

Today's fire fighters face many different situations every time they are called out. They respond immediately no matter what may be waiting for them when they arrive. Many fire departments face financial hardships when it comes to ensuring that their firefighters receive adequate training in all facets of emergency response.

This year there is a combined check off on the Iowa Income Tax Return forms. Donations to the joint Veteran's Fund/Fire Fighter Preparedness Fund Check Off will be split evenly between the two funds. Taxpayers can designate \$1 or more of their refund to go towards this check off. You may also contribute if you owe taxes, it will just increase the amount you need to pay. Your donation will qualify as a charitable contribution on next year's tax return.

All monies in the Volunteer Fire Fighter Preparedness Fund will go toward the training of Iowa's volunteer fire fighters.

For more information on the Volunteer Fire Fighter Preparedness Tax Check-Off go to www.iafireassn.org or contact Wendy Lensing, Executive Director for the Iowa Firefighters Association at 515-332-1503.