

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

A RESOLUTION OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET TO QUALIFY FOR TAX CREDITS UNDER THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Franklin Township is a township of the second class located in Carbon County, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, Franklin Township enacted an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTING TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND NONPROFIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCIES; AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2(B) (Program Criteria) provides that the Board shall establish, by resolution, the annual criteria that must be met to qualify for credits under the program based on the following:

- (1) The number of emergency response calls to which a volunteer responds.
- (2) The level of training and participation in formal training and drills for a volunteer.
- (3) The total amount of time expended by a volunteer on administrative and other support services, including but not limited to, fundraising, facility or equipment maintenance, and financial bookkeeping.
- (4) The involvement in other events or projects that aid the financial viability, emergency response or operational readiness of a volunteer fire company or a nonprofit

emergency medical service agency.

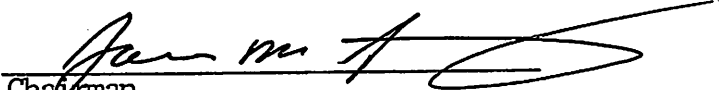
(5) The total number of years the volunteer has served; and,

WHEREAS, by this resolution, the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township desires to establish the annual criteria that must be met to qualify for tax credits under the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

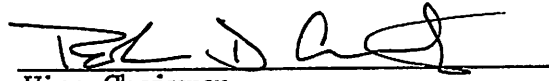
NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that volunteers must meet the annual criteria stated on Exhibit "A" (Active Volunteer Fire Company Member Criteria) to qualify for tax credits under the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

RESOLVED this 17th day of November, 2020.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



Chairman

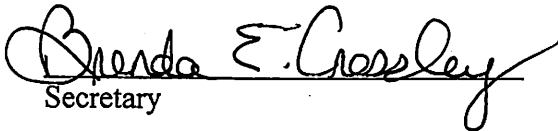


Vice-Chairman



Member

ATTEST:



Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

- b. On Monday nights, the company may see videos, discuss fire tactics, or use the apparatus to practice techniques
- c. Firefighters with free time during training periods should make every effort to attend
- d. Personnel should make at least three training sessions a month. Exceptions (work, school illness, personal)

Section 2. Enrollment - Remote Fire Schools

1.1 Occasionally there are courses in firefighting and first aid held in remote areas of the state at recognized fire schools

a. Anyone of these courses will be posted on the bulletin board

c. If approved, the Company will pay for tuition reimbursement upon a successful completion of the class with a passing grade. All members must be considered off probationary status to be eligible for reimbursement.

ARTICLE 9. FIRE BOARD

Section 1. Purpose of Fire Board

1.1 To review the status of individuals not meeting the department criteria and determine if they should be dropped from the active roster of the Franklin Township Vol. Fire Co.

1.2 Review company policies and procedures.

Section 2. Composition of the Fire Board

1.1 The board will consist of all chiefs and line officers.

ARTICLE 10. POINT SYSTEM

Section 1. Purpose

1.1 To initiate personnel to volunteer more time for the betterment of the Fire Co and to help Chief Officers monitor each member participation in company functions

Section 2. Affected Personnel

2.1 All active firefighters (excluding Chiefs)

Section 3. Policies and Procedures

3.1 All points awarded must be approved by Chiefs

3.2 All points accumulated will be added up on a yearly basis for each member

3.3 A minimum of 125 points must be maintained yearly to keep the privilege of a minitor, dress uniform, firefighter active status and an invitation to the fireman's dance

3.4 Personnel having less than the minimum number of points will lose privileges mentioned above until the minimum is acquired

3.5 All new members on probation must accumulate at least 65 points along with the six months of probation

3.6 All members scoring points (excluding drill nights, fire and or emergency calls) will sign name, date, times in and out along with the type of detail performed on a point scoring sheet

3.7 A point scoring sheet will be posted in the engine room on wall along with truck reports

3.8 At the discussion of the Chief's, awards may be distributed to members for work above and beyond the fire company minimum points required.

Section 4. Point Awards

- 1.* Fire or emergency calls 2 points
Additional points may be added at the discretion of the Chief
- 2.* Drills 2 points
 - a.* Those working or in school will be awarded 1 point
 - b. No one going out on a night or evening shift will be given work credit unless work hours start at 7:00 pm on drill night. Anyone working 8, 9, 10 o'clock start is able to attend some drill time.
 - c. If you're working scheduled mandatory over time, there is no excuse for not showing up for for drill. Drill is until 9:00 or later depending on drill & work being done. If shift ends after 9:00 notify an Officer & work credit will be given.
 - d. Credit for Fire Co. related items such as Fire-Rescue-EMT classes which occur on drill night will also be given credit as long as proof of attending is given. This also includes National Guard or related services. Ambulance calls, meeting etc is not included due to it is a totally different organization.
 - e. Anyone coming with 2nd hand information like "I think he's working" is not acceptable!
 - f. Anyone caught elsewhere; when they have work, credit will be marked absent on every work credit on attendance sheet for entire year!
 - g. Anyone getting a work credit for that night must notify an Officer before or on that drill Night! No changes will be made after attendance sheet is marked!
- 3. State and local schools 1 point per hour of class time
- 4. Fire Co. and county meetings 2 points
- 5. Parades 1 point
- 6. Special Assignments 2 points
Additional points may be added at the discretion of the Chief
- 7. Fire Prevention Program (Organizing) 10 points per program
- 8. Fund Raising 1 point per hour worked
- 9. Teach training night 2 points
- 10. General truck, building and equipment repair 1 point per hour worked

Examples of #10 (mow grass, shovel snow, and paint building, wash trucks, wax trucks, grease truck, change oil, clean building, put hose away, power equipment service, etc)

* Items marked with star do not get logged on point scoring sheets

ARTICLE 11. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF LINE OFFICERS

Section 1. Line Officers

1.1 The Line Officers shall consist of a Captain, 3 Lieutenants and an Engineer. At the discretion of the fire chief, an additional officer can be added or removed.