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Maryland Candidates Questionnaire

1-Do you support maintaining Current level of Budget Funding for the Maryland State Firemen's Association?

Yes     No

2-Will you support putting additional loan funds in the VCAF (Volunteer Company Assistance Loans) program so that more low interest loans can be made through the Maryland Military Dept and the Maryland State Firemen's Association?

Yes     No

3-Do you understand the critical situation of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue System in Maryland and support additional State Benefit incentives (additional income tax deductions/reduction of state fees) for Volunteer Fire and EMS personnel?

Yes     No

4-Would you support state funded accessibility to family Health insurance for volunteer fire and rescue personnel?

Yes     No

5-Would you support modifying the Workmen's Compensation Insurance allocation model for Fire/EMS Assumption Claims to be pro-rated by the claimant's employment or volunteer service location rather than the current last exposure insured.  Yes     No

6-Would you support additional funding models for fire and rescue services in Maryland?  Yes     No

7-Would you support providing additional funding for the rural counties to raise the compensation level of EMT's and Paramedics in each jurisdiction to reduce the critical EMT/Paramedic Shortage in rural areas?  Yes     No

Would you support legislation for any of the above issues – Please indicate below:

Anne Arundel County is facing a public safety crisis: too often County fire and EMS services are understaffed and forced to respond to emergencies with one or two staff members on a truck. While their efforts are supported by the tremendous work of volunteer fire and rescue personnel, we must find more funding at the local and state levels to boost funding for both professional and volunteer personnel to adequately address public safety issues, reduce response times, and ensure personnel are not put into unsafe situations.

Signature: Sarah K. Elfreh

Return Questionnaire by September 25, 2018 to:

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