squads which rights shall be essentially the same as accorded merit system employees under County personnel regulations.

- d. The Personnel Committee, subject to approval of the Fire Board and availability of funds, shall establish a uniform pay scale.
- (2) Personnel system for volunteer members of fire departments and rescue squads.
- a. The Personnel Committee shall prepare and adopt uniform personnel regulations and minimum standards, subject to the approval of the Fire Board, governing all volunteer members of the several fire departments and rescue squads.
- The Personnel Committee. t. approval of the Fire Board and the subject to availability of funds, shall establish a program volunteer members to provide financial protection for the volunteer and his family in the event of the volunteer's disability or death in the line of duty. The Committee shall also determine what other parts of the paid firemen and rescue squadsmen fringe benefit program can be extended in whole cr in part to volunteer members. Any determinations made by the Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Fire Board and the availability of funds.
- (3) The Executive Committee is authorized, subject to approval of the Fire Board, to contract on a fee-for-service basis with the County's Personnel Office for whatever personnel services it may deem necessary.
- (4) Applicability. The provisions of subsection (e) shall not apply to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.
- SECTION 3. Section 27-2, title "Council approval for organization and location of fire companies and rescue squads," Chapter 27, title "In General," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:
- Sec. 27-1. Council approval for organization and location of fire companies and rescue