

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2016 @ 8:00 PM
Headquarters Station Meeting Room

REMINDER:

THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT ALL CELL PHONES EITHER BE SET TO VIBRATE OR BE TURNED OFF TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION OF TONIGHT'S MEETING. THE BOARD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ADVANCE.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call - Commissioners DiPietrantonio, Hamilton, Ridenour, Roura and Shestack
4. Public Announcements - Clerk
5. Award Presentations & Recognitions;
June 2016 CPR Save Award Presentation - Lt. Maschke, FF Rafer & FF Presner
June 2016 CPR Save Award Presentation - Lt. Maschke, FF Rafer, FF Presner & FF Glassman
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes;
Special Meeting of September 6, 2016
7. Adoption of Resolutions;
Resolution #2016-31 "Appointment of Roshan Vasoya to Active Membership in the Fellowship Fire Company #2 and the Mount Laurel Fire Department"
Resolution #2016-32 "Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Contract with H-GAC for Cooperative Purchasing"
Resolution #2016-33 "Resolution Authorizing a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Between Participating Units"

8. Financial Matters;
 - a. Approval of Monthly Bills (September 2016)
 - b. Questions / Comments by Treasurer
9. Monthly Report by Administrator
10. Monthly Report by Chief of Department
11. Standing Committee Reports
12. Other Matters
13. Comments of Fire District Professionals
14. Comments of Fire Commissioners
15. Public Participation
16. Resolution #2016-34 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act"
17. Closed Session:
 - a. Legal Matters;
 1. Any other legal matter that may come before the Board
 - b. Personnel Matters;
 1. Employee Disciplinary Action / Injury Update - Chief Colucci
 2. New Firefighter Hiring Status
 3. CBA Negotiations Status - Comm. Roura
 4. Any other personnel matter that may come before the Board
18. Adjournment of Closed Session
19. Return to Open Session
20. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

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RESOLUTION 2016-31

*APPOINTMENT OF
ROSHAN VASOYA
TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE
FELLOWSHIP FIRE COMPANY #2
AND THE MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS, ROSHAN VASOYA has applied for membership as an ACTIVE MEMBER of the FELLOWSHIP FIRE COMPANY #2 and MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has previously served with the Mount Laurel Fire Department as a 'JUNIOR' and as an 'EXPLORER' member.

WHEREAS, all pertinent Mount Laurel Fire Department membership requirements have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #1, Township of Mount Laurel, Burlington County, New Jersey that ROSHAN VASOYA is hereby appointed as an ACTIVE MEMBER of the FELLOWSHIP FIRE COMPANY #2 and the MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard Hamilton, Clerk of the Mount Laurel Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1, Mount Laurel, New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners at a regular meeting held on September 19, 2016.

Richard Hamilton, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2016-32

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT WITH H-GAC FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.139 allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement; and,

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a regional planning commission operating under the laws of the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas State law, H-GAC is authorized to contract with eligible entities to perform governmental functions and services, including purchasing of goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, H-GAC has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that significant economy and efficiency can be realized by the Mount Laurel Fire District #1 through its participation in the H-GAC's cooperative purchasing program; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Mount Laurel Fire District #1 to participate in the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Evesham Township Fire District Number 1, County of Burlington, that the Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing, which is attached hereto and made part hereof, between the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Mount Laurel Fire District #1, be and is hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Clerk of the Fire District are hereby authorized to affix their signature and seal to any and all documents necessary as evidence of this approval.

