responsibilities and authority delegated to it under this Act.

m. It shall be authorized to define and to delegate duties and responsibilities to the Executive Committee not in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

n. Where there are differences between fire departments and rescue squads as to response areas, redistricting, or station locations or changes, the Fire Board shall use and adopt a system of arbitration to arrive at its recommendations to the Council and the Executive.

(2) Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities and authority:

a. Act in emergencies (non-operational) in the interest of the fire and rescue services and to report such action at the next meeting of the Fire Board.

t. Establish fire and rescue response areas subject to approval of the Fire Board.

c. Represent the Fire Board at public hearings.

d. Review, prepare a summary, hold hearings, and make recommendation to the Board on the annual hudgets of the fire departments and rescue squads as provided for hereafter.

e. Perform such other duties as delegated by the Fire Board.

## (d) Budget and Fiscal Procedures.

(1) Fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, fire departments and rescue squads supported in whole or in part by tax levies for the 1970-71 fiscal year and thereafter shall prepare annual budgets under procedures and at times as directed by the Fire Board to conform to the fiscal year of the County, July 1 to June 30.

(2) Budgets and Distribution of