

(5) TWENTY-FIVE POINTS SHALL BE CREDITED FOR COMPLETION OF A 1 YEAR TERM AS AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICER IN ANY OF THE FIRE OR RESCUE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OF CALVERT COUNTY PROVIDED THAT NOT MORE THAN ONE OFFICE SHALL BE COUNTED IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

(6) ONE POINT SHALL BE CREDITED FOR EACH HOUR OF ACCEPTABLE COLLATERAL DUTIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, APPARATUS AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE, OFFICIAL STANDBY AND FIRE PREVENTION, PROVIDED THAT NOT MORE THAN 25 POINTS MAY BE CREDITED FOR ALL COLLATERAL DUTIES PERFORMED PER YEAR.

(7) A VOLUNTEER MEMBER WHO SERVES OR HAS SERVED FULL TIME MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT AT THE RATE OF 5 POINTS FOR EACH MONTH SERVED PROVIDING THAT NOT MORE THAN 50 POINTS CAN BE CREDITED FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR. A MAXIMUM OF 4 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE MAY BE ACQUIRED IN THIS MANNER. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS CREDIT THE VOLUNTEER MEMBER MUST HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS.

(B) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CREDIT FOR SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1975, EACH COMPANY SHALL REVIEW ITS PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF CREDIT TO WHICH EACH MEMBER OR PAST MEMBER IS ENTITLED. IN MAKING THIS ANALYSIS, THE STANDARDS FOR ACTIVE SERVICE SHALL BE USED AS GUIDELINES. APPROVAL FOR SERVICE SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD. IF A VOLUNTEER MEMBER HAS SERVICE IN MORE THAN 1 COMPANY OR SQUAD THAT PERSON SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE SERVICE IN EACH ORGANIZATION PROVIDING NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR'S CREDITS MAY BE GRANTED FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

(C) IN THE EVENT THAT SUFFICIENT RECORDS ARE UNAVAILABLE TO PROVE SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1975, THE CERTIFICATION MAY BE MADE BY A COMPANY AFTER THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, AND ON THE BEST INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANY.

(D) THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM THE PUBLIC GENERAL FUNDS OF CALVERT COUNTY.

14-105. MODIFICATION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY:

(1) MODIFY OR REVISE THE RETIREMENT PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) NOT DIMINISH OR REPEAL A BENEFIT NOW RECEIVED BY A RETIREE OR RETIREE'S SPOUSE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT PROGRAM IF THE PROGRAM IS FUNDED IN ADVANCE ON AN ACTUARIAL BASIS.