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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  YES - AS THE BUDGET ALLOWS.

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

Yes  No  I would need to research the ability to place non-state employees on state H.I. plan - I'm not sure this is possible.

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  Again, as the budget allows - MD still has a structural deficit.

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  Such a program would likely be wealth-based, not just "rural".  
Would you sponsor legislation for any of the above issues - Please indicate below:

Those who know me know that I support the volunteer system in place in many of our jurisdictions and will do what I can to continue that support. Some of the questions are difficult to answer as I am not one to make empty promises/promises that I cannot keep. I

Signature: on the initiatives and cosponsor/sponsor legislation that you deem helpful to the association. Thanks.  
Return Questionnaire by September 10, 2018 to: Maryland State Firemen's Association, 2130 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 4, Crofton, MD 21114

Funding sources need to be identified. am willing to work with you  
J. Wivell

Would you like to meet with Representatives of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for further clarification or information on these issues?

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