

1 d. Is included on the certified roster submitted to the North Carolina
2 State Firemen's Association pursuant to G.S. 58-86-25.

3 (4) Town. – A fire district."

4 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 58-86-2 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 58-86-2. Definitions.**

6 The following words and phrases as used in this Article, unless a different meaning is
7 plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

8 ...
9 (5) "Eligible firefighter" means all persons 18 years of age or older who are
10 firefighters of the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision
11 thereof, including those performing such functions in the protection of life
12 and property through firefighting within a county or city governmental unit.
13 "Eligible firefighter" shall also mean an employee of a county whose sole
14 duty is to act as fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, assistant fire marshal, or
15 firefighter of the county. "Eligible firefighter" shall also mean those persons
16 meeting ~~the other qualifications of this Article, the requirements set forth in~~
17 G.S. 58-86-5(3a), not exceeding 25 volunteer firefighters plus one additional
18 volunteer firefighter per 100 population in the area served by their respective
19 departments.

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21 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 58-86-25 reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 58-86-25. Determination and certification of eligible firefighters.**

23 ~~Eligible~~ For purposes of this Article, eligible firefighters must attend 36 hours of training
24 sessions in each calendar year. Each eligible fire department shall annually determine and
25 ~~report~~ file a certified roster of the names of those firefighters meeting the eligibility
26 ~~qualifications of this Article to its respective governing body, which upon determination of the~~
27 ~~validity and accuracy of the qualification shall promptly certify the list to~~ with the North
28 Carolina State Firemen's Association. The Firemen's Association shall provide a list of those
29 persons meeting the eligibility requirements of this Article to the State Treasurer by January 31
30 of each year. ~~For the purposes of the preceding sentence, the governing body of a fire~~
31 ~~department operated: by a county is the county board of commissioners; by a city is the city~~
32 ~~council; by a sanitary district is the sanitary district board; by a corporation, whether profit or~~
33 ~~nonprofit, is the corporation's board of directors; and by any other entity is that group~~
34 ~~designated by the board.~~ An "eligible firefighter" may not also qualify as an "eligible rescue
35 squad worker" in order to receive double benefits available under this Article."

36 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 143-166.2(d) reads as rewritten:

37 "(d) The term "law-enforcement officer", "officer", or "fireman" shall mean a sheriff and
38 all law-enforcement officers employed full-time, permanent part-time, or temporarily by a
39 sheriff, the State of North Carolina or any county or municipality thereof, whether paid or
40 unpaid; and all full-time custodial employees and probation and parole officers of the Division
41 of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety; and all full time institutional and
42 full-time, permanent part-time, and temporary detention employees of the Division of Juvenile
43 Justice of the Department of Public Safety and full-time, permanent part-time, and temporary
44 detention officers employed by any sheriff, county or municipality, whether paid or unpaid.
45 The term "firemen" shall mean both ~~"eligible firemen" as defined in Article 86 of Chapter 58 of~~
46 ~~the General Statutes, notwithstanding any age requirements set out in that Article,~~ firefighters
47 or firemen as defined in G.S. 58-84-5(5) and all full-time, permanent part-time and temporary
48 employees of the North Carolina Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and
49 Consumer Services during the time they are actively engaged in firefighting activities; or
50 engaged in emergency response activities pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.77; and shall mean all
51 full-time employees of the North Carolina Department of Insurance during the time they are

1 actively engaged in firefighting activities, during the time they are training firefighters or
2 rescue squad workers, and during the time they are engaged in activities as members of the
3 State Emergency Response Team, when the Team has been activated; and shall mean all
4 otherwise eligible persons who, while actively engaged as firefighters or rescue squad workers,
5 are acting in the capacity of a fire or rescue instructor outside their own department or squad.
6 The term "rescue squad worker" shall mean a person who is dedicated to the purpose of
7 alleviating human suffering and assisting anyone who is in difficulty or who is injured or
8 becomes suddenly ill by providing the proper and efficient care or emergency medical services.
9 In addition, this person must belong to an organized rescue squad which is eligible for
10 membership in the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services,
11 Inc., and the person must have attended a minimum of 36 hours of training in the last calendar
12 year. Each rescue squad belonging to the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency
13 Medical Services, Inc., must file a roster of those members meeting the above requirements
14 with the State Treasurer on or about January 31 of each year, and this roster must be certified to
15 by the secretary of said association. In addition, the term "rescue squad worker" shall mean a
16 member of an ambulance service certified by the Department of Health and Human Services
17 pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes. The Department of Health and
18 Human Services shall furnish a list of ambulance service members to the State Treasurer on or
19 about January 31 of each year. The term "Civil Air Patrol members" shall mean those senior
20 members of the North Carolina Wing-Civil Air Patrol 18 years of age or older and currently
21 certified pursuant to G.S. 143B-1031. The term "fireman" shall also mean county fire marshals
22 when engaged in the performance of their county duties. The term "rescue squad worker" shall
23 also mean county emergency services coordinators when engaged in the performance of their
24 county duties."

25 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.