
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring all fire police officers for their dedication in
2 providing service to Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are dedicated volunteers
4 trained to provide assistance during emergencies and risk their
5 lives serving the residents of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Fire police officers first started providing
7 assistance to their communities in the late 1800s; and

8 WHEREAS, An individual registering as a fire police officer
9 must abide by an oath of office and be sworn in by a judge or
10 justice; and

11 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are certified in fire police
12 operations by the Commonwealth and/or the county in which they
13 volunteer; and

14 WHEREAS, The most important duty of a fire police officer is

1 to protect the emergency responders, victims, general public,
2 victims' property and the equipment of emergency responders; and

3 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are expected to regulate
4 traffic, offer detour routes, provide safe landing zones for
5 helicopters and ensure that emergency areas are clear for
6 firefighting; and

7 WHEREAS, The duties of fire police officers extend to
8 ensuring a safe entry and exit of emergency vehicles at an
9 emergency scene and assisting emergency responders in evacuating
10 individuals that may be in danger; and

11 WHEREAS, Fire police officers also provide assistance to fire
12 marshals by identifying possible arson suspects or containing
13 crime scenes; and

14 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are authorized to enforce
15 Federal and State laws and arrest individuals violating such
16 laws, including, but not limited to, provisions pertaining to
17 fire department activities, firefighting techniques and
18 emergency vehicle operations; and

19 WHEREAS, The duties of fire police officers also extend to
20 controlling crowds and providing needed assistance to State or
21 local law enforcement officers at local events; and

22 WHEREAS, Fire police officers often serve as public relations
23 representatives for fire departments by sharing pertinent
24 information with the public and assuring individuals that the
25 firefighters are knowledgeable and able to carry out their
26 duties; and

27 WHEREAS, Fire police officers serve with bravery, honor and
28 compassion while offering comfort, solace and protection to
29 victims and their family members; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor fire police

1 officers for their dedication in helping preserve the safety and
2 well-being of the residents of Pennsylvania.