



**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #12-37**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VOLUTNEER FIRE SERVICES THAT PROVIDE PRIMARY SUPPORT FOR HATFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) under the authority bestowed upon the Board by the First Class Township Code, Section 1709 – Tax Levies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established a review process with the Public Safety Committee and Hatfield Township Fire Commission to assess the long-term needs for fire protection within Hatfield Township (“the Township”); and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee determined and recommended a direction for the best interest of fire protection within the Township; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board **RESOLVES** as follows the Township policy for supporting fire protection:

1. Coverage Area: Shall be divided among two (2) primary companies (Colmar Volunteer Fire Company (“Colmar”) & Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company (“Hatfield”)) based on mileage from available, recognized station(s) and confirmed by the Public Safety Committee.
2. Operation Donation: The Board shall provide an annual approved Fire Fund budget that shall be split equitably among Colmar and Hatfield. A donation shall be made to Hilltown Volunteer Fire Company, at the sole and absolute discretion of the Board. Annual Relief Association revenues provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be distributed based upon coverage area of the given year to the primary fire companies.
3. Capital Apparatus Plan: Colmar shall receive financial support for three (3) Units and Hatfield shall receive financial support for four (4) Units to maintain the major response apparatus. Additional support vehicles (e.g. chief’s truck, fire police vehicle, etc) shall be supported via annual request through the Fire Commission and Public Safety Committee, with final approval from the Board. The Public Safety Committee shall further define, and confirm by resolution, the process and financial definition of support for the aforementioned Units for Colmar & Hatfield.
4. Future Matters: The Fire Commission and Public Safety Committee shall continue to work on future matters, which may include new facilities, new recruitment/retention policies, operational polices for fire protection within the Township. It is the intent that new polices will be ratified by resolution, if deemed appropriate, to establish expectations for all parties involved.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED by the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in a public meeting held this 5th day of December 2012.

ATTEST:

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Andrew S. Haines
Township Manager/Secretary

Thomas C. Zipfel, President