

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 04-09_____

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Adoption of a new Subtitle 3 of Title 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County (1996 Ed.) to be entitled "Department of Emergency Services";

FOR THE PURPOSE of formally establishing the Department of Emergency Services; providing for an Emergency Service Advisory Council; providing for their general powers, duties, membership and terms; providing that the County Commissioners shall provide funding for the Department; and providing for certain responsibilities of the Department.

BY enacting a new Subtitle 3 of Title 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County (1996 Ed.).

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Subtitle 3 of Title 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County (1996 Ed.) be and is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SUBTITLE 3. Department of Emergency Services

21-301. Definitions.

As used in this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated:

"County" means the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County.

"Council" means the Emergency Services Advisory Council.

"Department" means the Department of Emergency Services.

21-302. Department Authorized

The Department of Emergency Services shall consist of persons appointed by the County Commissioners as may be

necessary. The appointments of such persons will be made solely on the basis of their qualifications. The Department shall be responsible for the administration, coordination, and functioning of emergency related services, emergency medical services, emergency management, communication, and other emergency services that may be assigned or be required by law, and the coordination of fire prevention and suppression and rescue services.

21-303. Emergency Services Advisory Council Authorized

(a) The County shall appoint an Emergency Services Advisory Council with the powers and duties specified in this subtitle.

1. General Powers and Duties

(i) Advise the Department on matters of policy regarding the provision of emergency services within Queen Anne's County;

(ii) Advise the Department regarding equipment, standard operating procedures, protocols, medications and emergency services personnel education and training requirements;

(iii) Assist the Department regarding emergency services public information and education;

(iv) Submit to the Department an annual report on the status of emergency services in the County;

(v) Perform other appropriate functions requested by the Department or the County.

2. Membership

(i) The Director, Department of Emergency Services will serve as Executive Director, non voting, to the Council and provide necessary staff support.

(ii) The County will appoint eleven (11) voting members to the Council. Voting Membership

will

include representatives as follows: Fire Chiefs Association (2), Volunteer EMS Provider (1),

Volunteer

Ambulance Committee (1), Volunteer Firefighter (1), Queen Anne's County Department of Health (1), Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office (1), Maryland State Police, (1) Centreville Police Department (1) EMS System Operating Medical Director, MIEMSS Regional Administrator (1) Consumer (1).

(iii) Non Voting membership shall include

a

member of each of the following: Queen Anne's

County

Department of Emergency Services- EMS Division,

Queen

Anne's County Department of Emergency Services-Communication Division, Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services, Emergency

Management

Division and the Department of Emergency Services-

Fire

Division.

3. Terms

Initial appointments to the Council shall be staggered in the discretion of the County. Thereafter all Council members shall service terms

of

two (2) years or until their successor is appointed.

4. Procedures

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

5. Committees

The Council may establish such standing and Ad Hoc committees so as they 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.

21-304. Budget

The County shall provide in each annual budget, sums of money necessary to fund the Department and such programs for emergency medical services, rescue services, communication, fire prevention and suppression, emergency management, and, and other emergency related services as the County Commissioners may deem appropriate.

21-305. Emergency Management

The Department is responsible for emergency management within the County in accordance with Article 16A, Section 7 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPSCRA) and other applicable Federal, State or local laws.

21-306. Emergency Medical Services

The Department is responsible for emergency medical services within the County in accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Title 30 - Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall be effective on the forty-sixth day following its passage.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Ransom

DATE: 5-4-04

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: 6-1-04

VOTE: 5 Yea _____ Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: 6-15-04