

# 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. They are called upon at all hours of the day and night to respond to the emergencies and needs of others.

The Maryland State Firefighters Association is in full appreciation of the services provided by our partners in the Department of Transportation. The services provided by the DOT are sometimes necessary in order for our 1<sup>st</sup> responders to gain access to the scene of an emergency and perform their duties.

While the duties performed by DOT personnel are very important, we do not believe that they should be included in the definition of a First Responder.

Therefore, we respectfully request an unfavorable vote on HB0106.

Respectfully submitted,

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