



Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

Reference: South Dakota Department of Public Safety Grant

Date: May 7, 2026

The Deadwood Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for the South Dakota Department of Public Safety Grant. The grant would provide for the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE replacement is essential to maintain protection, prevent cancer from carcinogen build up, and to ensure compliance with NFPA 1851 standards. The recommendation is to replace gear no more than 10 years after the manufacture date. Damaged or older gear loses its ability to protect against heat, toxic chemicals and firefighter injury. The grant application period is open until August 1, 2026. Any unallocated funding will be awarded through additional application periods until funds are depleted.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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Dear South Dakota Volunteer Fire Departments,

During the 2026 Legislative Session, SB 136 appropriated funds to the South Dakota Department of Public Safety to provide grants to qualifying volunteer fire departments to assist with the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE).

Departments interested in participating in this grant opportunity have until August 1st, 2026, to submit their application.

Included with this letter is the SD Volunteer Firefighter PPE Grant guidance and application. Grant applications can also be found at sd.gov/dps.

Completed grant applications can be submitted electronically or via mail. Any unallocated funding will be awarded through additional application periods until funding is depleted.

Please contact us if you have any questions,

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