

603 (a) *The County Commissioners of Prince George's County are hereby authorized and directed to appropriate and levy annually the sum of Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000) for the use of the Prince George's County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Incorporated, and its auxiliary rescue squads. Said sum shall be paid annually to the Treasurer of said Association who shall disburse \$3,000.00 to each of the thirty-two (32) recognized volunteer fire companies of record in the Association as of January 1, 1953, for their fire fighting and rescue activities. The Treasurer is further directed to pay to the Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, the sum of \$3,000.00 annually, provided said department complies with all requirements of this Act and meets the standards of the Prince George's County Volunteer Firemen's Association.*

(b) *Said disbursements shall be only on order of the Board of Directors of said Association to the member-companies of the Association or other companies receiving payment under this Act only for the purpose of purchasing, repairing, housing, operating, and maintaining fire fighting and rescue apparatus and equipment, and insurance, and to encourage the formation of volunteer rescue units as auxiliaries to member fire companies whenever and wherever needed; provided, however, that no payment shall be made to any fire company nor made available to any rescue squad which has any resolution or regulation limiting the territory within which it will respond to emergency calls.*

(c) *Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the aforesaid sum of money to the said Firemen's Association, the Commissioners shall have the power to require the officers of said Association to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that all sums of money heretofore paid by the said Commissioners to the said Association under this sub-title have been expended for the purposes set forth herein, and also that all member-companies or other companies receiving payment under this Act in accordance with prescribed standards of the said Firemen's Association, are active fire fighting or rescue organizations with apparatus and equipment in proper working order; provided, however, that no fire company nor rescue squad not now in existing and/or of record in the said Association as of January 1, 1953, may be recognized in Prince George's County without the approval of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire-*