

partments and squads. One delegate shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park. Any vacancy occurring among delegates shall be filled within 30 days by the squad, department, or city in the manner of the original election or appointment. Such delegate shall serve until the next annual election. The chiefs and elected delegates will vote as individual representatives of their respective departments and squads and shall not be bound by their departments' or squads' decision in any vote which they shall cast as members of the Board. The Board shall have a fulltime executive assistant and, in addition, shall have such other staff employees as may be provided for in its approved budget as necessary to carry out the functions of the Board. The Board shall elect annually at its first meeting after the June election from among its members a Chairman and such other officers as provided for in its bylaws. The selection of the Chairman shall be subject to approval by the County Executive and confirmation by the County Council and if not approved, another election shall be held. The Chairman shall serve until his successor has been elected and approved.

b. Executive Committee Established and Membership.

There shall be established an executive committee of the Fire Board to consist of seven members. The Chairman of the Fire Board shall serve as committee chairman. Six of the members shall be from the fire departments; one member shall be from the rescue squads. The committee chairman may be either a member of a fire department or be the rescue squad member. The six members shall be elected annually by the Board from among its members at its first meeting after the June election. The members shall be nominated and elected so that the committee membership will fairly and broadly represent the interests of the entire fire and rescue service and the County. Not more than one member shall be from any one fire department.

c. Duties, responsibilities and authority.

1. Fire Board. The Fire Board shall have the following duties, responsibilities and authority:

(a) It shall approve the response areas of the fire and rescue services after recommendation by the executive committee.

(b) It shall prepare and maintain a map of the County showing the fire, rescue, and ambulance service areas based on the closest companies.

(c) It shall investigate, plan and approve new and relocated fire and rescue station locations and make appropriate recommendations to meet service needs; provided that final approval of locations shall be subject to approval by the County Executive in accordance with Section 2-137 and Section 27-2 of this Code.