

(2) Inspect the equipment of a vehicle for which a safety equipment repair order has been issued and issue a repair order certification for the vehicle; AND

(3) INSPECT AN AMBULANCE ON THE REQUEST OF ITS OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED UNDER § 13-103.1 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

### Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

7A.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article 27, Sections 742 through 755 of the Code, fire departments and rescue squads of the State or any of its political subdivisions [and], volunteer fire companies and rescue squads, AND ANY AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSED UNDER § 13-103.1 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE may request a criminal record check on an applicant for employment or appointment as a volunteer or paid fire fighter, rescue squad member, or paramedic.

(b) Upon request by an employing or appointing entity under subsection (a) of this section, an applicant for appointment or employment shall furnish a classifiable set of fingerprints to the State Fire Marshal or other appropriate authority as the State Fire Marshal shall designate by rule, for submission to the Maryland State Public Criminal Records Central Repository for a criminal record check and for forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national record check.

(c) If a county, Baltimore City, or a municipal corporation has legally designated a fire marshal to serve as deputy State fire marshal, an applicant in that jurisdiction shall, upon request, furnish the fingerprints to that deputy fire marshal, for submission to the Maryland State Police Criminal Records Central Repository for a criminal record check and for forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national record check.

(d) A fire department or rescue squad operated by the State or its political subdivisions and a volunteer fire company or rescue squad may obtain conviction and arrest records.

(e) Any volunteer or paid fire company or rescue squad may consider the existence of a criminal conviction in determining whether or not an applicant will be appointed or employed.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems elects to hire any employee of the Baltimore City Health Department to carry out the provisions of this Act, the employee, shall without any change or loss or rights or status, retain their merit system and retirement system status.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems elects to hire any employee of the Baltimore City Health Department to carry out the provisions of this Act, the employee shall be transferred to the appropriate position in the State Merit System without need for further examination and without loss of seniority. Such transferred~~