



## **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