

Bill No. 16-14
Concerning: Frederick County Code
Chapter 1-2, Administration, Article IV: Fire and
Rescue Services

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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President Bud Otis on behalf of County Executive Jan Gardner

AN ACT to: Amend the Frederick County Code Chapter 1-2: Administration, Article IV: Fire and Rescue Services; to add provisions identifying the role of the Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services; to revise the minimum response criteria based upon designation of the company as an urban, suburban or rural station; to revise the minimum standards for a company/station; to add definitions of: "operational volunteer member" and "live."

By amending:

Frederick County Code, Chapter 1-2, Section(s) 60 through 69

Other: _____

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The County Council of Frederick County, Maryland, finds it necessary and appropriate to amend and clarify Frederick County Code, Chapter 1-2, Article IV: Fire and Rescue Services, to add provisions identifying the role of the Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services; to revise the minimum response criteria based upon designation of the company as urban, suburban or rural; to revise the minimum standards for a company/station; to add definitions of: "operational volunteer member" and "live", as shown on the attached Exhibit 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IN ENACTED, that the Frederick County Code shall be amended as shown on the attached Exhibit 1.

Harold F. (Bud) Otis, President
County Council of Frederick County,
Maryland

ARTICLE IV: FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

§ 1-2-60. ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE OR AMBULANCE CORPORATION.

(A) A volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company authorized by the county under § 2-8-1 that operates as a component of the Frederick County fire and rescue system shall maintain its corporate and operational status in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 2-8, § 2-8-1 and § 2-8-2 of the Code of Frederick County, Maryland, as amended.

(B) A volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company shall:

(1) Provide emergency and non-emergency services within its designated primary service area.

(2) Respond in support of neighboring communities, Frederick County as a whole and jurisdictions with which a reciprocal mutual response agreement exists with Frederick County, Maryland.

(C) A volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company shall operate in compliance with fire-rescue policies, procedures, rules and regulations that apply system-wide.

(D) A volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company established by the county shall:

(1) Manage its corporate administrative affairs.

(2) Be governed internally by duly elected or appointed officers.

(3) Have the right to raise and expend monies in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and company policies that govern such activities.

(4) Manage the company's internal budget.

(5) Control the expenditure of volunteer company funds

(6) Control the expenditure of county provided funding in accordance with established county policies.

(7) Have the right to own real property, fixed and mobile equipment.

(8) Manage its volunteer members.

(E) A volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company chief that is operationally authorized under the integrated chain of command shall have primary responsibility and commensurate authority to manage the day-to-day operations of the company in accordance with county policies, procedures, rules and regulations, as well as station level policies and procedures specific to the individual company, provided such station level policies and procedures are not in conflict with applicable county policy and procedures.

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§ 1-2-61. DIVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ESTABLISHED.

(A)(1) There is hereby established a division of the county government which shall be known as the "Division of Fire and Rescue Services."

(2) This division shall consist of both career and volunteer members and shall be responsible for the full scope of fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous materials, emergency medical services and other related public safety functions provided to Frederick County and its municipalities.

(B) The individual volunteer fire and rescue organizations which are authorized to operate within the county under Chapter 2-8, § 2-8-1, shall operate as organizational components of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services.

(Ord. 13-01-629, 1-8-2013; Ord. 14-23-678, 11-13-2014)

§ 1-2-62. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

(A) There shall be the position of Director of Fire and Rescue Services, who shall serve as Director of the Frederick County fire and rescue system and who will hold the rank of Chief of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services.

(B) Subject to confirmation by the County Council, the Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall be appointed by the County Executive and shall have overall responsibility and full authority for all operations and administration of the division and its career and volunteer organizational units with the advice and cooperation of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board.

(C) The authority of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services [S]shall not be asserted in a manner that is in conflict with the administrative affairs of the volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance corporations, as outlined in § 1-2-60(D) of the Frederick County Code.

(D) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities set forth in the established position description, as authorized by the county as may be amended.

(E) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall be directly responsible to the Chief Administrative Officer and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

(F) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall work in conjunction with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board established in Article IV, § 1-2-63, of the Code of Ordinances of Frederick County, Maryland, as amended, with the advice and cooperation of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board on issues affecting the fire and rescue system stakeholders.

