



**Fighting for  
First Responders!**



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# Putting First Responders FIRST!

Angelo Morinello knows just how much heart, dedication, and risk goes into being a first responder. As representative for the 145th Assembly District, Angelo has advocated for first responders to get the benefits and rights they deserve after risking their lives to protect their communities.

**During the 2020 Legislative Session, Angelo has supported legislation which would:**

- **Provide death benefits** to the beneficiaries of qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who have died in the line of duty (A.550)
- **Make a permanent law for disability determinations** in regard to disease or malfunction of the heart or coronary arteries for volunteer firefighters (A.563)
- **Create special plates for emergency medical technicians** (A.3151) and paramedics (A.3156), and eliminate the annual service charge for plates
- **Provide free access to New York State parks** to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers (A.7278)
- **Create the New York State Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Fund** to support volunteer fire departments by providing them funds for equipment, recruitment, and retention programs (A.8486)



**Angelo also supported legislation and letters which related to COVID-19, first responders, and frontline workers:**

- **Reimburse first-responders** for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and support lost revenues amid COVID-19 pandemic (A.10397)
- **Provide accidental death benefits** to beneficiaries of all public employees who died of COVID-19 (A.10528)

In addition to the legislation he supported, Angelo also signed a letter to the president, Senate minority leader, and other congressional leaders encouraging them to provide aid to local governments in states which greatly suffered from COVID-19, particularly to volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical service providers.

For questions on this or any legislative matter, please contact Assemblyman Morinello's district office at [morinelloa@nyassembly.gov](mailto:morinelloa@nyassembly.gov) or 716-282-6062 or 800 Main Street, Suite 2C, Niagara Falls, NY 14301

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