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§301. CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Civil Air Patrol shall expend funds made available to it pursuant to Title 37-B, section 3, subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph (13) as in its best judgment would most effectively carry out its purpose and objectives. [1999, c. 401, Pt. K, §1 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW). 1999, c. 401, §K1 (AMD).

§302. MAINE AERONAUTICAL ADVISORY BOARD

1. Board established.

A. The Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board, established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 81, and in this section called "the board," shall be a board within the Department of Transportation. [1989, c. 503, §35 (AMD).]

[1989, c. 503, §35 (AMD) .]

2. Membership.

A. The membership of the board consists of at least 7 members: one person from an airport association in the State appointed by the association's board of directors; one person from a pilot's association in the State appointed by the association's board of directors; and the remaining members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation. All members serve a term of office of 2 years. Vacancies in membership must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The commissioner serves as secretary of the board. [2009, c. 485, §1 (AMD).]

[2009, c. 485, §1 (AMD) .]

3. Meetings.

A. The board shall annually elect a chair from among its members, and the chair serves a term of one year. The board shall meet at the call of the chair, or at the call of at least 3 members of the board, and there must be at least one meeting held a year. [1999, c. 131, §19 (AMD).]

B. Members shall be compensated as provided in Title 5. [1983, c. 812, §41 (AMD).]

[1999, c. 131, §19 (AMD) .]

4. Duties.

A. The board shall advise the department on matters relating to aeronautics and recommendations for change to the aeronautical laws and comments upon the present and future needs of that service. [1999, c. 152, Pt. I, §1 (AMD).]

[1999, c. 152, Pt. I, §1 (AMD) .]

5. Staff support.

A. The department shall supply reasonable staff support requested by the board. [1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW).]

[1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW) .]

6. Transition.

A. Of the initial members appointed to the board, 3 shall serve for a term of one year and 2 shall serve for a term of 2 years. After expiration of the initial term of any member of the board, any appointment to the membership shall be for a term of 2 years. [1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW).]

[1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW). 1979, c. 80, §6 (AMD). 1983, c. 812, §§40,41 (AMD). 1989, c. 503, §B35 (AMD). 1995, c. 504, §B10 (AMD). 1999, c. 131, §§18,19 (AMD). 1999, c. 152, §I1 (AMD). 2009, c. 485, §1 (AMD).

§303. AIR SEARCH PROCEDURES

1. Agreements. The Chief of the State Police may establish agreements with public or private agencies or organizations to assist in air search operations.

[1995, c. 555, §1 (AMD) .]

2. Situations covered. The Chief of the State Police shall establish and maintain a state air search and rescue plan for the immediate handling of the following emergency situations arising from aeronautical activities:

A. Locating aircraft believed lost and down within the State; and [1981, c. 41, (NEW).]

B. Locating persons who are believed lost and down in the State as a result of accidents involving aircraft overflying the State or parachute jumps. [1981, c. 41, (NEW).]

For purposes of this section, the phrases "within the State" and "in the State" include the coastal waters of the State as defined in Title 12, section 6001.

[1995, c. 555, §1 (AMD) .]

3. Plan of action. The state air search and rescue plan must provide a plan of action for search and rescue that will mobilize all state and federal agencies that can contribute in those emergencies and inform all state and federal agencies that request to be informed of any air search operation, in accordance with agreements reached in advance. The plan may include utilization of the Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol to coordinate and control specific air search operations. The plan must provide that its first objective is saving human life and rendering prompt aid to survivors.

[1995, c. 555, §1 (AMD) .]

4. Authority. The Chief of the State Police is responsible for the execution and overall coordination of air search and rescue efforts initiated in support of the air search and rescue plan by the Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol and those state and federal agencies that are designated in the plan to play a role in emergencies.

A. [1995, c. 504, Pt. B, §6 (RP).]

A-1. The Chief of the State Police may delegate authority for overall coordination of air search and rescue efforts to a commissioned officer within the Bureau of State Police. [1995, c. 555, §1 (NEW).]

B. [1995, c. 555, §1 (RP).]

C. [1995, c. 555, §1 (RP).]

[1995, c. 555, §1 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1977, c. 678, §48 (NEW). 1981, c. 41, (RPR). 1985, c. 610, (AMD).
1989, c. 489, §§1,2 (AMD). 1995, c. 504, §B6 (AMD). 1995, c. 555, §1
(AMD).

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