(2)   THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL APPLY ONLY TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE MADE BY AND TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.

(3)   REQUESTS MAY BE VERBAL OR IN WRITING.

(4)   IF VERBAL, THE REQUEST SHALL BE CONFIRMED IN WRITING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, BUT NO LATER THAN 10 CALENDAR DAYS FOLLOWING THE VERBAL REQUEST.

(5)   WRITTEN   REQUESTS   SHALL   PROVIDE   THE   FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(I)   A DESCRIPTION OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED;

(II)   THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, FIRE SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,   TRANSPORTATION,   COMMUNICATIONS,   PUBLIC   WORKS   AND ENGINEERING, BUILDING INSPECTION, PLANNING AND INFORMATION ASSISTANCE, MASS CARE, RESOURCE SUPPORT, HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE;

(III) THE   AMOUNT   AND   TYPE   OF   PERSONNEL,   EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES NEEDED AND A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY WILL BE NEEDED; AND

(IV)   THE   SPECIFIC   PLACE   AND   TIME   FOR   STAGING   OF   THE ASSISTING PARTY'S RESPONSE AND A POINT OF CONTACT AT THAT LOCATION.

(5)   (6)   THERE SHALL BE FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE MARYLAND   EMERGENCY   MANAGEMENT   AGENCY   AND   APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTY JURISDICTIONS WITH FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND PLANS GENERALLY RELATING TO EMERGENCY CAPABILITIES.

(6)   (7)   A   SENIOR   ELECTED   OFFICIAL   OR   AN   AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE   WILL   ADVISE   THE   MARYLAND   EMERGENCY   MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF ORAL VERBAL REQUESTS AND PROVIDE COPIES OF WRITTEN REQUESTS.

ARTICLE 3.
LIMITATIONS

(C)   (1)   ANY JURISDICTION WHICH IS A PARTY TO THIS COMPACT AND WHICH RECEIVES A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE REQUESTED RESOURCES.

(2)   ANY JURISDICTION MAY WITHHOLD RESOURCES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE REASONABLE PROTECTION TO ITS OWN JURISDICTION.

(3)   EACH PARTY JURISDICTION SHALL AFFORD TO THE EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDERS OF ANY PARTY JURISDICTION OPERATING WITHIN THE REQUESTING   JURISDICTION   UNDER   THE   TERMS   AND   CONDITIONS   OF   THIS