

used by a county volunteer fire company as described in this subsection.

(b) In order to be eligible to receive funds provided for in this section, each company shall be approved, incorporated, and recognized by the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., and meet the other standards as provided for herein.

(c) The board may contribute money to compensate out of county fire, rescue, or ambulance companies rendering service in the county in the board's sole discretion. [Incorporated municipalities with primary responsibility for governmental funding for fire, rescue, or ambulance services shall within their jurisdiction hold those enumerated powers assigned to the board of county commissioners as stated in sections 2-8-1 and 2-8-2 of this chapter.]

2-8-6.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES" MEANS FIREFIGHTING, RESCUE, OR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

(3) "MINIMUM RESPONSE CRITERIA" MEANS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE WHICH DESIGNATE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHES DESIGNATING THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INCLUDING THE MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED TO COMPLETE AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

(4) "SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT" MEANS AN AREA SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT WHICH COMPLY WITH THE MINIMUM RESPONSE CRITERIA.

(B) -- THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL:

(1) -- ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES TO PROVIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND THE INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY;

(2) -- REGULATE, BY ORDINANCE, ALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY; AND

(3) -- LEVY SPECIAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAXES TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

(C) -- THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHALL:

(1) -- CONTAIN A PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION; AND