(G) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services shall be responsible to enforce the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services and its organizational components.

(H) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services may be empowered by the county to carry out any responsibility of the county governing body as provided in Article IV of the Code of

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Ordinances of Frederick County, Maryland, as amended or Part II, Chapter 2-8 of the Code of Public Laws of Frederick County, Maryland 1979, as amended.

§ 1-2-62.1 DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

(A) There shall be the position of Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, who shall serve as Chief of the Volunteer Services section of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services.

(B) Subject to the confirmation by the County Council, the Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services shall be appointed by the County Executive after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. (FCVFRA).

(C) The Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

(D) The Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services shall hold the rank of Deputy Chief within the uniformed chain of command and derive authority from and work in conjunction with the Director and Chief of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services.

(E) The Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services shall maintain a direct relationship with the FCVFRA and serve as the conduit between the FCVFRA, the Division of Fire and Rescue Services, and the County Government.

§ 1-2-63. FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY BOARD.

(A) To ensure that fire and rescue system stakeholders have a voice in the management of fire and rescue services, a Fire and Rescue Advisory Board is established.

(B) The Fire and Rescue Advisory Board consists of career and citizen representatives; and (1) volunteer representatives elected by the member companies in each battalion, to serve in a capacity to review and provide cooperation to the Director on issues related to the delivery of fire and rescue services in Frederick County, to be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Council; (2) the liaison to the County Executive; (3) the jurisdictional medical director for Frederick County, Maryland; and (4) the President of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association [Services], Inc.; (5) the president of the Career Firefighters Association of Frederick County, Maryland, Inc. IAFF Local 3666 and the (6) Director of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services, as non-voting members.

(C) The role, responsibilities, composition, appointed terms and administration of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board shall be in accordance with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board charter and by-laws adopted by the county governing body.

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§ 1-2-64. FIRE AND RESCUE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

- (A) There shall be one integrated chain of command for career personnel of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services and the volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies.
- (B) A volunteer and career officer shall derive operational authority from the County Executive through the Director of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services.
- (C) Volunteer personnel shall meet the minimum qualifications referred to in § 1-2-65, to be operationally certified at the appropriate rank.
- (D) An operationally authorized officer has the authority commensurate with the officer's position and shall be afforded appropriate respect at all times by career and volunteer personnel of subordinate rank.
- (E) The authority of officers shall be in accordance with county ordinance, division policies and standard operating procedures.

§ 1-2-65. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

- (A) Qualifications for operational certification at each rank for career and volunteer personnel shall be in accordance with policies as established by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, with the advice and cooperation of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board.
- (B) Volunteer officers with administrative authority internal to the volunteer fire and rescue corporation may be elected or appointed by a volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance corporation.
- (C) The operational authority of volunteer administrative officers shall be commensurate with their level of operational certification under established officer qualifications.

§ 1-2-66. MINIMUM RESPONSE CRITERIA – FIRE OR RESCUE SERVICES.

[(A) A fire or rescue service must meet the following minimum response criteria: the fire or rescue service must respond within 8 minutes from time of first dispatch for an emergency incident for at least 90% of the dispatches received during each calendar month.]

[(B) The County Executive may consider the minimum response criteria separately for weekdays, weeknights, and weekends. The failure of a fire or rescue service to achieve the minimum response criteria established in subsection (A) above during any one of the separate time periods (weekdays, weeknights, or weekends) shall constitute a failure to meet these minimum response criteria.]

(A) Due to the diversity of demographics and density of communities across Frederick County, each authorized Fire, Rescue and Ambulance company will be classified as an urban company, suburban company, or rural company for the purpose of evaluating compliance with minimum response criteria.

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(B) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services, in consultation with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board, shall determine the designation for each authorized volunteer Fire, Rescue and Ambulance company.

(C) Each authorized Fire, Rescue or Ambulance company must meet the following minimum response criteria :

(1) Urban Fire, Rescue or Ambulance companies must respond within four (4) minutes from the time of first dispatch for an emergency incident for at least 99% of the dispatches received during each calendar month.

(2) Suburban Fire, Rescue or Ambulance companies must respond within six (6) minutes from the time of first dispatch for an emergency incident for at least 90% of the dispatches received during each calendar month.

