



# 115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS (2017-18) LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT

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Bills are listed in chronological order based on the date of their most recent change in status. Active legislation is listed first, followed by bills that have been enacted.

## NVFC PRIORITY LEGISLATION

These are bills that the NVFC is actively supporting in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress that have been identified by the Legislative Committee as priorities for passage.

### ACTIVE

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
FY 2019 AFG/SAFER Appropriations	S. 3109 None Assigned	Capito (R-WV) Not introduced	Reported by Committee 6/21/2018 Reported by Committee 7/25/2018
<b><u>FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Advances in the Senate</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
FY 2019 USFA Appropriations	S. 3109 None Assigned	Capito (R-WV) Not introduced	Reported by Committee 6/21/2018 Reported by Committee 7/25/2018
<b><u>FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Advances in the Senate</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
FY 2019 VFA Appropriations	H.R. 6147 S. 3073	Calvert (R-CA) Murkowski (R-AK)	Passed House 7/19/2018 Passed Committee 6/14/2018
<b><u>House and Senate Committees Pass FY 2019 Interior Appropriations Bills</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Fire Police Fairness Act	H.R. 3918 S. 2871	Courtney (D-CT) Blumenthal (D-CT)	Introduced 10/3/2017 Introduced 5/16/2018
<b><u>Legislation Introduced Clarifying that Fire Police are Public Safety Officers</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA)	H.R. 1550 S. 1238 H.R. 5282 S. 2526	Reichert (R-WA) Collins (R-ME) Kelly (R-PA) Hatch (R-UT)	Introduced 3/15/2017 Introduced 5/25/2017 Introduced 3/14/2018 Introduced 3/8/2018

[Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Bills Introduced in the Senate](#)  
[Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act Introduced in the House](#)

**ENACTED**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Firefighter Cancer Registry Act	<b>H.R. 931</b> S. 382	<b>Collins (R-NY)</b> Menendez (D-NJ)	<b>Became Law 7/7/2018</b> Reported by Committee 4/24/2018

[Firefighter Cancer Registry Act Passes House, Goes to President](#)

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
FY 2018 AFG/SAFER Appropriations	H.R. 3355 H.R. 3354 <b>H.R. 1625</b>	Carter (R-TX) Calvert (R-CA) <b>Royce (R-CA)</b>	Reported by Committee 7/21/2017 Passed House 9/14/2017 <b>Became Law 3/23/2018</b>

[Congress Passes FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill with Increased Funding for Emergency Services](#)

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FY 2018 USFA Appropriations	H.R. 3355 H.R. 3354 <b>H.R. 1625</b>	Carter (R-TX) Calvert (R-CA) <b>Royce (R-CA)</b>	Reported by Committee 7/21/2017 Passed House 9/14/2017 <b>Became Law 3/23/2018</b>

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Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
FY 2018 VFA Appropriations	H.R. 3354 <b>H.R. 1625</b>	Carter (R-TX) <b>Royce (R-CA)</b>	Passed House 9/14/2017 <b>Became Law 3/23/2018</b>

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Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Ambulance Transport Add-on Payments	H.R. 3729 S.967 <b>H.R. 1892</b>	Nunes (R-CA) Stabenow (D-MI) <b>Larson (D-CT)</b>	Reported by Committee 12/21/2017 Introduced 4/27/2017 <b>Became Law 2/9/2018</b>

[New Federal Budget Law Includes Several Fire and EMS Provisions](#)

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
AFG/SAFER Reauthorization	S. 829 H.R. 3881 <b>H.R. 4661</b>	McCain (R-AZ) Pascrell (D-NJ) <b>Comstock (R-VA)</b>	Passed Senate 8/2/2017 Introduced 9/28/2017 <b>Became Law 1/3/2018</b>

[President Signs Reauthorization of AFG/SAFER/USFA Into Law](#)

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LOSAP Cap Act	H.R. 1720 s. 1239 <b>H.R. 1</b>	King (R-NY) Collins (R-ME) <b>Brady (R-TX)</b>	Introduced 3/24/2017 Introduced 5/25/2017 <b>Became Law 12/22/2017</b>
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**Congress Passes Tax Reform Legislation Including NVFC-Supported Provisions**

**NVFC ACTIVE SUPPORT LEGISLATION**

These are bills that the NVFC is actively supporting in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**ACTIVE**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
State Fire Assistance Grant Program Appropriations	H.R. 6147 S. 3073	Calvert (R-CA) Murkowski (R-AK)	Passed House 7/19/2018 Passed Committee 6/14/2018

**House and Senate Committees Pass FY 2019 Interior Appropriations Bills**

**NVFC Co-Signs Letter to Congress in Support of SFA and VFA Programs**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
National EMS Memorial Act	H.R. 1031 S. 1692	Lynch (D-MA) Coons (D-DE)	Passed House 7/18/2018 Passed Committee 6/6/2018

**National EMS Memorial Legislation Advances**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Help Encourage a Lifetime of Public Service (HELPS) Act	S. 3124	Heitkamp (D-ND)	Introduced 6/25/2018

**Senate Bill Introduced to Give Volunteer Emergency Responders Student Debt Relief**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
SIREN Act	H.R. 5429 S. 2830	Gianforte (R-MT) Durbin (D-IL)	Introduced 4/5/2018 Introduced 5/10/2018

**NVFC Asks Congress to Pass Rural EMS Grant Bill**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Volunteer First Responder Loan Forgiveness Act	S. 2207	Tester (D-MT)	Introduced 12/7/2017

**Senate Bill Introduced to Make Volunteers Eligible for Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Program**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Volunteer First Responder Housing Act	S. 1831	Heitkamp (D-ND)	Introduced 9/19/2017

**Volunteer First Responder Housing Act Introduced in Senate**

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Thin Blue Line Act	H.R. 115 S. 1085	Buchanan (R-FL) Toomey (R-PA)	Passed House 5/18/2017 Introduced 5/10/2017
<b><u>House of Representatives Passes the Thin Blue Line Act</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act	H.R. 1991	Barletta (R-PA)	Introduced 4/6/2017
<b><u>Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act Introduced in the House</u></b>			

## ENACTED

Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act	H.R. 949 S. 597 <b>H.R. 1625</b>	Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) Casey (D-PA) <b>Royce (R-CA)</b>	Introduced 3/9/2017 Introduced 3/9/2017 <b>Became Law 3/23/2018</b>
<b><u>Congress Passes FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill with Increased Funding for Emergency Services</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Honoring Hometown Heroes Act	<b>H.R. 1892</b> S. 1108	<b>Larson (D-CT)</b> Tester (D-MT)	<b>Became Law 2/9/2018</b> Introduced 5/11/2017
<b><u>New Federal Budget Law Includes Several Fire and EMS Provisions</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act	H.R. 1481 S. 602 <b>H.R. 1</b>	Reed (R-NY) Collins (R-ME) <b>Brady (R-TX)</b>	Introduced 3/9/2017 Introduced 3/9/2017 <b>Became Law 12/22/2017</b>
<b><u>Congress Passes Tax Reform Legislation Including NVFC-Supported Provisions</u></b>			
Bill Description	Bill Number(s)	Sponsor	Status
Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act	<b>H.R. 304</b> S. 916	<b>Hudson (R-NC)</b> Cassidy (R-LA)	<b>Became Law 11/17/2017</b> Passed Senate 5/23/2018
<b><u>Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act Passes House, Goes to President</u></b>			

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