

TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH DEPARTMENT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS, WHICH IS HEREBY CREATED AND WHICH SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF CHARLES COUNTY, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND THREE OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS EACH WITH VACANCIES TO BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP WAS FILLED.

THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE FINANCING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS IN CHARLES COUNTY INCLUDING THE CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD AND MAKE APPROPRIATE BIENNIAL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PROBLEMS. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS, CONSTITUTING THE PROCEEDS OF THE FIRE TAX, SHALL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE AREA SERVED BY EACH DEPARTMENT, THE NUMBER OF CALLS ANSWERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY SIMILAR STANDARDS THAT MAY BE SUGGESTED BY THE CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECEIVE LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) PER YEAR.

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The funds received by the respective Fire Departments under this act shall be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing, replacing, operating and maintaining their fire fighting equipment and apparatus and the housing of the same. The amount and type of equipment of said Fire Departments shall conform to the standards prescribed by the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association; and no resolution, regulation or bylaw shall be passed by said Fire Departments limiting or restricting the territory within the area covered by this Fire Tax within which it will respond to emergency calls.

121A.

The Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association shall, at least once each calendar year, conduct an inspection by a duly appointed committee of said Association to ascertain whether each and every Department's equipment and apparatus complies with the standards of said Association and the said Association shall, on or before the first day of December of each year, submit a report in writing to the County ~~Commissioner~~ COMMISSIONERS stating whether each Department above listed does or does not meet the standards of said Association.

121B.

Each of the respective Departments receiving benefits from this Fire Tax shall, on or before the 15th day of February of each year, submit to the County Commissioners of Charles County a financial report showing its receipts of Fire Tax monies and disbursements