

SAMPLE BALLOT

**FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT**  
**Fire District No. 1**  
**Township of Moorestown, Burlington County**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2007**

Polling Place:  
 Emergency Services Building  
 261 W. Main Street Fred T. Moriuchi, Clerk

To vote for any person whose name appears on this ballot, mark a cross ☒ or plus (+) mark with ink or lead pencil in the place or square at the left of the name of such person.

For membership to the Board of Fire Commissioners-  
 Fall Term. **Vote for TWO**

- Peter R. Bowman**
- Joseph J. Giorgi**
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To vote for any proposition appearing below on this ballot, mark a cross ☒ or plus (+) mark with ink or lead pencil in the square to the left of and opposite the word YES.  
 To vote against any proposition appearing below on this ballot, mark a cross ☒ or plus (-) mark with ink or lead pencil in the square to the left of and opposite the word NO.

- YES** Shall the sum of One Million Three Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,347,700.00) be raised by taxation for the following general operating expenses?
- NO**

<b>OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	
SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 152,700.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	131,885.00
OTIHER EXPENSE	116,600.00
<b>OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:</b>	
SALARIES & WAGES	249,957.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	134,680.00
OTIHER EXPENSE	547,739.00
<b>OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET WITH REVENUES:</b>	
SALARIES & WAGES	133,000.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	51,037.00
OTIHER EXPENSE	<u>21,350.00</u>
<b>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET WITH REVENUES:</b>	
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM	<u>50,000.00</u>

**TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS \$ 1,588,948.00**

<b>CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
RESERVE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL OUTLAYS:	
RESERVE FOR APPARATUS PURCHASE	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,000.00</u></b>

<b>DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPAL	
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INTEREST	\$170,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b><u>\$1,845,811.00</u></b>

<b>LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES:</b>	
Unreserved Fund Balance	396,419.00
Reserved Fund Balance	0.00
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES:</b>	
Interest on Investments & Deposits	30,000.00
<b>REVENUES OFFSET WITH APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
Supplemental Fire Services Grant	6,692.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act:	
Annual Registration Fees	<u>65,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$498,111.00</u></b>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b><u>\$1,347,700.00</u></b>

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**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:**  
 Joseph J. Giorgi, Chairman  
 Fred T. Moriuchi, Vice Chairman  
 R. Max Fisher, Secretary/Clerk  
 Peter R. Bowman, Treasurer  
 Stephen H. Bixby, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

**DISTRICT OFFICE PERSONNEL:**  
 Christopher M. Chesner, District Administrator  
 Angie E. Williams, Administrative Clerk  
 Robert J. Worrell, Fire Official/Fire Marshal  
 Richard V. Bickmore, Sr., Training Officer  
 Ritchie B. Bowman, Fire Apparatus Mechanic  
 Pamela A. Longo, Senior Clerk Typist  
 Brenda M. Wolfe, Clerk  
 Kenneth J. Schweiker, Fire Prevention Specialist  
 Carl L. Githens, Jr., Building Maintenance Worker

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:**  
 William David Constantine, Jr., Chief  
 Anthony S. Green, Asst. Chief  
 Richard V. Bickmore, Sr., Battalion Chief/Station 311  
 Thomas B. Poole, Battalion Chief/Station 312  
 Peter D. Witkowski, Captain/Station 311  
 Richard M. Booth, Jr., Captain/Station 312  
 Edgar R. Thomas II, Lieutenant/Station 311  
 Jeffrey D. Nutt, Lieutenant/Station 312  
 Jeffrey Boileau, Fire Police Lieutenant  
 Thomas E. Keyes, Jr., Fire Police Lieutenant

**ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS:**  
 Anthony J. Arot  
 Sara K. Bandish  
 Richard V. Bickmore, Jr.  
 Stephen H. Bixby  
 Janson D. Bowman

Peter R. Bowman  
 Ritchie B. Bowman  
 Vincent A. Budzak  
 Christopher M. Chesner  
 David E. Chezem  
 Jess C. Christianson  
 Jonathan S. Clifford  
 Peter D. Clifford  
 William David Constantine, Sr.  
 Patrick Curran  
 Ernest J. Dimeo III  
 Jon E. Every-Clayton  
 R. Max Fisher  
 Dennis Furey  
 Michael J. Furey  
 Joseph J. Giorgi  
 Carl L. Githens, Jr.  
 Rynidi A. Green-Coneby  
 Jeff S. Gullo  
 Joshua R. Hall  
 Craig M. Holzinger  
 Michael S. Johnson  
 Christopher Konzelmann  
 James O. Lawler  
 Douglas R. Lynch  
 Charles M. Maltbie, III  
 Kevin R. Middleton  
 Jason M. Miller  
 Naoji Moriuchi  
 Cass S. Ontiveros  
 Douglas T. Oyama  
 Eric J. Pluckhorn  
 Bart Santaspirit  
 Samuel J. Schindwein  
 Kenneth J. Schweiker  
 Samuel C. Still, III

