

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMS PERSONNEL OF MARYLAND.



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## **HB 1109 First Responders and Emergency Responders – Definition – 9-1-1 Dispatchers Included**

My name is Robert Phillips the Legislative Committee Chairman for the Maryland State Firefighter's Association (MSFA).

I wish to present testimony in favor of **HB 1109: First Responders and Emergency Responders – Definition – 9-1-1 Dispatchers Included**

This legislation is supported by the MSFA, we feel that the 9-1-1 dispatchers are the first link in the chain of first responders. They receive the calls for assistance and start in motion the chain of events that provide help and relief for the public during times of emergency. Without the dispatchers the first responders in the field would not be able to do their jobs and serve the public as they are our lifeline to the many assets needed in the field.

I thank the committee for their time on this important issue and ask that you FAVORABLY support House Bill 1109.

Thank you and I'd be glad to answer any questions that you might have.