

Washington, DC (April 17, 2012) – Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, on Tuesday held a hearing titled "Protecting our Protectors," which examined how emergency responders can be protected during an attack or disaster, specifically a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear emergency.

Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco testified at the hearing, speaking on behalf of the first responder and local law enforcement community.

Watch Bilirakis' opening statement here:

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