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From 2005 to 2007 I lived in Washington State where I saw numerous vehicles with the Maltese Cross firefighter emblem on their license plates. I worked for a private ambulance service which works directly with the surrounding fire departments. After talking with these firefighters I discovered these vehicles with the "fire department" license plates were all members of the IAFF(International Association of Fire Fighters) union.

As we all know, emergency apparatus have warning lights to identify themselves and to alert the public. There are many different stores where anyone is able to purchase these warning lights and to use them for unlawful purposes. A second identifier, such as a license plate, would help to eliminate this type of misuse.

I began my fire service career as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in 1994 here in Alaska. As stated above, I worked for two years in Washington State as an EMT. I now work as a full-time firefighter/EMT here in southeast Alaska and intend to complete my years of service here in the state.

Whether you are a career firefighter or a volunteer firefighter we all have a duty and the commitment to represent and serve our communities.

I would be proud to display my commitment and service!

I support HB 73 that would provide special license plates for firefighters and ems providers.

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