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## **Build with Strength Welcomes the Brigantine Beach Fire Company**

### ***Coalition Welcomes Local Firefighters In Support Of Improving Fire Safety In New Buildings***

**Silver Spring, MD** – Build with Strength, a coalition of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association comprised of fire service professionals, architects, engineers and industry experts committed to enacting safer and more sustainable building standards in states across the country such as New Jersey, is pleased to welcome the Brigantine Beach Fire Company as a new coalition member. Local firefighters with the company join a growing alliance in New Jersey that is committed to working with the legislature to improve building and fire safety standards for developments throughout the state.

“We are pleased to join this effort with Build with Strength, given our mutual commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of residents across the state, including here in Brigantine Beach,” said Chief Tiger Platt. “As firefighters, we witness first-hand the devastation caused by fires, and are firmly committed to efforts underway to help improve building standards intended to deter fires in the first place and ultimately save lives.”

Amid the increasing prevalence of fires in recent years that have affected housing developments across the country, including the AvalonBay apartment complexes in Edgewater and Maplewood, Build with Strength is working with firefighters, government officials, civic organizations and building trades union leaders to address potential causes of these fires relating to building safety standards. In reviewing current building and fire safety codes, the coalition is working to identify areas in need of improvement, particularly in updating building codes by including the use of non-combustible materials to minimize the risk of fires.

As the nation’s urban centers continue to grow and demand for housing increases, Build with Strength is working to ensure the safety of new buildings, particularly those intended for communities at risk such as low- and moderate-income residents.

“Build with Strength stands ready to work with local officials and fire departments such as the Brigantine Beach Fire Company to encourage more resilient construction in residential communities across New Jersey,” said Kevin Lawlor, a spokesperson for Build with Strength.

“We are pleased to have Chief Platt and his department as a partner in our effort to ensure safer and more durable building safety standards moving forward.”

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