# **Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 1-308**

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**§ 1-308. 9-1-1 Trust Fund.**

**(a)** There is a 9-1-1 Trust Fund.

**(b)**

**(1)** Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and subject to § 1-309.1 of this subtitle, the purposes of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund are to:

**(i)** reimburse counties for the cost of enhancing a 9-1-1 system;

**(ii)** pay contractors in accordance with § 1-306(b)(12) of this subtitle; and

**(iii)** fund the coordinator position and staff to handle the increased duties related to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service under § 1-305 of this subtitle, as an administrative cost.

**(2)** Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, in addition to the purposes described under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the purposes of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund include funding:

**(i)** the operation and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, enhanced 9-1-1 systems, and Next Generation 9-1-1 services, including:

**1.** equipment and software utilized directly for providing 9-1-1 services by a public safety answering point;

**2.** protocol systems and software utilized directly for providing 9-1-1 services by a public safety answering point;

**3.** interpretation services provided for a public safety answering point;

**4.** services provided for a public safety answering point to ensure improved access to individuals with disabilities and other individuals who use assistive technology; and

**5.** voice, data, and call log recorders utilized to capture information from 9-1-1 systems, enhanced 9-1-1 systems, and Next Generation 9-1-1 services;

**(ii)** the operation and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, enhanced 9-1-1 systems, and Next Generation 9-1-1 services connectivity and infrastructure equipment, including:

**1.** automatic number and location identification; and

**2.** Primary Rate Interface and Session Initiation Protocol trunking for 10-digit emergency and nonemergency lines;

**(iii)** geographical information systems hardware, software, data development, and data management costs incurred for the effective operation of 9-1-1 systems, enhanced 9-1-1 systems, and Next Generation 9-1-1 services, including:

**1.** mapping equipment;

**2.** interfaces to computer-aided dispatch; and

**3.** geographical information systems base layer development and management;

**(iv)** public safety answering point facilities costs, including access control, security systems, and standby power;

**(v)** costs for public education materials;

**(vi)** the training of county personnel working in or directly supporting a public safety answering point;

**(vii)** the provision of tuition reimbursement for 9-1-1 specialists for educational programs related to the 9-1-1 specialist career field;

**(viii)** costs to maintain the cybersecurity of 9-1-1 systems, enhanced 9-1-1 systems, and Next Generation 9-1-1 services; and

**(ix)** costs of 9-1-1 specialist recruitment activities as described in § 1-306(b)(17) of this subtitle.

**(3)** Funding allocated in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection may not be utilized for:

**(i)** the payment of the salary of public safety answering point personnel or county personnel; or

**(ii)** any purpose associated with the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline.

**(c)** The 9-1-1 Trust Fund consists of:

**(1)** money from the 9-1-1 fee collected and remitted to the Comptroller under § 1-310 of this subtitle;

**(2)** money from the additional charge collected and remitted to the Comptroller under § 1-311 of this subtitle;

**(3)** money from the prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fee collected and remitted to the Comptroller under § 1-313 of this subtitle; and

**(4)** investment earnings of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund.

**(d)** Money in the 9-1-1 Trust Fund shall be held in the State Treasury.

**(e)** The Secretary shall administer the 9-1-1 Trust Fund, subject to the guidelines for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Management.

**(f)** The Secretary shall direct the Comptroller to establish separate accounts in the 9-1-1 Trust Fund for the payment of administrative expenses and for each county.

**(g)**

**(1)** Any investment earnings shall be credited to the 9-1-1 Trust Fund.

**(2)** The Comptroller shall allocate the investment income among the accounts in the 9-1-1 Trust Fund, prorated on the basis of the total fees collected in each county.

**History**

An. Code 1957, art. 41, §§ 18-103(d), 18-105(a), (e); 2003, ch. 5, § 2; ch. 451; 2013, ch. 313; 2019, chs. 301, 302; 2021, ch. 378, § 1; ch. 379, § 1.

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