



Maryland Candidates Questionnaire

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

Yes No We should increase funding levels to ensure M.S.F.A's expansion of advocacy at the local, State + Federal levels.

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 We must do more to expand & retain our volunteer fire & EMS personnel. I have consistently co-sponsored & or supported increased incentives.

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 This is imperative. I have stations in my Dist that are under manned.

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 sponsor legislation for any of the above issues - Please indicate below:

Yes. I have supported & or co-sponsored many increased incentives for our fire & EMS personnel & would have no problem sponsoring any legislative initiatives mentioned above.

Signature: Seth Howard

Return Questionnaire by September 10, 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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