

(I) THE FAILURE TO MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY OR THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION;

(II) THE EXISTENCE OR POTENTIAL EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS DESCRIBED IN § 8-204 OF THIS TITLE;

(III) THE AGE AND CONDITION OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT;

(IV) THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF MUTUAL AID;

(V) ANY SERVICE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEMOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS; AND

(VI) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

(4) IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTORS IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR A VOLUNTEER COMPANY THE COUNTY SHALL CONSIDER THE COMPANY'S INABILITY TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE ITEM.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH COUNTY SHALL GIVE THE HIGHEST FUNDING PRIORITY TO THE FAILURE TO MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS OR THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS DESCRIBED IN § 8-204 OF THIS TITLE.

(6) DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY TO FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES, DEPARTMENTS, OR STATIONS LOCATED IN QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN A COUNTY IN THE AGGREGATE MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 50% OF THE PROPORTION THAT THE EXPENDITURES OF THE QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEAR TO TOTAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THAT COUNTY.

(7) TO RECEIVE MONEY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, EACH COUNTY SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM AND AMBULANCE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 38A, § 45C.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to the "Director of Assessments and Taxation" is substituted for the former reference to the "Director of the Department of Assessments and Taxation" to use the proper title of the Director.

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the general reference to "land use property tax accounts" is substituted for the former specific references to "agricultural, agricultural-residential, residential, condominium, apartment, commercial, industrial, and exempted property tax accounts" to accommodate future changes by the Department of Assessments and Taxation in the names of various property tax accounts. The Public Safety Article Review Committee notes this substitution for consideration by the General Assembly.