

## Chapter 21. Public Safety

### Article I. Volunteer Fire Companies

#### § 21-2. Fire and EMS Commission authorized.

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There shall be a Fire and EMS Commission in Queen Anne's County. The Commission shall consist of the duly elected Fire Chief and the duly elected EMS Director or Captain of each Volunteer Fire Department in the County. Each Volunteer Fire Department shall have one vote on the Commission.

A. Membership. The Commission shall consist of representatives from:

- (1) Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
- (2) Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
- (3) Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
- (4) Goodwill Fire Company, Inc. (Centreville).
- (5) Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- (6) Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- (7) Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
- (8) Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- (9) United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

B. General powers and duties. The Commission shall:

- (1) Coordinate the activities of the Volunteer Fire Departments within Queen Anne's County.
- (2) Advise the County Commissioners on matters regarding the provision of fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue and volunteer emergency medical service ("EMS") activities within Queen Anne's County.
- (3) Develop, implement and enforce Countywide procedures, policies, standards, standard operating guidelines, protocols, and personnel education and training requirements for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Departments.
- (4) Submit to the County an annual budget for the Commission and the Volunteer Fire Departments within the County.
- (5) Require the Volunteer Fire Departments to provide such reports as may be required by the Fire and EMS Commission or the County Commissioners, including inventories and financial audits.
- (6) Perform inspections of Volunteer Fire Departments and equipment.
- (7)

Recommend to the County Commissioners the withholding of future funding to Volunteer Fire Departments who fail to comply with policies, procedures, or standards established by the Commission.

- (8) Adopt bylaws and other rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.
- (9) The Commission's powers and duties with respect to volunteer emergency medical services hereunder shall be advisory in nature and shall be undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Services subject to established federal, state and local regulatory authority.