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RESOLUTION 2016-33

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cherry Hill Fire District #13, having its' principal offices at 1100 Marlkrass Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 (hereinafter referred to as "Cherry Hill") and the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Mount Laurel Fire District #1, having its' principal offices at 69 Elbo Lane, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054 (hereinafter referred to as "Mount Laurel") recognize that entering into an agreement for mutual aid and automatic aid with each other to protect against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation and to address those situations when additional aid and assistance is needed to protect the best interests of the persons and property in their jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of New Jersey authorize interested parties to enter into an agreement relative to the providing of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing recitations and the mutual covenants and promise hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Upon the request as provided herein, Cherry Hill and Mount Laurel shall provide mutual aid and automatic aid to each other. Mutual aid and automatic aid shall include the following:
 - a. Rendering of aid and assistance, including pre-established immediate response to an emergency scene under the control and/or jurisdiction of either Fire District, said emergency may include but not to be limited to fire, civil unrest, major criminal or emergency events, natural and man-made disaster or catastrophe affecting the environment; and,
 - b. Rendering of aid and assistance to serve as supplemental reserve protection in the Requesting Unit's jurisdiction while the Requesting Unit is on an emergency call and/or otherwise currently unable to address the emergency service needs in its jurisdiction; and,
 - c. Participating in training exercises where the purpose of such training exercises is to coordinate and prepare for fire, civil unrest, major emergency, natural disaster, environmental disaster and/or other emergency situations that are a threat to life or property. Training includes, but is not limited to the following; Apparatus familiarization, HAZMAT team training, technical rescue training, specialty subject drills and classes and Incident Command training; and,

2. The Incident Commander of the Requesting Unit shall have overall command authority of all Participating Units at the scene of the emergency. Participating Units of the fire service shall operate in compliance with the State Incident Management System N.J.A.C. 5:73 -1.6(b).
3. All mutual fire aid automatic aid rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided without charge and/or expense. Each party hereby acknowledges that it shall be solely responsible for the provision of any and all costs and other benefits for its' personnel where performing their duties within the Fire District providing assistance.
4. Nothing contained within this Agreement shall be construed to require a Participating Unit to make a mutual aid and automatic aid response if the response will leave the Participating Unit's jurisdiction without sufficient fire, ambulance and/or emergency protection.
5. The personnel of each Participating Unit making a mutual aid and automatic aid response shall have the same powers and authority as the members of the Requesting Unit at the scene of the emergency in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-156.2. Personnel of a Participating Unit shall also have, while so acting, such rights and immunities as they would otherwise enjoy in the performance of their normal duties within their own jurisdiction.
6. Except as expressly provided herein, no party shall be liable for:
 - a. failure to comply with any provision of this agreement, or
 - b. liability arising from providing or refusing to provide mutual aid or automatic aid under this agreement.
7. Except as specifically provided herein, each party hereby forever releases or discharges each other party, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and/or agents from any claim related to the agreement or providing mutual or automatic aid hereunder.
8. Each party agrees to provide the other party with proof of insurance coverage for injuries or damages caused by or to any personnel or apparatus rendering mutual aid within the respective Fire District's jurisdiction.
9. This Agreement shall have an initial term of one (1) year, and it shall be automatically renewed for additional and successive one (1) year terms, unless and until one of the parties hereto elects to terminate it by the adoption of a Resolution and the delivery of a certified original copy of said Resolution to the other party.
10. The parties hereto each acknowledge and represent to the other that the execution of this Agreement has been authorized by a duly adopted Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Mount Laurel Fire District #1 are hereby authorized to affix their signature and seal to any and all documents necessary in order to implement this agreement.

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RESOLUTION 2016-34

CLOSING OF MEETING PURSUANT TO OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board is allowed to engage in an Executive (Closed) Session during any particular meeting when it becomes necessary to discuss matters which the statute allows to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board to discuss various matters regarding personnel, contracts and/or litigation or legal matters and, accordingly, these matters are eligible for discussion by the Board in an Executive (Closed) Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #1, Township of Mount Laurel, Burlington County, New Jersey as follows:

1. The regular meeting of September 19, 2016 is hereby closed to the public and will be reopened at such time as the discussions held in Executive (Closed) Session have been completed.
2. The minutes of the Executive (Closed) Session will be revealed to the public at such time as the matters discussed have been resolved.

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