

**TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 8**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE CONESTOGA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS DESIGNATED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT AS MODIFIED BY ACT 108 OF 2020

WHEREAS, Act 108 of 2020 clarifies that certain officers, directors, and volunteers for volunteer fire departments that provide necessary operational support are eligible for workers' compensation coverage if injured in the performance of their duties; and,

WHEREAS, Act 108 of 2020 defines "members of volunteer fire departments or volunteer fire companies" to include "Participating Members" of a volunteer fire department or volunteer fire company who provide necessary operational support to the volunteer fire department or volunteer fire company but do not respond to emergency calls; and,

WHEREAS, Act 108 of 2020 "includes" a description of basic operational support activities of "Participating Members" for workers' compensation purposes, but it is not limited to them, and,

WHEREAS, Act 108 of 2020 allows those operational support activities of "Participating Members" that are conducted "on a regular basis" and for the "benefit of the fire company" to be approved for workers' compensation purposes by the municipality purchasing workers' compensation coverage for the fire department, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Supervisors of Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, hereby approve "Participating Members" of the "Conestoga Volunteer Fire Co." to participate in the following operational support activities for workers' compensation purposes, which include the basic operational support activities designated in the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act as modified by Act 108 of 2020, as well as additional operational support activities.

Operational support activities as approved by the Supervisors of Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, as of the beginning of the workers' compensation policy year, starting June 1, 2023, with all operational support activities to include travel to the event or traveling first to the Fire Company and then to the event, and on return, directly to the Participating Members' home, place of business or other place where he or she shall have been engaging in the activities below:

- A. Maintaining the station and equipment; and
- B. Acting as trustee; and
- C. Organizing fundraisers; and
- D. Providing information technology support; and
- E. Assisting with recruitment and other administrative tasks; and
- F. While participating in events at the request of the Municipality to offer community support or other non-emergency services at various properties owned by the Municipality such as, including but not limited to its parks, the Municipal Building, maintenance properties, and open space; and
- G. While participating in community public outreach services to increase fire company visibility and relevance to area residents such as, including but not limited to, Community Day, Trunk or Treat during Halloween, Easter Bunny & Santa Claus visits, including while the vehicle(s) transporting Easter Bunny and Santa Clause are in operation and alighting to or from the vehicles(s) or persons visits off vehicles(s); and
- H. While participating in those activities that promote the public's health and safety, such as, including but not limited to assisting other companies with their activities during Fire Prevention Week, and/or other similar community events, visiting daycare facilities, churches, and schools to educate students and adults regarding public safety; and
- I. While transporting fire company apparatus or fire company vehicles to and from repair facilities and while at the repair facility; and
- J. While engaged in fundraising activities for the fire company such as, including but not limited to Dinners, Breakfasts, Spring Dance, Car Show, Raffles, including set-up and breakdown of such activities, and travel to and from such events, and
- K. While participating at the special request of area organizations or initiated by the fire company, associated with fire company non-emergency duties and activities such as, including but not limited to parades, funerals or viewing processions, public displays of fire company equipment and apparatus, and
- L. While participating in training or education programs sponsored by the fire company or governmental entity; and
- M. While attending meetings relating to any function of the fire company, wherever such meetings are located, such as, including but not limited to fire company meetings, municipal government meetings, Relief Association meetings, County Chief meetings, and
- N. While participating in the set-up and breakdown and participation of the Annual Christmas Party, and 5th Monday Group Outings, and

- O. While participating in canteen-type activities for the fire company such as, including but not limited to preparing food and providing canteen food and beverage services to firefighters and fire police, including delivering food to firefighters and fire police while said personnel is on an emergency call at the emergency scene.

AND, FURTHER RESOLVED, that "Participating Members" of the "Conestoga Fire Co." may engage in the foregoing, Fire Department approved operational support activities;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with this authorization and Act 108 of 2020, these activities of the "Participating members" of the "Conestoga Fire Co." are approved for the policy term of June 1, 2024 to June 1, 2025;

FURTHER RESOLVED, if any provision of this Resolution is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect; all other resolutions or parts thereof which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed; and this Resolution shall become effective as provided by law.

APPROVED 4th day of June, 2024 by the Supervisors of Conestoga Township, Lancaster County.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA

By: 
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