



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

prevention — protection — enforcement

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

July 27, 2023

Dear South Dakota Volunteer Fire Departments:

The State Fire Marshal's Office in partnership with the South Dakota Firefighters Association is pleased to announce the availability of grant funding for Volunteer Fire Departments to purchase personal protective equipment. To be eligible, department membership must be at least 70% unpaid, volunteer firefighters.

In March, Governor Noem signed HB 1127, which was passed by the 2023 South Dakota Legislature. HB 1127 appropriates \$5 million to the Department of Public Safety for the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment for volunteer fire departments statewide. The funds are being distributed by the State Fire Marshal in coordination with the South Dakota Firefighters Association.

Included with this letter is the South Dakota Volunteer Firefighter PPE Grant packet, which includes grant guidance, an application, and a grant agreement.

Please complete and sign the enclosed application and send it to the following address:

SD State Fire Marshal's Office
221 S Central Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Signed applications must be received by October 1, 2023.

You will also receive a grant application via email and the documents will be posted to SFMO and SDFFA websites for you to complete them electronically.

Please contact our office at (605)773-3562 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Merriman
State Fire Marshal