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 Rev. Philip W. Stowell  
 Kjell G. Tornberg  
 Michael G. Toscani  
 Dean A. Wiltshire  
 Jeffrey T. Wolfe  
 Steven P. Wolfe  
 Robert J. Worrell

**FIRE POLICE MEMBERS:**  
 Jeffrey Boileau  
 Frances C. Collins  
 Jessica L. Friedel  
 Steven Hearn, Sr.  
 Thomas E. Keyes, Jr.  
 Albertus S. Maurer  
 Elizabeth S. Peterson  
 Charles Howard Schuster  
 Jeffrey A. Tait  
 John M. Taylor

**JUNIOR AUXILIARY:**  
 Patrick L. Collier  
 Andrew V. DiPaola  
 William B. Hall  
 Michael J. Warren

**RESERVE MEMBERS:**  
 Arthur J. Collins, III  
 Walter L. Evans  
 Ralph Kohart  
 Gregory D. Leonberg, Sr.  
 Douglas Robertson



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 261 West Main Street  
 P.O. Box 691  
 Moorestown, NJ 08057

**Relief Engine Company**  
 222 Chester Avenue  
 P.O. Box 215  
 Moorestown, NJ 08057



**MOORESTOWN FIRE POLICE**

The Fire Police Van that you see in town responds with the Fire Department to all fire and emergency calls in the Fire District. The Moorestown Fire Police assists both the Fire Department and the local Police Department in traffic control during an incident to protect emergency workers and to secure the scene of a fire incident. As will the Fire Department, the Fire Police on occasion will help neighboring Departments with large-scale incidents.



**THAT CHIRP YOU HEAR IS NOT A BIRD !**

The "chirp" you hear is your detector telling you to change the battery!

You can save your volunteer fire department by learning to operate your fire alarm system. Almost half of our 760 responses this past year were to alarm system activations. Most of those activations were unnecessary. If you have a monitored system, you are required to have it serviced on a regular basis. You are required to notify your monitoring company when you have contractors working in your home, raising dust (even a little bit). You are also required to be familiar with the way your system works! If your hard-wired system has "battery backup", or if you have individual, battery-operated detectors, we urge you to change them annually.

Of course, if you smell smoke, or suspect that something is wrong, dial 911.

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**CALENDAR**

**February 17, 2007** ..... Annual Fire District Election  
 Polling place: **Emergency Services Building, 261 W. Main Street**

**April 4-6, 2007** ..... Relief Engine Co. Easter Flower Sale

**October 12, 2007** ..... Fire Prevention Open House

**ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 ELECTION**  
 Saturday, February 17, 2007

**Letter from the Board Chairman**

The Year 2006 was another very busy year for Moorestown Fire Department, District No. 1. Your firefighters responded to 760 calls, participated in at least 50 scheduled drills and took part in numerous hours of mandatory training. It still amazes me that all this is accomplished by dedicated volunteer firefighters.

As the fire service evolves, so does Moorestown Fire District No. 1. The Fire Department responds to less actual fires today, but is called upon to handle many other types of incidents that did not exist years ago. While firefighters continue to train for fires, their training has expanded to handle a vast variety of incidents. This trend will undoubtedly continue in the future.

This year will continue to be full of activity for the District. The Watch Tower at the Main Street station is currently under renovation. This room will become the Emergency Operations Center shared by Moorestown Fire, Moorestown Police, Office of Emergency Management and the Moorestown First Aid Squad. It will be placed in service for multi-jurisdictional incidents. This type of incident could be as simple as a snow storm or summer storm. This is a critical step in bringing all emergency services together to coordinate large incidents that could affect our community.

The Board of Fire Commissioners is also in the process of conducting a new Strategic Plan. The last such plan was completed in 1994. Moorestown has changed a great deal since 1994 in the way we deliver fire services. This Strategic Plan will provide the "blue print" for the future needs of the Fire Department within our community and its relationship to county, state, and federal requirements.

