

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT FIRE AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
AND BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between Lower Moreland Township, 640 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006, and Bryn Athyn Borough, 2835 Buck Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

WHEREAS, Lower Moreland Township (“Township”) and Bryn Athyn Borough (“Borough”) established the office of Chief of Emergency Services to coordinate and oversee all emergency services within both Lower Moreland Township and Bryn Athyn Borough pursuant to Resolution No. 23-01 of the Township and Resolution 2023-02 of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Borough approved a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) creating the office of Chief of Emergency Services and establishing an Emergency Services Committee thereby establishing a funding formula and administrative oversight for the office; and

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon Valley Fire Company currently services Lower Moreland Township for fire services and the Bryn Athyn Fire Company currently services Bryn Athyn Borough for fire services as well as emergency medical services for both Lower Moreland Township and Bryn Athyn Borough with both providing automatic mutual aid fire response to each municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Borough desire to establish a joint Fire and Emergency Services Department (“Department”) under the supervision of the Chief of Emergency Services to coordinate and oversee all fire and emergency medical services within Lower Moreland Township and Bryn Athyn Borough; and

WHEREAS, while the two Fire Companies shall continue to operate independently under the oversight and coordination of the Chief of Emergency Services, the two municipalities will continue to strive towards a joint operations model for fire and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Ch. 23, Subchapter A, Intergovernmental Cooperation, of the General Local Government Code, 53 PA.C.S. 2301, et seq., local governments may enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements upon the passage of a Resolution by the respective governing bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township and Borough, intending to be legally bound, do hereby establish a joint Fire and Emergency Services Department under the supervision of the Chief of Emergency Services and hereby agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Term. This agreement shall continue until terminated by either party upon providing six (6) months written notice to the other party.

3. There is hereby established a joint municipal department which shall be known as the Lower Moreland/Bryn Athyn Fire and EMS Department (the “Department”).

4. Purposes. The purpose of the Department is to provide both fire services and emergency medical services to Lower Moreland Township residents and Bryn Athyn Borough residents through the coordination and management of the existing Bryn Athyn Fire Company (“BAFC”) and the existing Huntingdon Valley Fire Company (“HVFC”), both as those two fire companies are presently constituted or as they may hereafter be combined, merged or reconstituted.

5. Supervision. The Department shall be under the supervision and management of the Chief of Emergency Services.

6. Financing of the Department. The financing of the Department shall be in accordance with the funding formula for the office of Chief of Emergency Services for the Borough and Township as set forth in the MOU, which is adopted herein by reference.

7. Organizational Structure. The Department shall be under the supervision and direction of the Chief of Emergency Services who shall supervise and coordinate the fire and emergency medical services of both Huntingdon Valley Fire Company and Bryn Athyn Fire Company and shall provide guidance and recommendations to the Township and Borough regarding fire protection and emergency medical services in both communities. In the event that the Chief is unable to provide supervision to HVFC and BAFC, or in the event of a vacancy in the Chief position, the existing officers of the fire companies shall assume operational and supervisory control.

8. Acquisition of Real or Personal Property. Both the Township and Borough retain the right, jointly or severally, to acquire, manage or dispose of real or personal property necessary to provide fire-fighting and emergency services; but neither municipality shall have the right to acquire, manage, or dispose of real or personal property owned by, or hereafter acquired by, either of the fire companies, without the express, written consent of that fire company.

9. Insurance. Both the Township and Borough retain their respective power to enter into contracts of insurance deemed necessary for the Department. Where such insurance is mutually agreed upon by the Township and the Borough, funding thereof shall be in accordance with the funding formula set forth in the parties MOU.

10. Compliance. The Department shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, regulations and laws.

11. Effective date. This agreement shall be effective upon adoption of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Resolution by both parties.

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THE PARTIES HERETO, intending to be legally bound hereby, do hereunto set the signatures of their duly authorized representatives on the date and year first above written.

LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP

Attest:

Christopher R. Hoffman, Secretary

By:

Denise A. Kuritz, President
Board of Commissioners

BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN

Attest:

Victoria S. Trost, Secretary

By:

Jeffrey E. Elsing, President
Borough Council