## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT



## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 24, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga Chair Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Dernoga:

Enclosed for the Prince George's County Council's consideration is a Resolution endorsing the adoption of updating the minimum training requirements for volunteer firefighters, volunteer line officers and volunteer chief officers in Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.

This plan would bring our operational volunteer members into today's national training standards and ensure the residents, businesses and visitors of Prince George's County have the highest trained personnel to mitigate their emergency. Currently, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department volunteers operate on a minimum standard from 1994 with CB-48-1994. Our department minimum standard is substandard to the national standard, and we want to change that here in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Also, with this legislative change, we will remove the specific training required to be an operational member and place it into Department General Orders, which will avoid making these types of changes in legislation in the future.

Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Tiffany D. Green, Fire Chief, Fire/EMS Department, at 301-883-5200.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

Enclosure(s)