

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY
SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN FIRE
FIGHTING ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Upper Providence Township is responsible for ensuring the public safety of the Township's residents in the area of fire protection and, in accordance with this public safety duty, the following Resolution is hereby adopted to officially accord the status of the Department of Fire & Emergency Services as well as the contracted emergency services providers.

WHEREAS, in order to maintain an efficient and orderly fire & emergency services to serve the residents of the Township, the Board of Supervisors shall expressly authorize and acknowledge all fire fighting duties and activities engaged in and performed by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services and its contracted emergency service providers.

WHEREAS, the Department of Fire & Emergency Services and its contracted emergency services providers are hereby authorized to provide such services to the Township as may be necessary for the protection of persons and property located within the Township which shall include, but are not limited to, the extinguishment and prevention of loss of life and property from fire and also the extinguishment and prevention of fires associated with, but not limited to, automobile accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and other situations which require fire fighting services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Township Recognition. The Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the Department of Fire & Emergency Services as the official provider of fire and emergency services.
2. Authorized Emergency Service Activities. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Fire & Emergency Services and its contracted emergency service providers to perform the following emergency activities:
 - A. The Department of Fire & Emergency Services is authorized to actively engage in emergency services within the boundaries of the Township and to respond to out-of-jurisdiction calls only pursuant to the authorization of a mutual aid agreements or a written agreements for first call service as approved by the Township.
 - B. Any volunteer fire fighter of the contracted emergency service providers may engage only in those acts which are recognized as fire fighting activities. Fire fighting activities are limited to the following acts performed while actually engaged as a fire fighter: (1) The fire fighter's act of going to or returning

from any fire where dispatched; (2) The fire fighter's participation in fire fighting instruction and fire drills; (3) The fire fighter's participation in repair and/or other work on fire apparatus, buildings and grounds and; (4) The fire fighter's performance in responding to any emergency call for any purpose, or while riding upon fire apparatus owned or used by the respective Company.

SECTION 3. Standards of Operation. The Department of Fire & Emergency Services and its contracted emergency service providers shall act in accordance with the highest standards of professional conduct. The department and its contracted emergency service providers shall within Township Code Chapter 85.

SECTION 4. Ancillary Activities and Duties of the Department and its Contracted Emergency Services Providers. A duly-authorized contracted emergency service provider located within the Township may only participate in certain activities or duties not outlined above after consulting with the Chief of Fire & Emergency Services and after obtaining the separate written approval of the Township following official action by its Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Providence Township this 3rd day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:

BY: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Timothy J. Tieperman, Secretary

John Pearson, Chairman