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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, GLOUCESTER COUNTY
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Board of Fire Commissioners
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY # 2 - 97
regarding
GEOGRAPHICAL RESPONSE AREA ASSIGNMENTS**

Fire Companies:
Grenloch
Hurffville
Whitman Square

It is the policy of the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners to establish and maintain geographical response area assignments for the various types of emergencies requiring Fire Department services within the boundaries of the Washington Township Fire District. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Fire Department personnel, equipment, and resources which are dispatched to an emergency scene will arrive in the least probable time period from the time of initial dispatch. To meet this objective there shall be established three (3) primary response areas, each assigned to one of the three (3) fire companies serving the Washington Township Fire District. The respective fire company assigned to each primary response area shall constitute the "first-due" fire company and shall be dispatched to all fire department emergencies in that area. The primary response areas shall be further subdivided to include second-due company assignments. The second-due company shall automatically be dispatched to emergencies requiring the response of two or more companies pursuant to Fire Department Policy # 4-97 and any revisions thereto. The second-due company shall also be dispatched in place of the first-due company when that company is unavailable due to another commitment. The third Washington Township fire company will be the third-due company in all geographical response areas unless specified otherwise in the Fire Department Policies or Standard Operating Procedures.

As part of this policy a map will be prepared indicating the first-due and second-due company assignments for all of the roads within the boundaries of the Washington Township Fire District. The determination of the response assignments will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following factors:

- The proximity of the street to the closest fire stations as measured along the existing roadway system.
- The classification of the roadways along which fire apparatus must travel to reach a given street. (ie. neighborhood street, residential collector, County road, State highway, etc.)
- Developmental boundaries

- History of previous responses to given streets (That is, the records of previous response times by the fire companies)
- Natural boundaries which may affect Fire Department response.

The Fire Department Geographical Response Assignment Map will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners and will be considered an official document of the Washington Township Fire District.

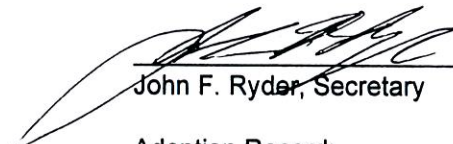
The Geographical Response Assignment Map will be updated or revised by the Board of Fire Commissioners as conditions warrant and/or new streets are constructed. Only the Board of Fire Commissioners is authorized to implement such revisions and updates of the geographical response assignments, which shall be consistent with the response assignment records at the Gloucester County Communications Center. When the Official Street Map of Washington Township is updated or additional streets are constructed as part of new developments, the Fire Official shall advise the Board of Fire Commissioners of such updates, and the Geographical Response Assignment Map shall be updated accordingly. Such updates shall not constitute revisions or amendments to this policy thereby requiring re-adoption. However, each updated version of the map shall be signed, indicating its continued status as an official document in accordance with this policy.

This policy was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on September 4, 1997.

BY:


 Edwin L. Etschman, Chairman

Attest:


 John F. Ryder, Secretary

Distribution:

Commissioners
 Grenloch Fire Company
 Whitman Square Fire Company
 Hurffville Fire Company

Adoption Record:

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