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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

January 20, 2025

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for House Bill 76/Senate Bill 396

Dear Chairman Smith/Guzzone, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher/Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 396: **Public Safety Officer - Performance of Duties - Death and Disability Benefit**. This bill entails altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits. It also incorporates 911 specialists to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 396 for the benefit of the families left behind in the unfortunate event of the death of first responders in the line of duty. We also are in full support of 911 specialists becoming members of LEOPS as they are an integral part of our emergency services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

Voting Organizations:

Maryland Fire Chief's Association (MFCA)
Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI)
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMMS)
Metro Fire Chief's Association
Professional Firefighters of Maryland

Our Mission Statement

The Maryland Fire/EMS Coalition unites Republicans and Democrats in support of fire/emergency services legislation that benefit all first responders. Becoming a member does not require taking positions on legislation;

rather Coalition members are asked to offer support in a way that best benefits fire/emergency services in their respective Legislative Districts.