



# Wildland Fire District Fire Stations

Department of Public Safety

## Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$2,525,058 in one-time funding to construct new district fire stations in Rapid City and Hot Springs. These stations support state wildland firefighters as they work alongside local and federal partners to protect the Black Hills from wildfires.

The existing fire stations no longer meet the needs of Wildland Fire due to size restrictions and safety concerns. These concerns have been identified by a structural engineer and the Office of Risk Management. These new facilities will ensure that Wildland Fire is able to serve and protect the Black Hills for decades to come.

## Rapid City Fire Station

The Governor is recommending \$1,325,058 in general funds to construct a new district fire station in Rapid City.

The existing Rapid City station has significant size limitations in addition to safety concerns. This facility is too small to house fire engines, it has serious safety concerns, and it is not able to be renovated or expanded in its current location. The new facility will address these concerns and ensure that Wildland Fire is properly equipped to protect Rapid City and the surrounding Black Hills from wildfires.

## Hot Springs Fire Station

The Governor is recommending \$1,200,000 in general funds to construct a new fire station in Hot Springs. This funding would allow Wildland Fire to move their fire station in Hot Springs to the State Veterans' Home campus.

The existing Hot Springs station is too small and cannot be expanded in its current location. The shop area of the fire station is not large enough to house the existing fire engines and is not insulated, so the engines have to be winterized during the winter. In addition, the floor in the shop area is dirt, and several poles that support the building are broken.