

A Resolution to request corrective legislation to make it clear that all members of Volunteer Fire Companies are covered under Workers Compensation coverage when they are engaged in Fire Company activities

RESOLUTION 2017-25

A Resolution of the East Lampeter_Township, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting corrective legislation to make it clear that all members of Volunteer Fire Companies are covered under Workers Compensation coverage when they are engaged in Fire Company activities.

WHEREAS, public protection is a principal reason why volunteer Fire Companies are established and exist; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are statutorily required to provide for fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer fire service has been a hallmark of Pennsylvania communities; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer fire service requires the efficient and effective operation of Volunteer Fire Companies; and

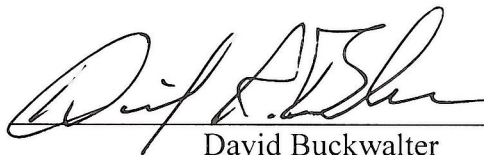
WHEREAS, many skills and capabilities are required in support of Volunteer Fire companies such as administration, accounting, fund raising and maintenance in addition to actually responding to calls for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the State Workers Insurance Fund has suggested that members of Volunteer Fire Companies who are not engaged in fighting fires are not covered by the Workers Compensation Act; and

WHEREAS, members of Volunteer Fire Companies have previously been provided coverage under the Workers Compensation Act whenever they have been engaged in Fire Company activities.

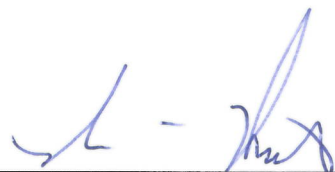
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that East Lampeter Township, on this second day of October 2017, calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Martin and Representative Greiner to pursue corrective legislation that will make it clear that all members of Volunteer Fire Companies are covered under the Workers Compensation Act whenever they are engaged in Fire Company activities.

East Lampeter Township
Board of Supervisors



David Buckwalter
Chairman

Attest:



Ralph Hutchison
Township Manager