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(Washington, DC) - Seventy-two percent of America's firefighters report for duty and do not get paid. Now, a new effort is under way in Washington, D.C., to give a tax credit to those men and women.

Rep. Jason Altmire, D-Pa., introduced the measure, which would provide them with a \$1,000 tax credit.

The goal, Altmire said, is to thank volunteer firefighters and to entice new recruits.

"They're sacrificing so much of their time, so we offer this as a way to say thank you for what they do and to help recruit new people and to reward them for the years of time that they've put in," said Altmire.

"The numbers are declining and not only are the numbers declining, the type of fire calls and the training that's needed is increasing," said Ross Township Fire Marshal John Reubi.

Pennsylvania had 300,000 volunteer firefighters in 1976. Today, that number stands at roughly 72,000.