

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

*Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
-a 501(c)3 Organization*



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Greetings from the Maryland State Firefighters Association, which represents over 350 volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue companies in the State of Maryland. Our men and women who volunteer at the fire, EMS, and rescue companies provide a vital service to their communities. Our First Responders are required to have professional training and specific certifications to respond to the emergencies and needs of others.

Our First Responders are dispatched by the 9-1-1 System to respond to emergencies where life or property are in peril. Our training prepares us to address the emergency, and our equipment and gear allow us to act in as safe a manner as possible. While the duties and job functions performed by the MDOT personnel defined in SB 805 are very important to their mission, we do not believe that they fall within the definition of a First Responder.

We therefore respectfully request an Unfavorable vote on SB805.

Respectfully submitted,

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