

# FIRE STATION FUND



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## What Is The Fire Station Fund?

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Imagine you're fast asleep after a long day at work when suddenly alarms start blaring. The clock reads 3:08 a.m.; a dispatcher's voice dictating details of yet another 9-1-1 call. Jumping out of bed, you pull on all your gear, including boots, in less than one minute and run to join the team heading out to respond to the latest incident.

After spending grueling hours at the emergency, you return back to the station, exhausted. It is now 5:30 a.m. and while your shift ends at 7, you know there's a high probability that you will report to several more calls before clocking out. You go to the kitchen to make a cup of coffee and realize the machine is broken. Unfortunately, members of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department do not have to imagine it. They live it every day.

**The Fire Station Fund** was created to improve the working and living conditions for firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics at all 36 AFRD fire stations, including the five located at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Atlanta firefighters and EMTs work 24-hour shifts, which means the stations are not only their workplace but also their second home. All day every day, someone is using the washers, dryers, ice machines, coffee makers, kitchen faucets, and refrigerators while someone else is relaxing in a recliner watching tv. It's no surprise that the heavy usage leads to breaks. What may surprise you is that the replacement is not covered by the city's budget.



# What Can I Donate?

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Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation supports members of the AFRD by responding to needs not met through the city's budgeting process.

## **Our Goal is to Support All 36 Stations Every Year**

Your gift to the Fire Station Fund will allow AFRF to purchase replacement items so that our stations are fully stocked to meet our firefighters' needs.

- **General Support**—Gifts under \$5,000 will go towards the Fire Station Fund. Donors will be informed how gifts are used and the station(s) who benefit from donations received. A general gift to the Fire Station Fund allows the Foundation to address the current and future emergency needs of our community fire stations while continuously addressing equity in the stations. Whether it's workout equipment, a refrigerator, pots and pans, or a washer and dryer, every station deserves to have equipment that holds up to the wear and tear of a fire station.
- **Adoption**—With a gift of \$5,000 or more, donors can adopt particular stations. The Foundation strongly encourages donors to use their gift to support at least two fire stations. In the event that a station is adopted, the donor agrees to our restricted funding policy listed below. The station "adopted" will also receive a plaque recognizing the donor. The donor will also be highlighted in the organization's annual report, social media and Firefighter Friday newsletter.

***Example:** In 2019, the Buckhead Rotary Foundation adopted Station 21 on Roswell Road with a gift of \$25,000. This gift allowed the Foundation to prioritize station needs with those that focused on the physical well-being of our firefighters. The Foundation purchased a commercial washer and dryer as a way to help prevent cancer amongst firefighters. With the remaining funding, the Foundation purchased an emergency kitchen stove that was reported out of service for nearly a year.*

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- **In-Kind Donations**—If you wish to make an in-kind donation to the Fire Station Fund, please send an email to [s.smith@atlfrf.org](mailto:s.smith@atlfrf.org) AFRF’s Fire Station Fund 3 describing whether the item is new or used. Used items must be in “nearly new” quality. Foundation staff will work with you and your community to ensure that your donations are directed to a fire station that can use them. Approved items should be mailed or delivered to the Foundation office. The Foundation will ensure the donation is delivered to its designated location. **It is strictly prohibited to deliver or mail any donation directly to an AFRD facility or fire station.**

*Example: On February 26, Station 2 called the Foundation explaining that their coffee maker was broken and was not on the city’s replacement item. The firefighters added that “coffee” is often as essential as a firefighter’s turnout gear and a fire station stove. Two days later, their coffee maker was replaced with a coffee maker donated by Waffle House.*

### Approved Fire Station Items

- **Office Equipment**—furniture, fax machines, printers, computers, and supplies
- **Kitchen**—pots and pans, ice machines, kitchen appliances, small appliances, plates, cups, and silverware
- **Bedroom**—mattresses, linens, sleeping bags
- **Outdoor**—power tools, hand tools, generators, lawn mowers or other landscaping equipment, compressors, building materials, securable storage facilities, outdoor grills, unused American flags
- **Household and Miscellaneous Items**—training room exercise equipment, resident and commercial washer/dryer combos, specialized firefighting, rescue and medical equipment, televisions, fan, furniture, blinds or curtains, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

If you would like to launch a community or peer-to-peer fundraiser to support our fire stations, please call **Shirley Anne Smith** at **404-538-7112** or email [s.smith@atlfrf.org](mailto:s.smith@atlfrf.org) for further assistance.



As a 501(c) 3 organization, monetary donations to the Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation are considered tax deductible. The Foundation’s EIN is 30-0245635.