

Chapter 21. Public Safety

Article III. Department of Emergency Services

§ 21-12. Emergency Services Advisory Council.

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The County shall appoint an Emergency Services Advisory Council with the powers and duties specified in this article.

A. General powers and duties.

- (1) Advise the County Commissioners on matters regarding the provision of emergency services within Queen Anne's County.
- (2) Assist the Department regarding emergency services public information and education.
- (3) Submit to the Commissioners an annual report on the status of emergency services in the County and make recommendations for improvement to the system.
- (4) Perform other appropriate functions requested by the Department or the County.

B. Membership.

- (1) The Director, Department of Emergency Services, will serve as Executive Director to the Council and provide necessary staff support. The Executive Director will have voting authority if the membership's vote results in a tie.
- (2) The County will appoint eight voting members to the Council. Voting membership will include representatives as follows:
 - (a) Fire and EMS Commission Chairman (one),
 - (b) Fire and EMS Commission Volunteer Ambulance Committee Chairman (one),
 - (c) Fire and EMS Commission Volunteer Fire Chief (one),
 - (d) Consumers (five, four of whom shall reside in and represent each of the four County Commissioners Districts in Queen Anne's County and one of whom shall be an at-large member who may reside anywhere in the County).

C. Terms. Initial appointments to the Council shall be staggered in the discretion of the County. Thereafter all Council members shall serve terms of two years or until his or her successor is appointed.

D. Procedures. The Council may establish procedures and rules to facilitate carrying out the mission of the Council.

E. Committees. The Council may establish such standing and ad hoc committees as it may deem necessary. Committee chairs must be members in good standing of the Council, but standing and ad hoc committee members are not required to be members of the Council.