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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, GLOUCESTER COUNTY
NEW JERSEY**

Board of Fire Commissioners
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Turnersville, NJ 08012-0653

FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY # 5 - 97
regarding

Fire Companies:
Grenloch
Hurffville
Whitman Square

**MOVEMENT OF FIRE DISTRICT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**


It is the policy of the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners to regulate the movement and operation of Fire District vehicles and equipment outside the boundaries of the Township of Washington in order to ensure that adequate fire apparatus and equipment remain for the protection of the Township. The guidelines enumerated below are established to ensure compliance with this policy, which applies to all fire apparatus and equipment owned, leased, or insured by the Fire District.

1. Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners shall be obtained prior to any fire apparatus or equipment being taken outside of the Township boundaries for parade or demonstration purposes. A written request to participate in each parade or demonstration which will necessitate movement of apparatus or equipment outside of the Township, signed by the company Chief, shall be submitted to the Board of Fire Commissioners for consideration at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting prior to the day of the event. Failure to submit a request in time for discussion at a Commission meeting shall constitute denial of the request.
2. In general, only one (1) piece of Fire District apparatus from each Fire Company will be permitted to leave the Township boundaries at the same time for the purposes of parades and demonstrations. However, exceptions may be permitted for events which are in close proximity to the Township, such as in neighboring municipalities. The primary basis for allowing such exceptions will be the availability for response to emergency assignments in Washington Township within a reasonable time period.
3. When authorizing apparatus to be used for parades and/or demonstrations, the Board of Fire Commissioners shall give due consideration to keeping at least one aerial apparatus within immediate response distance to Washington Township.
4. Fire District vehicles and equipment shall not be taken out of service for the purpose of preparation for parades or demonstrations.

5. Unless specifically authorized otherwise by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District vehicles and equipment taken from the Fire District for parade or demonstration purposes may remain outside of the Township for a period not to exceed twelve (12) hours.
6. Fire District apparatus and equipment may be taken outside of the Township for training purposes. However, any training exercise which requires the apparatus or equipment to be taken outside of the boundaries of Gloucester County, except those in Gloucester Township, Camden County, shall require the prior approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners as outlined above.
7. Fire District apparatus and equipment may be taken outside of the Township for emergency mutual aid to other fire companies or emergency services organizations.
8. Whenever Fire District apparatus is taken outside of the boundaries of Washington Township, the company Chief or ranking officer shall arrange for a cover assignment by another fire company as he deems it necessary.

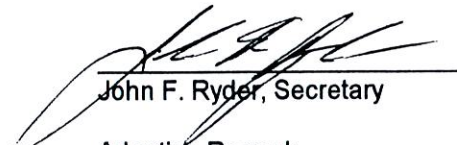
This policy was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on April, 3, 1997.

BY:



Edwin L. Etschman, Chairman

Attest:



John F. Ryder, Secretary

Distribution:

Commissioners
 Grenloch Fire Company
 Whitman Square Fire Company
 Hurffville Fire Company
 Washington Township Firemen's Association

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