

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO)**

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes its obligation to disseminate accurate information to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to its legal obligation to disseminate certain information to the public, the Board finds and determines that the dissemination of information and materials relative to matters of importance to the fire service and community has a positive impact on the delivery of fire service within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further finds and determines while informing the public it has an obligation to protect matters involving confidentiality as well as other matters protected by law, implicit in which is the Board's responsibility under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has adopted a Public Relations Policy which embodies its philosophy on said issue; and

**WHEREAS**, in the best interest the District and community a Public Information Officer (PIO) should be appointed to fulfill the intent and purpose of the Public Relations Policy;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Borough of Manasquan, appoint Director Dominick Marino as its Public Information Officer (PIO); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the PIO develop guidelines to fulfill the Board's intent and purpose as set forth in the Public Relations Policy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the PIO shall have authority to delegate or designate personnel to assist in the dissemination of information to the public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the PIO report regularly to the Board on matters involving the dissemination of information to the public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or otherwise revoked;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of this Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this resolution be accessible and maintained as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the "Open Public Records Act"; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et seq.* and the "Destruction of Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, *et seq.* as set forth by the State of New Jersey Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.

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