(3) Rural Fire, Rescue or Ambulance companies must respond within eight (8) minutes from the time of first dispatch for an emergency incident for at least 80% of the dispatches received during each calendar month.

(D) The County Executive may consider the minimum response criteria separately for weekdays, weeknights, and weekends. The failure of a Fire, Rescue, or Ambulance company to achieve the minimum response criteria established in subsection (C) above during any of the separate time periods (weekdays, weeknights, or weekends) shall constitute a failure to meet these response standards.

I(C)](E) The County Executive shall establish procedures to handle a failure to achieve minimum response criteria. Notwithstanding the establishment of these procedures, the county governing body may establish a special taxing district pursuant to § 2-8-6 of the Frederick County Code for any failure to meet the minimum response criteria established in subsections [(A)](C) and [(B)](D).

§ 1-2-67. FIRE, RESCUE, AMBULANCE OR FIRST RESPONDER MINIMUM STANDARDS.

(A) As minimum standards, each fire, rescue, ambulance, truck, [or] first responder company, or special operations team shall:

(1) Maintain an active company/team membership of a sufficient number of operational volunteer members necessary to meet the minimum response criteria pursuant to § 1-2-66, including at least three (3) active operational officers as determined by established officer qualification standards;

(2) Maintain an adequate means of receiving an alarm and alerting the company membership;

(3) Complete and file incident reports and maintain records of each response in the manner required by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services; and

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(4) Comply at all times with the applicable minimum standards contained in subsections (B), (C), (D) and (E) of this section for the service being offered.

(B) As minimum standards to conduct fire operations, each fire company shall at all times have:

(1) Five (5) active [operators] operational members trained to drive [the pumper] and properly operate the company's primary fire attack pumper, and who are in accordance with County Fire and Rescue standards; [and who are thoroughly familiar with the operation of the pumper;]

(2) Ten (10) active operational members who:

(a) Live in the fire company's first due response area or within [five miles of the company fire station] the prescribed distance from the [fire] station required in subsection (B)(3) based on the company's classification as follows: [and]

Urban Stations – Five (5) Miles

Suburban Stations – Six (6) Miles

Rural Stations – Eight (8) Miles;

(b) Have successfully completed required firefighter certification training as conducted by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Frederick County or its equivalent;

(c) Have successfully completed other technical training and/or certifications required by established County standards;

(d) Have successfully completed the required medical/physical examination, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services; and

(e) Have successfully passed the annual "Fit Test" for use of respiratory protective equipment, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(3) A heated fire station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment required to meet the standards[; and]. Volunteer owned and operated stations that house County employed career personnel shall maintain the basic necessities required for an employee workplace. Including but not limited to; potable water, food storage and food preparation facilities, restroom facilities, a break/lounge area, shower and locker facilities, sleeping facilities equipped with built-in fire detection and suppression systems, and a facility that is structurally sound and hazard free.

(4) A motorized pumper which is:

- (a) In good operating condition;
- (b) Of at least 1,000-gallon-per- minute pumping capacity;
- (c) Listed by the Maryland Rating Bureau;

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(d) Registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; and

(e) Annually inspected and certified by the Fire and Rescue Standards Committee as meeting the current minimum equipment standards and a satisfactory pump test.

(C) As minimum standards to conduct rescue operations, each rescue company shall at all times have:

(1) Ten (10) active operational members who:

(a) Live in the fire company's first due area or within the [five miles of the rescue building required] prescribed distance from the station required in subsection (C)(2) based on the company's classification as follows); [and]

Urban Stations – Five (5) Miles

Suburban Stations – Six (6) Miles

Rural Stations – Eight (8) Miles;

(b) Have successfully completed the course in rescue or truck operations as offered by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Frederick County or its equivalent;

(c) Have successfully completed other technical training and/or certifications required by established County standards;

(d) Have successfully completed the required medical/physical examination, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services; and

(e) Have successfully passed the annual “Fit Test” for use of respiratory protective equipment, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(2) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment required to meet the standards $[;]$. Volunteer owned and operated stations that house County employed career personnel shall maintain the basic necessities required for an employee workplace. Including but not limited to; potable water, food storage and food preparation facilities, restroom facilities, a break/lounge area, shower and locker facilities, sleeping facilities equipped with built-in fire detection and suppression systems, and a facility that is structurally sound and hazard free.

