

**RESOLUTION 2014-23  
MOUNT HOLLY FIRE DISTRICT No. 1**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE  
VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c.145 which permits municipal governments and fire districts to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government or fire district;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Mount Holly hereby adopts the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c.145 for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers and their eligible family members in the District; and

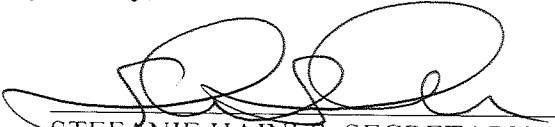
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Fire Services is herewith delegated to the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c.145, a copy of which herewith is made part of this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Stefanie Haines**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of Resolution 2014-23 which was duly adopted by the Mount Holly Fire District No.1 at a public meeting held on May 7, 2014.

I do further certify that the said Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey is comprised of five members and that ~~5~~ members were present and ~~5~~ members voted affirmatively for the adoption of the Resolution and ~~0~~ members voted against the adoption of the Resolution.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

  
STEFANIE HAINES, SECRETARY  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No.1  
Township of Mount Holly

## **VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM P.L. 1998, CHAPTER 145**

### **C.18A: 71-78.1 Tuition-free enrollment in postsecondary program for certain volunteers, family members.**

1. A person who is an active member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer first aid or rescue squad or association in good standing and the dependant children and spouse of a volunteer shall be allowed to enroll in a postsecondary program on a tuition-free basis in county college, county vocational school or county technical institute and be eligible to receive tuition credit in an amount not to exceed a maximum of \$2,400 for the member, children and spouse; provided that available classroom space permits and that tuition paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course. Nothing herein shall preclude a county college, county vocational school or county technical institute from requiring registration and lab fees for individuals attending courses pursuant to this act.

### **C.18A:71-78.2 Eligibility for tuition credit.**

2. In order to be eligible to receive tuition credit at a county college, county vocational school or county technical institute, a person shall agree to serve as a member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer first aid or rescue squad or association for a minimum of four years and sign an agreement with the municipality in which the squad or association is located pledging four years of service in exchange for the tuition credit. Following each year of volunteer service performed, the volunteer or the spouse or dependant children shall be entitled to receive tuition credit of up to \$600, not to exceed a maximum of \$2,400 for the member, children and spouse over a four-year service period.

### **C.18A:71-78.3 Verification of service, transcript records.**

3. Upon being accepted and enrolled in a county college, county vocational school or county technical institute, the volunteer, dependant child or spouse shall provide verification to the institution that the volunteer has performed the service required for the tuition credit. Upon completion of each semester, the volunteer shall submit a transcript to the municipality to be maintained in a permanent record. The volunteer or the dependant child or spouse shall maintain a "C" grade average in order to continue eligibility for the tuition credit program.

### **C.18A:71-78.4 Issuance of letter of eligibility.**

4. A municipality which chooses to participate in the tuition credit program shall issue a letter of eligibility to the volunteer, to be presented to the appropriate institution, stating that the individual is a member in good standing of a volunteer fire company, volunteer first aid or rescue squad or association.
5. This act shall take place immediately.