

Expedited Bill No. 12-17
Concerning: Fire and Rescue Services –
Length of Service Awards Program for
Volunteers - Amendments
Revised: May 17, 2017 Draft No. 2
Introduced: May 2, 2017
Expires: _____
Enacted: June 13, 2017
Executive: _____
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Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) increase the amount of the length of service benefit to certain local fire and rescue department volunteers;
- (2) require benefits to be paid through direct deposit;
- (3) modify the requirements to earn credit for stand-by duty; and
- (4) generally amend the length of service award program for volunteers.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Services
Section 21-21

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

28 (ii) is at least age 60.

29 (B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must
30 receive an award payment of \$9.32 [\$9.20] per month for
31 life for each year of service as an active volunteer.

32 (4) Volunteers Who Qualify in 1985 or Later - 10 Years of Service.

33 (A) Effective January 1, 1985, a volunteer qualifies for a 10-
34 year award payment when the volunteer:

35 (i) has served 10 years as an active volunteer; and

36 (ii) is at least age 65.

37 (B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must
38 receive an award payment of \$9.32 [\$9.20] per month for
39 life for each year of service as an active volunteer.

40 ~~[(C)]~~ (5) All years of service, including past years of service, must be
41 included.

42 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) A volunteer must receive a 3.5% increase, for a maximum
43 total benefit of no more than \$362.00 per month, to his or her
44 LOSAP benefit payment if he or she:

45 (A) received LOSAP benefit payments as of December 31,
46 2015; and

47 (B) qualified for the higher nominal fee, as described in
48 Article 12 of the fire and rescue volunteers collective
49 bargaining agreement, for calendar year 2015 by:

50 (i) being on the Integrated Emergency Command
51 Structure (IECS) certified list;

52 (ii) receiving 30 LOSAP points for department or
53 station responses; and

(iii) receiving 20 LOSAP points for sleep-in or stand-by service.

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(i) *Administration.*

(1) The County Executive or the Executive’s designee must administer this Section under Executive Regulations adopted under method (3).

(2) The County must pay benefits under this section from the first day of the first month after the volunteer, surviving spouse or domestic partner, or volunteer's estate qualifies for the benefit, except that benefits must not be paid for any period before the application for the benefit is filed.

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~~[(3)]~~ (5) All LOSAP payments must be made by direct deposit.

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(k) *Point System.*

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(3) [Sleep-in or] Stand-by - 20 points maximum. [Sleep-in service earns 1 point for each full night. Stand-by service earns 1 point for each period of on-duty activity of the fire department or rescue squad that lasts for at least 4 hours and does not fall under another category in this subsection.] Integrated Emergency Command Structure (IECS) certified personnel may earn stand-by LOSAP points for performing on-duty activity at the rate of:

79 (A) one quarter point for every hour of stand-by service
80 a volunteer is assigned to a unit available for
81 response; and

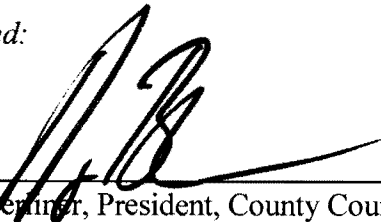
82 (B) one point for every 4 hours of stand-by service the
83 volunteer is available for response in the station, but
84 not assigned to a specific unit.

85 Stand-by service must be recorded in the data system
86 provided by the County. A volunteer must not earn more
87 than 3 points for stand-by service during any 24-hour
88 period.

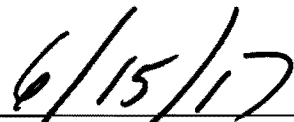
89 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

90 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate
91 protection of the public interest. The amendments in Section 1, except for the
92 amendments to subsection (k), take effect on July 1, 2017. The amendments to
93 subsection (k) in Section 1 take effect on January 1, 2018.

94 *Approved:*



Roger Berninger, President, County Council



Date

96 *Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

98 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date