

lish a formula based on the recommendations of the Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad Association. Once established said formula shall be subjected to annual review and revised by mutual agreement with the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners and the Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad Association.

(b) *Payment.* The County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized and directed to pay from the General Funds of Charles County the necessary sums of monies to fulfill the requirements of subsection (a) of this section **SUMS OF MONEY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VARIOUS RESCUE SQUADS OF THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT PAYABLE TO EACH RESCUE SQUAD, USING THE FORMULA OF THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS AS A GUIDELINE. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO ANY RESCUE SQUAD WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS, AND IN NO EVENT SHALL THE SUMS OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1968-1969 BE LESS THAN \$50,000.00. Such monies shall be paid on July 1 of each year commencing July 1, 1968.**

(c) *Budget.* The Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners shall advise the County Commissioners of the sums of monies necessary to fulfill the requirements of subsection (a) of this section by April 1 of each year.

(d) *Inspection; new rescue squads.* The Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad Association shall, at least once each calendar year, conduct an inspection by a duly appointed committee of the Association to ascertain whether each rescue squad's equipment and apparatus complies with the standards of the Association. The Association shall on or before the first day of December of each year, submit a report in writing to the County Commissioners, stating whether each squad meets or fails to meet the standards of the Association. After June 1, 1965, no new volunteer rescue squads shall be formed without the express consent and approval of the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners and the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County.

(e) *Reports.* On or before February 1 of each year each rescue squad to which money is paid by the County Commissioners of Charles County shall submit a certified financial statement of its operations for the previous annual year to the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners via the Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad Association. The statement shall include the number and type of emergency calls answered by the squad, the number of miles involved in such calls, and the actual purchases and operating costs of vehicles, equipment, and housing of that squad.

(f) *Compliance with standards.* In the event any one of the rescue squads in the County fails to comply with the standards of the Association, then the funds allocated to that squad by the County Commissioners shall be withheld until the squad has complied with the standards of the Association. In the event any squad does not comply with the standards within six (6) months from the date