

SENATOR TESTER'S WORK FOR FIREFIGHTERS

As Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, Senator Tester is always working to deliver Montana's firefighters every tool and resource they need to get the job done.



STATE & LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS

- » Senator Tester is a **consistent supporter of AFG and SAFER**, the main sources of federal funding for Montana fire departments.
- » Senator Tester was key to passing the **Fire Grants and Safety Act** to ensure firefighters have the resources and staffing they need to do their jobs safely.
- » Senator Tester introduced the **Fire Station Construction Grant Act** to help maintain, upgrade, and build firehouses.
- » Senator Tester introduced the **Volunteer First Responder Housing Act** to help volunteer first responders afford housing.
- » Senator Tester backs the **SIREN Reauthorization Act** to support rural fire and EMS services.

FEDERAL & WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

- » Senator Tester **secured significant pay raises** for federal wildland firefighters in his Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- » Senator Tester led the charge to introduce and pass the **First Responders Fair RETIRE Act** to make sure federal firefighters and first responders keep their full retirement benefits if they return to service in another position.
- » Senator Tester helped pass the **Fairness for Federal Firefighters Act** to create a presumption that certain cancers and cardiovascular disease are job-related to make it easier to obtain workers' compensation and disability benefits they deserve.

