

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

order to be eligible for the award.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that -

Sec. 1. Chapter 27, title "In General," "Subtitle 1. Fire Tax Areas," is hereby amended by adding new Section 27-3A, title "Length of Service Award Program" to read as follows:

27-3A. Length of Service Award Program.

There is hereby established a Length of Service Award Program for active volunteer members of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Service.

(a) Eligibility.

Any member of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Service who is certified as an active volunteer member on August 15, 1965, or who subsequent to such date is certified as an active volunteer member, shall be eligible to participate in the Length of Service Award Program.

The requirements for eligibility are:

(1) The member must have been an active volunteer member on August 15, 1965, or must have joined a department in Montgomery County and become an active member since August 15, 1965. Any member of a Fire/Rescue Department who, on August 15, 1965, was not classified as an active member shall after obtaining five years of certified active service after August 15, 1965, be eligible to receive credit for active service performed prior to August 15, 1965.

(2) The member must meet the active membership test under the procedures established herein.

(3) Classification as an "active" member by an individual department by-laws is not sufficient to be eligible.

(4) Volunteer members of the fire department of the City of Takoma Park shall not be eligible to participate in the program paid for from Montgomery County tax monies until the department and City Council under valid legal authority empower the Montgomery County Fire Board to administer the program for their members in the same manner as for the departments within Montgomery County.

(b) Benefits.