

Maryland Candidates Questionnaire for MSFA Jim Mathais

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

Yes

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

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

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

Yes

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

Would you support additional funding models for fire and rescue services in Maryland?

Yes

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

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

Yes, as a life member of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, ten year chaplain, and humble and proud inductee of the MSFA hall of fame I am proud to represent the needs of our volunteers, first responders and the entire public safety team that keep the people of our community safe and strong on the eastern shore and throughout Maryland. MSFA and LAMSFA can continue to count on my strong support through leadership, always. I am grateful for what you have done for our State and the Eastern Shore and it would be my honor to sponsor or cosponsor any of the aforementioned bills.