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Delegate Dana Stein Testimony in Support of HB 1253 – Vehicle Laws – Lighting – Privately Owned Vehicles of Volunteer Fire Company Members

This bill would allow volunteers who are fire police to add white lights to their vehicles so they can be better seen at night. Right now, these volunteers can only use red lights that can blend into the background of an emergency scene.

The fire police are volunteer fire department members who assist the local fire company with traffic control during an emergency. They also report to the local sheriff and can be called upon to assist with many different emergencies from traffic control to looking for lost people.

By adding the white lights, they believe there would be a better margin of safety.

This Committee and the House both passed this bill unanimously last year.

I'm also pleased to add that this legislation has the support of the Maryland Fire-EMS Coalition.

I urge a favorable vote.