(3) A motorized piece of apparatus of minimum one-and-one-half-ton capacity which is $[;]$

(a) In good operating condition;

(b) Registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; and

(c) Annually inspected and certified by the Fire and Rescue Standards Committee or the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Committee as meeting the current minimum equipment standards and pump test,

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[(4) An annual inspection by the Standards Committee or the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee of the association certifying that the rescue or truck company and all of its required equipment meet all current minimum equipment standards and pump test.]

(D) As minimum standards to conduct ambulance operations, each ambulance company shall at all times have:

(1) Ten (10) active [persons] operational members who:

(a) Live in the company's first due response area or within [five miles of the company building] the prescribed distance from the station required in subsection (D)(2) based on the company's classification as follows; [and]

Urban Stations – Five (5) Miles

Suburban Stations – Six (6) Miles

Rural Stations – Eight (8) Miles;

(b) Have successfully completed the basic emergency medical technician course as certified by the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services;

(c) Have successfully completed other technical training and/or certifications required by established County standards;

(d) Have successfully completed the required medical/physical examination, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services; and

(e) Have successfully passed the annual “Fit Test” for use of respiratory protective equipment, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(2) A heated ambulance station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment required to meet the standards[;]. Volunteer owned and operated stations that house County employed career personnel shall maintain the basic necessities required for an employee workplace. Including but not limited to; potable water, food storage and food preparation facilities, restroom facilities, a break/lounge area, shower and locker facilities, sleeping facilities equipped with built-in fire detection and suppression systems, and a facility that is structurally sound and hazard free.

(3) An ambulance which is:

(a) In good [working] operating condition; and

(b) Adequately equipped with medical equipment and supplies[;] and registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; and

[(4)] (c) [An] Annually inspect[ion]ed and certified by the EMS Committee [certifying that the ambulance company and all of its required equipment] as meeting the current minimum equipment and supplies standard.

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(E) As minimum standards to operate a first responder special unit, each first responder special unit company shall at all times have:

(1) Ten (10) trained active operations first responder [personnel] members who:[are active members of the company and living in the first due area or within five miles of the company building required in subsection (E)(2);]

(a) Live in the company's first due response area or within the prescribed distance from the station required in subsection (E)(2) based on the company's classification as follows;

Urban Stations – Five (5) Miles

Suburban Stations – Six (6) Miles

Rural Stations – Eight (8) Miles;

(b) Have successfully completed the basic medical first responder course as certified by the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services;

(c) Have successfully completed other technical training and/or certifications required by established County standards;

(d) Have successfully completed the required medical/physical examination, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services; and

(e) Have successfully passed the annual "Fit Test" for use of respiratory protective equipment, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(2) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment required to meet the standards[;]. Volunteer owned and operated stations that house County employed career personnel shall maintain the basic necessities required for an employee workplace. Including but not limited to; potable water, food storage and food preparation facilities, restroom facilities, a break/lounge area, shower and locker facilities, sleeping facilities equipped with built-in fire detection and suppression systems, and a facility that is structurally sound and hazard free.

(3) A first responder special unit which is:

(a) In good working condition;

(b) Adequately equipped with medical equipment and supplies;

(c) Registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; and

[(3)] (d) [An] Annually inspect[ion]ed and certified by the EMS Committee [of the association that the unit and all of its required equipment] as meeting the current minimum equipment and supplies standards.

(F) As minimum standards to conduct truck operations, each truck company shall at all times have:

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(1) Ten (10) active operational members who:

(a) Live in the company's first due response area or within, the prescribed distance from the station required in subsection (F)(2) based on the company's classification as follows;

Urban Stations – Five (5) Miles

Suburban Stations – Six (6) Miles

Rural Stations – Eight (8) Miles;

(b) Have successfully completed the course in truck operations by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Frederick County or its equivalent;

(c) Have successfully completed other technical training and/or certifications required by established County standards;

(d) Have successfully completed the required medical/physical examination, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services; and

(e) Have successfully passed the annual "Fit Test" for use of respiratory protective equipment, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(2) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment required to meet the standards. Volunteer owned and operated stations that house County employed career personnel shall maintain the basic necessities required for an employee workplace. Including but not limited to; potable water, food storage and food preparation facilities, restroom facilities, a break/lounge area, shower and locker facilities, sleeping facilities equipped with built-in fire detection and suppression systems, and a facility that is structurally sound and hazard free.

