



FIGHTING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

*"We must protect our protectors with more than just words —
we must protect them with the best equipment, training and resources.*

– U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.)

Fighting for Firefighters

- Created the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program
- Secured more than \$77 million for Maryland's firefighters for equipment, training and fire safety education
- Fought for a Hazardous Substance Training Program to educate firefighters about health risks

Fighting for Local Law Enforcement

- Secured more than \$4 billion for first responder grants since 2001
- Supported legislation to improve communication between first responders

Fighting to Improve Emergency Preparedness

- Fighting to ensure the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has the resources it needs to respond to emergencies nationwide
- Working to reform FEMA by:
 - Establishing FEMA as an independent agency to maximize effectiveness
 - Requiring that FEMA leadership have a background in crisis management and emergency response