

**RUSH TOWNSHIP SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-11**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RUSH TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE HOMETOWN FIRE COMPANY AND QUAKAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND OFFICIALLY ACCORD THEM THE STATUS AS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, is responsible for insuring the public safety of the residents of Rush Township in the area of fire protection and in accordance with this public safety policy, the following resolution is hereby enacted to officially accord the status of volunteer fire companies upon the Hometown Fire Company and the Quakake Volunteer Fire Company (hereinafter fire companies).

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain efficient and orderly volunteer fire fighting forces to service the inhabitants of Rush Township, the Rush Township Board of Supervisors shall expressly authorize and acknowledge all fire fighting duties and activities engaged in and performed by the duly recognized volunteer fire companies.

**WHEREAS**, the volunteer fire companies recognized by Rush Township are hereby authorized to provide such services to Rush Township as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons located within Rush 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:**

**Section 1. Authorized Fire Fighting Activities.** The purpose and objective of the Resolution is to Hometown Fire Company and Quakake Volunteer Fire Company as the duly recognized volunteer fire companies for Rush Township and to designate those duties and activities which Rush Township shall authorize either by approval under formal governing procedures or by approval following application by the fire companies to Rush Township for written approval, in accordance with terms hereof, of the ancillary activities and duties which the fire companies desire to perform. These duties and activities are as follows:

- a. The volunteer fire companies recognized by Rush Township are authorized to actively engage in fire fighting within the boundaries of Rush Township and to respond to out-of-jurisdiction calls only pursuant to the authorization of a written mutual aid agreement or a written agreement for first call service approved by Rush Township.

- b. A volunteer fire fighter may engage only in those acts which are recognized as fire fighting activities. Such acts are limited to the following activities of a fire fighter while actually engaged as a fire fighter: (1) the fire fighter's act of going to or returning from any fire which the fire company of which they are a member shall have attended; (2) the fire fighter's participation in fire fighting instruction and fire drills which the fire company of which they are a member shall have attended; (3) the fire fighter's participation in repair and or other work on fire apparatus, buildings and grounds of the fire company or fire department which work is specifically authorized by the chief of the fire company or fire department, and ; (4) the fire fighter's performance in responding to any emergency call for any purpose, or while riding upon the fire apparatus owned or used by the fire companies of which they are a member.

**Section 2. Ancillary Activities and Duties of Fire Companies.** Duly authorized volunteer fire companies may only participate in certain ancillary activities or duties after obtaining the separate written approval of Rush Township following official action by the governing body granting such approval.

**Section 3. This Resolution confirms any prior Resolution consistent with this Resolution, recognizing Hometown Fire Company and Quakake Volunteer Fire Company.**

ENACTED INTO RESOLUTION this 16th day of August  
2005. This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date authorized by law.

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary

RUSH TOWNSHIP BY:

  
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FRANK BERLETH, Chairman

  
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WILLIAM SANCHEZ, JR., Vice  
Chairman

  
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MARION LAZAR, Supervisor