(3) A motorized piece of aerial apparatus with a minimum of 100 feet of aerial ladder reach and a 500 pound tip load rating which is:

(a) In good operating condition;

(b) Registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; and

(c) Annually inspected and certified by the Fire and Rescue Standards Committee or the EMS Committee as meeting the current minimum equipment standards, aerial ladder test certification and pump test, if applicable.

(G) As minimum standards to operate as a "Special Operations Team", each special operations team shall maintain the following at all times:

(1) Approval of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services to operate as a County authorized specialized response team. Such approval shall be considered in consultation with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board.

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(2) A sufficient number of members that have and maintain the required training and certifications for each special operations function to ensure the operational responsibilities of the special operations team can be carried out on a reliable response basis, and as determined by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(3) Have successfully completed other technical training and/or certifications required by established County standards.

(4) Have successfully completed the required medical/physical examination, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(5) Have successfully passed the annual “Fit Test” for use of respiratory protective equipment, as prescribed by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services.

(H) Annual verification of compliance with all applicable standards specified in §§ 1-2-66 and §§ 1-2-67 shall be the responsibility of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, in consultation with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board.

(1) Verification of compliance shall be required annually, but may be required at anytime if the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board or Director of Fire and Rescue Services has reason to believe a volunteer corporation fails to meet minimum standards.

(2) A formal process for annual standards verification shall be administered by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services, in consultation with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board.

§ 1-2-68. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS.

(A) Any fire, rescue, ambulance, truck, [or] first responder company, or special operations team that fails[ing] to meet the minimum standards established in §§ 1-2-66 [and/]or 1-2-67 shall suspend operations immediately after receipt of notification that the County Executive has directed the cessation of operations.

(B) Upon written request by a company/team suspended under subsection (A), the [County Executive or designee] Director of Fire and Rescue Services in conjunction with the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board, shall promptly hold a hearing on the suspension. At the hearing, the company/team shall have the burden of establishing compliance with all of the minimum standards established in §§ 1-2-66 [and] or 1-2-67. Following the hearing, the Director of Fire and Rescue Services and the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board shall provide their findings and recommendations to the County Executive.

(C) If a fire, rescue, ambulance, truck, [or] first responder company or special operations team fails to meet the minimum standards established in §§ 1-2-66 [and/]or 1-2-67, the County Executive may suspend or terminate the company and immediately reassign the company's service area.

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(D) The County Executive may reinstate any suspended company/team upon receipt of proof satisfactory to the County Executive that the company fully complies with all of the minimum standards established in §§ 1-2-66 [and/or] 1-2-67.

(E) Notification required under this section may be made in any manner reasonably calculated to give notice to the company. Delivery of the notice to the company station is sufficient notice under this section.

(F) The County Executive may require inspections to ensure compliance with these minimum standards at any reasonable time. Nothing shall be interpreted as preventing the County Executive from requiring a fire, rescue, ambulance, truck, [or] first responder company, or special operations team to successfully complete additional inspections at any reasonable time even though the company has been previously certified as meeting standards in an annual inspection.

(G) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services, upon the recommendation of the Fire and Rescue Standards Committee or the EMS Committee, may place any piece of equipment out of service for failure to meet the current standards. The Director shall, by the next work day, provide written notification to the County Executive of any such actions to place equipment out of service. Once the piece of equipment meets the current standard, the Director shall return the piece of equipment to service. The Director shall, within one (1) working day, notify the County Executive of the return of the equipment to service.

§ 1-2-69. DEFINITIONS.

The following words have the meaning indicated.

ACTIVE MEMBER. A person who has qualified as active within the past five (5) years under the guidelines of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP).

ASSOCIATION. The Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc.

OPERATIONAL VOLUNTEER MEMBER. A person who meets the training, certification, medical physical, SCBA Fit Test and residency requirements set forth by the Director of Fire and Rescue Services and the Frederick County Code, as amended.

LIVE. For the purpose of determining if a member “lives” in the first due response area or prescribed distance from the company station, “live” refers to the location where a member resides full time for more than 183 calendar days per year and any measurement of distance requirements shall be point-to-point by air miles, from the station to the individual’s place of residence.

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