participating as a member of this retirement system.

- (2) Credited past service means service credited to a member under the Employees* Retirement
 System of the State of Maryland or the Montgomery County Police Relief and Retirement Fund Law. A member will not receive credited past service unless he elects to become a member of this retirement system on or before December 31, 1966 and, if required by the County Personnel Board, files an acceptable statement of all service with the County before his date of which he claims for membership credit. Notwithstanding the above provisions, any member who a former member of the Police Relief and Retirement Fund of Montgomery County and upon discontinuance of coverage under such retirement system before August 15, 1955 was unable to receive the return of his employee contributions because of the provisions of this law, shall be entitled to receive credited service for that service covered by such employee contributions.
- (3) Credited past service for service as a fire alarm dispatcher or fireman in Montgomery County. Any member shall have the opportunity to obtain credited service for any period of full-time paid service as a fire alarm dispatcher or fireman in a Montgomery County fire department (including the Takoma Park Fire Department), or a rescue squadsman in Montgomery County rescue squad not otherwise credited under the Employees' Retirement System Montgomery County. Before receiving this credited service such member shall pay or cause to be paid into the Employees' Retirement System of Montgomery County that amount of money determined as necessary by the County Personnel Board on the basis of an actuarial study to purchase in full this credited service. the County Personnel Board approves the payment of contributions and interest on an extended payment basis, interest of not less than six and one-half (6 1/2%) per annum shall be charged. Notwithstanding the above provision, a fire alarm dispatcher who was the incumbent of a fire alarm dispatcher position brought into the County service prior to August 15, 1965 shall be credited with prior service credits for the full period of time he served in such position or as a fire fighter in the same fire department, if such service was continuous.
 - (i) Credited service for prior military service.