## **Maryland State Firefighters Association**

Representing The Volunteer Fire, Rescue, And EMS Personnel of Maryland.



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## SB 1092: Emergency Services – Funding

My name is Robert Phillips, I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA). The MSFA represents over 350 fire companies and the 25,000 plus volunteer Fire/EMS and Rescue first responders who are members across the state.

I wish to present testimony in favor of Senate Bill 1092: Emergency Services – Funding

The MEMSOF is a funding mechanism which contributes to the operations of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Institute, Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Service Systems, Maryland State Police Aviation Command, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and the MSFA.

The MSFA is a part of the MEMSOF having to do with the Senator AMOSS 508 Funds which assist our volunteer fire companies with keeping their equipment up to date and in proper operating condition. Without this funding there could be issues with providing the valuable services that volunteers provide to the public we serve.

The MSFA has been actively working for the adoption of a funding mechanism and thank Senator Guzzone for all his efforts working on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this very important bill and I ask for your favorable report on SB 1092.

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