

disability prevents the volunteer from pursuing his normal occupation and that the disability is of a permanent nature as certified by the Maryland Workmen's Compensation Commission or other competent medical authority as designated by the Fire and Rescue Commission of Calvert County, then the volunteer is entitled to receive the benefits prescribed in subsection (b) and any other benefits as he may be entitled to regardless of his or her age or length of service. These benefits shall begin on the first day of the first month following the establishment of the permanency of his or her disability.

(e) In the event that any qualified volunteer dies while receiving benefits, then his or her surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to 50 percent of the volunteer's benefits. These benefits shall terminate upon death or remarriage of the spouse.

(f) In the event that a qualified volunteer dies prior to receiving any benefits under this section, his or her surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to 50 percent of the benefits earned by the deceased volunteer. These benefits shall terminate upon death or remarriage. A qualified volunteer is [defined as] one who has completed 25 years of certified service.

(g) In the event that a qualified volunteer dies, a burial benefit up to \$2,500 shall be payable.

(h) In the event that any active volunteer fireman or squadsman ([herein] defined as one who has at least two years of qualifying service in the five preceding years) attains the age of 70 years and fails to achieve the required 25 years of service, then the volunteer is entitled to a monthly benefit of the number of years of certified service completed multiplied by \$4. These benefits shall be payable in the normal manner.

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(a) It is the responsibility of each participating volunteer fire company or rescue squad to maintain detailed and accurate records for each volunteer member on forms prescribed by the Executive Committee of the Calvert County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., and approved by the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Commission.

(b) Beginning January 15, 1976 and each January 15 [thereafter] AFTERWARDS, the Board of Directors of each volunteer fire company or rescue squad shall furnish to the Executive Committee of the Calvert County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., a statement under oath certifying all volunteers of the company or squad who have qualified for credit for the previous year. Each statement shall contain all members' ages and previous credits earned and other information as may be required by the Executive Committee.