

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**1999 Legislative Session****REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL**

Executive Order No.	9
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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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WHEREAS, there is a need to economize on the cost of the administration of the County government; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize and consolidate the County's public safety communications functions; and

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter provides that the County Executive may propose changes in the organization of the Executive branch, including the establishment or abolition of agencies, and in the assignment of functions, powers, and duties among agencies, which proposals shall be set forth in executive orders in statutory form and be submitted to the County Council; and

WHEREAS, there has been a physical co-location of the public safety communications units of the Police Department, Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, Department of Corrections and the Office of the Sheriff at the Public Safety Communications Facility under the management of the Public Safety Communications Director; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Communications Director reports to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Director of Public Safety) within the office of the Chief Administrative Officer for operational matters; and

WHEREAS, there is a Policy Board chaired by the Director of Public Safety, consisting of the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the Director of Communications and the Sheriff, that addresses major policy matters; and

WHEREAS, certain revision of the Schedule of Legislation relating to this functional consolidation is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Legislation of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

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Section 13. Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department.

There shall be a Fire/Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") Department headed by a Fire Chief. The Fire[/Emergency Medical Services Department] Chief shall be responsible for fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire and rescue communications, research and training activities, coordination of the volunteer fire companies, and emergency management. The Fire Chief shall have had at least five years administrative experience in the field of fire prevention, fire training, or fire suppression. There shall be a Fire Commission composed of nine members elected by the volunteer fire companies of Prince George's County. Each company shall be entitled to cast one vote for each member of the Commission. The first election shall take place in the month of December, 1970, and an election shall take place annually thereafter during the month of July. The Fire Commission shall review the financial needs and requests for public funds of each volunteer fire company. It shall formulate annually one capital budget, one capital improvement program, and one current expense budget for all volunteer fire companies with respect to the expenditure of public funds, and shall submit said budgets and program, together with appropriate justification, to the County Executive in accordance with the provisions of this Charter. Within the Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, there shall be an Office of Emergency Preparedness, headed by a Director of Emergency Preparedness. The Director shall be appointed by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 16A, Section 7, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, upon recommendation of the County Executive. Prior to submission to the Governor, the County Executive shall secure concurrence of the County Council with his recommendation in the manner set forth in Section 322 of the Charter. The Director of Emergency Preparedness shall have the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Article 16A, Section 7, of the Annotated Code of Maryland and shall be responsible for the preparation and coordination of emergency actions of the County government.

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SECTION 2. This Order shall be submitted to the County Council pursuant to Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter and, thereafter, shall become effective sixty (60) days after such submission unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council.

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive