



## Maryland Candidates Questionnaire

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

**Yes-I understand the funding for the MSFA is vital to the operation of the volunteer fire service.**

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-These low interest loans make it possible for volunteer fire companies to build new firehouses. In my district, I know that the Parsonsburg Volunteer Fire Company used this loan and opened a new and much need firehouse.**

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-I understand that the need to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians is vital to the success of the Maryland fire service. Utilizing tax credits and other incentives is a useful tool to benefit our firefighters.**

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

**Yes-I believe that developing a beneficial program for our firefighters regarding health insurance is doable and could be a useful tool to assist with the recruitment and retention of our firefighters.**

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**

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