

(A) ONE MEMBER OF A COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ONE MEMBER OF A COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD TO BE ELECTED BY THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION.

(B) ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE THREE ELECTION DISTRICTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM A LIST OF THREE (3) COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM EACH ELECTION DISTRICT, SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, NONE OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD.

(C) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A COUNTY COMMISSIONER [[.]] OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION, BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE, WITH WHATEVER POWERS AND DUTIES AND TO ESTABLISH WHATEVER TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MEMBERS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, THE RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE SHALL INCLUDE THOSE POWERS AND DUTIES REQUIRED UNDER (3), (5), AND (6) BELOW.

(3) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPROPRIATE FUNDS ANNUALLY IN AMOUNTS THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION [[.]] ; PROVIDED THAT THE MINIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT SHALL BE NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000). THE AMOUNTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A BUDGET PLAN APPROVED BY THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS SHALL BE MADE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AFTER RECEIVING THE APPROVED BUDGET PLAN FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION.

(4) ALL PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE NOT LESS OFTEN THAN SEMI-ANNUALLY AND SHALL BE ONE-HALF THE COMMISSION BUDGET PLAN AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS.

(5) THERE SHALL BE NO FIRE OR RESCUE DEPARTMENT, ANNEX OR SUB-STATION OTHER THAN THOSE NOW HOLDING REAL PROPERTY UNLESS THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FUND OTHERS NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

(6) BEFORE ANY NEW FIRE OR RESCUE DEPARTMENT OR SUB-STATION TO AN EXISTING FIRE OR RESCUE DEPARTMENT [[ARE]] IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE IN CALVERT COUNTY OR RECEIVE COUNTY FUNDS, THEY MUST CONFORM TO THE CALVERT COUNTY STANDARDS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION AND ADOPTED BY THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION ; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING HEREIN IS INTERPRETED TO PRECLUDE THE LOAN OF COUNTY FUNDS TO ANY DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ITS MEETING SUBJECT STANDARDS.