

Town of Wright Fire District Policies

Policy Name: **17.0**

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES IN DULY AUTHORIZED AND CONSTITUTED SPECIALIZED COUNTY TEAMS AND APPROVING VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S BENEFIT LAW INSURANCE TO APPROVED DEPARTMENT MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TEAMS BY THE WRIGHT FIRE DISTRICT.

Date Adopted: 5/13/2013

Effective: Immediately

Revised:

Reviewed: *Annually*

WHEREAS, the County of Schoharie has implemented a policy which generally provides that all appointed members of County Specialized Teams must be an active member of a local Fire Department in order to gain and maintain such appointment and to participate in the duties assigned to such County Specialized Team, and that the Wright Fire District must approve Volunteer Fireman's Benefit Law Insurance coverage to such member while he or she is participating on such specialized team, all as provided by Section 209-bb of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which policy so implemented by the County of Schoharie was intended to avoid a situation where participants were not covered by necessary insurance; and

WHEREAS, by recent amendment to Section 209-bb of the General Municipal Law, the NYS legislature has authorized local municipalities which includes Fire Districts to extend insurance coverage to municipal employees which includes firefighters, when they are acting as members of such specialty teams; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District does already provide Volunteer Fireman's Benefit Law Insurance coverage to the members of its Fire Department, which by passage of this Resolution can be extended to approved members of the Department who participate as appointed members of the County Specialized Teams; now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Wright Fire District, shall annually, and formally, approve any membership in such teams, and retains the right to put conditions on such participation in County Specialized Teams so as to insure adequate coverage of the citizens and property of the District and adjoining mutual aid departments, and

RESOLVED, that the Wright Fire District does hereby agree to extend Volunteer Firemen's Benefit Law Insurance coverage to members who have been approved to participate on any duly authorized County Specialized Team, and further agrees to provide the County of Schoharie with proof of such coverage for all such members who participate in such County Specialized Teams on an annual basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Wright Fire District, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors and Schoharie County Fire Coordinator.