

(b) Upon request by the State Fire Marshal, or by an appropriate authority that the State Fire Marshal designates by rule, an applicant for appointment or employment shall furnish a classifiable set of fingerprints on a form approved by the Director of the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES to the State Fire Marshal or the designated authority, for submission to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES for a criminal [record] HISTORY RECORDS check and for forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national [record] CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS check.

(c) If a county, Baltimore City, or a municipal corporation has legally designated a fire marshal to serve as deputy State fire marshal, an applicant in that jurisdiction shall, upon request, furnish the fingerprints to that deputy fire marshal, for submission to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES for a criminal [record] HISTORY RECORDS check and for forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national [record] CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS check.

(d) A fire department or rescue squad operated by the State or its political subdivisions and a volunteer fire company or rescue squad may obtain conviction and arrest records which are the products of a criminal [record] HISTORY RECORDS check based on a classifiable set of fingerprints.

(e) Any volunteer or paid fire company or rescue squad may consider the existence of a criminal conviction in determining whether or not an applicant will be appointed or employed.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "County" includes Baltimore City.

(c) (1) "Expenditures for fire protection" or "expend for fire protection" means county revenues appropriated or to be appropriated for fire protection and the proceeds of any county bonds used to finance facilities that house fire protection apparatus and equipment.

(2) "Expenditures for fire protection" or "expend for fire protection" does not include:

(i) Salaries, workers' compensation, fringe benefits, or other personnel, except training, or administrative costs; or

(ii) In Carroll County, appropriations for loans to a volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance company, secured by mortgages, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness of the volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance company, if the appropriations derive from the proceeds of bonds to finance facilities that house fire protection apparatus and equipment.

(d) "Fire protection" includes rescue and ambulance services.