

County; specifying different minimum amounts for each of certain years; providing that the County Commissioners of Dorchester County shall levy for each of the years at least the amounts specified; providing that certain minimum amounts shall be paid and distributed to the volunteer fire companies after 1981 until such amounts are increased by the General Assembly or by the Dorchester County Commissioners; relating generally to annual payments to volunteer companies in Dorchester County; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners
 Section 3(w)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1973 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

3.

(w) To contribute funds to volunteer fire departments in the county.

The County Commissioners of Dorchester County shall pay [annually the sum of thirty-nine thousand, five hundred dollars (\$39,500.00)] IN EACH OF THE YEARS 1979, 1980, AND 1981 AT LEAST THE SUMS OF \$81,500, \$100,000, AND \$118,500, RESPECTIVELY to the several volunteer fire companies in the county, so long as they remain active bodies and fire-fighting organizations, for their benefit. The money shall be used by the respective fire companies for the support, maintenance, equipment, and operation of the several fire companies for the purpose of suppressing fires in the county.

The payment shall be made on the first day of October in each [and every year] OF THE YEARS by the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and it shall be distributed to the several fire companies of Dorchester County[, as follows] IN AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

		1979	1980	1981
Cambridge	[\$4,500.00]	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$10,500
Hurlock	[3,500.00]	6,500	8,000	9,500
Secretary	[5,000.00]	6,000	7,500	9,000