Fire Service

STAFFING



Percentage of female firefighters: **10%**



There is a less frequent assignment of at least 4 career firefighters to an engine or pumper.



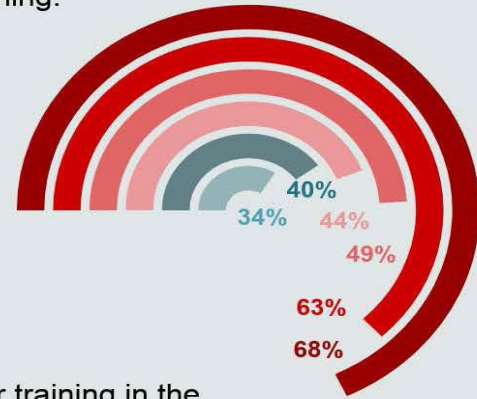
Resulting in reduced compliance with **NFPA 1710**

Many volunteer, or mostly volunteer, departments do meet **NFPA 1720**, which calls for 4 firefighters on site before interior attack begins.

TRAINING

Percentage of departments that perform the service but need training:

- Fire Prevention
- WUI / Wildland
- Structural Firefighting
- Hazmat
- Technical Rescue
- EMS

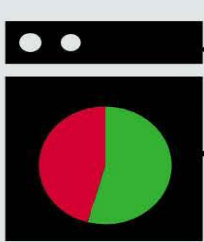


3 greatest needs for training in the U.S. fire service:

- ▶ Fire Prevention
- ▶ Wildland Firefighting
- ▶ Hazmat

CANCER & CONTAMINATION

45% of departments have insufficient reserve PPE



Only HALF (54.3%) of departments can clean their PPE

- ▬▬▬ **43.1%**
- ▬▬▬ Less than half of departments test & inspect their PPE each year
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53% of departments cannot equip all on-duty firefighters with SCBA

SMALL COMMUNITIES



The smaller the community, the greater the need.

49% of departments protect communities of fewer than **2,500** people.



Of the 396,000 firefighters that protect these communities, **96%** are volunteers.

■ Volunteer (96%) ■ Career (4%)

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS



80% of departments do not have a behavioral health program

73% departments do not provide a program to maintain basic health & fitness



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

3/4 of all departments do not have a hazard mitigation planning risk assessment.



Top 3 needs of programs/prevention activities:

- ▶ Wildfire Safety Program
- ▶ Home Fire Sprinkler Education
- ▶ Car Seat Installation