Reference No: CB-119-1991

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Prince George's

Meeting Date: 11/26/91

County Council

Requester: CO. EXEC.

Item Title: To increase certain benefits under the

Length of Service Award Program for certain volunteers and surviving spouses

Sponsors WI C

Date Presented __/_/ Executive Action 12/11/91 S

Committee Referral(1) 11/5/91 FP&GO Effective Date 1/27/92

Committee Action (1) 11/12/91 FAV(A)

Date Introduced 11/5/91

Pub. Hearing Date (1) 11/26/91 9:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/26/91 Enacted

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Remarks

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Drafter: Office of Law Personnel: Office of Law

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Fiscal Policy and Government Operations Date: October 30, 1991
Committee Report

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 6-0 (In favor: Council Members

MacKinnon, Bell, Castaldi, Del Giudice, Fletcher and

Mills)

This bill will increase certain benefits of volunteers and surviving spouses. The monthly benefit for the approximately 88 surviving spouses affected by this legislation will be increased by 50%. The Surviving Spouses will receive up to \$200 per month effective January 1, 1992.

Presently, a volunteer who has completed 25 years of certified active service and has reached age 60 is entitled to a benefit of \$200 a

month, plus an additional \$4.00 per month for each full year of certified service in excess of 25 years. The maximum benefit is \$300 per month.

The implementation of these services will not require additional funding since the funds for this change were included in the program's FY92 budget. The FY92 Approved Current Budget shows \$850,000 for the Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Awards Program.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and find it to be in proper legislative form. The Legislative Officer submitted a summary of the Surviving Spouses benefits.

The committee recommended the following amendments:

- 1. On page 2, line 14, delete the bracket [.
- 2. On page 2, line 15, delete the bracket].
- 3. On page 2, line 23, delete both brackets [].
- 4. On page 3, line 13, delete \$200 and add \$100.

The adoption of this Resolution will result in a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$68,800 for fiscal year 1991-92.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT (Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill will increase certain benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for certain volunteers and surviving spouses.