



4 FIRE FIGHTERS 4 YOUR SAFETY IS ABOUT...

FASTER RESPONSE, SAFER OUTCOMES

- In an emergency, every second counts.
- The smallest delay can be the difference between life and death.
- According to the Fire Safety Research Institute, fire is getting faster. Because of synthetic materials, furniture, and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before. In 30 seconds, a small flame can become a major fire.
- Occupants have just 3 minutes to escape a fire today – compared to 17 minutes 40 years ago.
- 4 fire fighters can immediately begin coordinated operations, minimizing delays in rescues and fire suppression.
- This means better health outcomes for patients, less property damage, and reduced risk of injury or death for both fire fighters and Canadians.
- Having 4 fire fighters per apparatus – on-shift and ready to respond – is the best way to keep the communities fire fighters serve safe during emergencies.

REDUCED RISK TO FIRE FIGHTERS

- Firefighting isn't a one-person job.
- Currently, many of Atlantic Canada's cities and municipalities are sending 2 or 3 fire fighters to respond to structure fires and other emergencies. Some are sending only a single fire fighter to the scene.
- This isn't only dangerous for the fire fighters responding, but for all residents in Atlantic Canada.
- Understaffed fire departments lead to increased risks of injury or death for fire fighters and increases their exposure to harmful toxins and carcinogens.
- Understaffing also increases the chance of burnout, which only worsens staffing challenges.

STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

- Properly staffed departments are critical to a strong, reliable emergency response system.
- 4 fire fighters per apparatus brings Atlantic Canada in line with the National Fire Prevention Association's (NFPA) standards, which recommends minimum staffing levels for the fire service.
 - The NFPA is a leading, internationally recognized fire prevention association that makes recommendations based on years of research and collaboration with fire service leaders and experts.
- 4 fire fighters per apparatus means safer communities and stronger emergency response.

