

(3) ~~One-cent~~ 6.25% to be used to provide funds to pay for the funded length of service award described in § 54-8 of this chapter.

E. The funds received by the respective Fire Departments and rescue squads, including mobile intensive care units AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS, from this fire, [and] rescue, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES tax shall be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing, replacing, operating and maintaining their fire-fighting, [and] rescue, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES equipment and apparatus and the housing of the same and for fire prevention and training. The amount and type of equipment and apparatus of said Fire Departments, [and] rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS shall conform to the standards prescribed by the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association and by the Charles County Association of Emergency Medical Services, respectively. No resolution, regulation or bylaw shall be passed by said Fire Departments [or], rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS limiting or restricting the territory within the area covered by this fire, [and] rescue, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES tax within which it will respond to emergency calls.

F. In addition to the fire, [and] rescue, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES tax benefits, the County Commissioners of Charles County are authorized to pay out of the general funds of the county additional funds to the various Fire Departments, [and] rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS as they deem necessary. The Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners shall consider these payments in determining the amounts due the various Fire Departments, [and] rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS under the formula distribution plan and in determining whether excess proceeds exist.

54-2.

Excess proceeds, herein defined as proceeds from the fire, [and] rescue, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES tax in excess of those necessary to satisfy the requirements of the preceding subsections, shall, upon recommendation of the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners, be used by the County Commissioners to reduce the indebtedness of the various VOLUNTEER Fire Departments, [and] rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS to assist in the formation of new Fire Departments [or], rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS in accordance with the needs and growth of the county, to allot funds to the various Fire Department, [an] rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS to pay for career fire, [and] rescue, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES personnel, to support/aid the Southern Maryland Regional Training Center, to hire necessary clerical assistance, to accumulate an emergency fund up to a maximum of [one] TWO hundred thousand dollars [(\$100,000.)] \$200,000, to provide assistance to new VOLUNTEER FIRE departments, [and] RESCUE squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, OR DIVE RESCUE UNITS or TO existing departments, [and] squads, COMPANIES, OR UNITS suffering major losses through no fault of their own and/or to pay any part of such excess proceeds to the general fund of Charles County as the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners deems surplus to the needs of the various Fire Departments [and], rescue squads, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS.