



Ruppersberger C.A. Dutch
Representative in Congress

Maryland Federal Candidates Questionnaire

1. Would support at least \$405 million each for the Fire Act and SAFER grant programs in FY 2019. These programs has help many departments in Maryland and across the nation, but at the present funding level there are still many department that are in need of help and there isn't enough funds to support all of their requests. We know that you have supported this program over the years and would hope that you continue to support it and look at increasing the funding. Yes No

2. Would you support \$50 million for the USFA and NFA in the FY2019 and to reauthorize the USAF. America's fire and emergency service is critically important to national preparedness and response, it needs to have a strong voice within DHS. Also, fire programs need consistent and high level of funding to provide for and to inshore that the first responders are training to the highest level. Yes No

3. Would you protect state and local benefit for volunteer firefighters by becoming an original cosponsor of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (H.R. 1550/S. 1238) and the Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act (S. 2526/H.R. 5282). Yes No

4. Would you support including the SIREN Act (Section 12628) of the Senate-passed Farm Bill in the final version of the Farm Bill (H.R. 2) that Congress will consider this summer. Yes No

5. As representative we would like for you to cosponsor H.R. 5085, and as our Senator we would ask you to consider sponsoring a companion bill to H.R. 5085. Yes No

6. Would you support (S. 2871/H.R. 3918) To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend public safety officers' death benefits to fire police officers. Yes No

7. Will you support additional federal tax incentives and/or benefits for volunteer fire and ems personnel including health care benefits and/or Federal LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) for volunteers. **YES**

Would you sponsor and/or legislation for any of the above issues – Please indicate below:

I AM ALREADY A COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5282

I WILL COSPONSOR H.R. 3918

Signature: C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger

Return Questionnaire by September 15, 2018 to:
Maryland State Firemen's Association, 2130 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 4, Crofton, MD 21114

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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