

**Eastern Shore of Maryland  
Volunteer Fireman's Association**



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Senator Paul Pinsky  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Senator Pinsky,

I am writing to inform you that the Eastern Shore of Maryland Volunteer Fireman's Association at our quarterly meeting, February 16, 2020, voted to support the legislation making The State Fire Marshall the enforcing agency for sprinkler systems in Maryland. In the Senate that bill is SB746. The members of the Association believe that sprinklers save lives and consider them as one of many tools we in the fire service have available to us to protect the citizens of Maryland.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is already tasked with many law enforcement activities that pertain to fire safety in Maryland. It makes sense that they should also be involved with the installation and maintenance of sprinkler systems and enforcement of any legislation pertaining to sprinkler systems in the state.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland Volunteer Fireman's Association thank you for introducing SB746 making the State Fire Marshal's Office the enforcing agency for sprinklers in Maryland. You have our full support on this legislation.

Sincerely,

William Hildebrand  
President

