



**SAVE AMERICA'S
WORKING VEHICLES**

KEEPING FIRST RESPONDERS EQUIPPED TO SAVE LIVES

First responders depend on ATVs and UTVs on the front lines of emergencies across the country, where every second counts. Section 232 tariffs on these vehicles threaten to drive up the costs and put this critical equipment out of reach for the selfless emergency personnel who count on it to keep Americans safe.

First Responders are Stretched Thin

- Public safety agencies are already juggling rising costs, and in recent years fire departments received only **10%** of the funding they requested, leaving limited room in their budgets for new vehicles.
- Unstable weather patterns are increasing the frequency of natural disasters. The number of billion-dollar disasters has surged, reaching an average of **\$149 billion** per year in the 2020s.
- Fire departments are facing a truck crisis, with prices of fire engines increasing by **200%** over the past five years, while wait times for new trucks have doubled.
- Emergency services spend **60-85%** of their budgets on personnel costs – they can't afford to adjust their allocation to include unforeseen expenses.
- Over the past two decades, the nation's volunteer fire service has lost **25%** of its members, while call volume to fire departments has exploded.



How Working Vehicles Advance Public Safety

ATVs and UTVs are mission-critical tools that expand reach, increase response speed, and help save American lives.

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Fire departments use UTVs equipped with rescue units to put out small blazes before they become difficult to contain, reaching terrain in which firetrucks cannot safely operate.

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At public events, ATVs and UTVs help officers and medics weave through crowds quickly to provide on-site care.

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During floods, UTVs set up for high-water rescue or evacuation allow crews to move people, supplies, and medical equipment through streets and fields that are too deep or unstable for standard trucks.

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Search-and-rescue teams rely on off-road vehicles outfitted with medical gear to reach people in emergencies. These vehicles can be the difference between life and death when every minute matters.

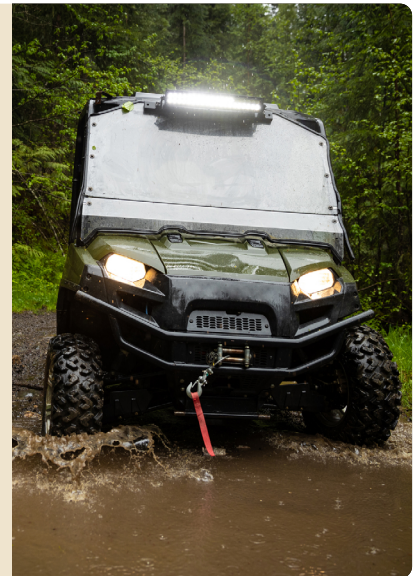


In June, a rescue team from New Hampshire Fish and Game used ATVs to conduct a search operation on Mt. Lafayette, saving two groups of stranded hikers.

Preparing First Responders for Every Emergency

To keep America's first responders ready, equipped, and able to reach people wherever emergencies happen, policymakers must establish targeted measures to protect the working vehicles that our safety agencies rely on.

Provide tariff relief for ATVs and UTVs used by fire departments, EMS agencies, sheriff's offices, and emergency management teams.



Our nation's first responders are among the most trusted and respected professionals in America. They run toward danger where others run away. Ensuring these agencies can afford the off-road working vehicles that help them reach emergencies promptly is a practical, common-sense step to keeping communities safe.