Finally, one of the most discussed issues has been the need for a fire station in the East End. While many would agree that an East End presence is needed, type of building and staffing continue to dominate our discussions. The bulk of our volunteers currently live in the center and western sections of Town. Only a handful live in the East vicinity. Building a station that cannot be staffed under our current method will set into motion a series of events that need to be completely explored. The new Strategic Plan will tackle this very important issue. We trust a viable solution will be developed that works for everyone. In the meantime, we continue to maintain strong mutual aid assistance from both the Delran Fire Department and Mt. Laurel Fire Department. It should also be pointed out that Moorestown Fire Department provides the same mutual aid assistance to surrounding fire departments. This is a very important part of our day-to-day operational game plan.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1, our administrative staff, the Fire Chief, the officers and our dedicated volunteer firefighters, I thank you for your continued support. Our mission is to provide prompt professional service to the community and we strive to provide this service at the highest level possible.

Happy New Year!  
 Joseph J. Giorgi  
 Board Chairman

The annual election for the voters of Fire District No. 1 to approve the 2007 Annual Budget and elect two Fire Commissioners will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Emergency Services Building (Hose Co. No. 1) located at 261 W. Main Street. The polls are open from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as established by State law. Entrance to the polling place is through the rear of the building by way of the entrance drive.

The registered voters of the Fire District will be asked to elect two individuals to membership for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Incumbent Fire Commissioner Joseph J. Giorgi is running in addition to Incumbent Fire Commissioner Peter R. Bowman.

This year's budget asks for \$1,347,700.00 to be raised by taxation resulting in a tax rate of .089 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate includes debt service for a building improvement authorization of \$860,000 approved by the voters on December 28, 2002 and the purchase of three pieces of fire apparatus approved by the voters on September 20, 2003. Total Budgeted Appropriations is \$1,845,811.00.

The owner of the average assessed home of \$221,365 will pay \$197.01 in fire taxes in 2007. The budget is subject to final adoption upon voter approval.

Year	Rate	Amount Raised by Taxation
2007	.089	\$1,347,700
2006	.089	\$1,327,300
2005	.089	\$1,308,000
2004	.089	\$1,285,500
2003	.086	\$1,200,000
2002	.078	\$1,051,000
2001	.073	\$985,000

Absentee Ballot applications may be obtained by contacting the Burlington County Clerk's office (609) 265-5122 or from the office of the Fire District Administrator, 261 West Main Street, Moorestown, NJ (856) 234-4193

**Remember to Vote February 17th**

## TWO DISTRICTS ONE GOAL



Fire Official Cindy Maahs-Knobbs, Moorestown Fire District No. 2 and Fire Official Robert J. Worrell, Moorestown Fire District No. 1 participated in the 2007 WPVI Channel 6's "Operation Save a Life" program.

One of the goals of "Operation Save a Life" is educating the public about the importance of having working smoke detectors in every home. The goal of our fire officials is to have a working smoke detector in every home and to educate the public on basic maintenance and knowledge of the different types of smoke detectors.

Here are some helpful answers to several common questions about smoke detectors:



### How long does a smoke detector last?

The maximum life span of a smoke detector that NFPA guidelines recommend is 10 years. Most manufacturers recommend changing them every 5 years.

### Where is the best place to mount my smoke detector?

The recommended placement of a smoke detector is 4 to 12 inches from the wall for ceiling mounts and 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling for wall mount units.

### I have a combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector. Is the installation the same as for traditional smoke detectors?

Yes, the installation is the same as a traditional smoke detector which is 4 to 12 inches from the wall for ceiling mounts and 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling for wall mount units.

### How often should I test my smoke detector?

You should test your detectors weekly.

### How often should I change the battery in the smoke detector?

The battery should be changed every 6 months. Remember "Change your clock change your battery".

### I have a hard-wired system instead of a battery-operated system. Do I need to change the battery as often?

Yes, the battery in a hard-wired system is a vital part of the system and should be changed every 6 months. As prescribed in Chapter 45A of the Code of Moorestown Township, maintenance /service shall be performed annually.

### Do I need to clean my smoke detector?

Yes, you should vacuum in and around your smoke detectors to clear out any debris such as cobwebs.

### Are there smoke detectors available for the hearing impaired?

Yes, these smoke detectors work by using a bright flashing strobe to notify the occupant of a fire.

### I have heard about a talking smoke detector; how does it work?

This new smoke detector uses a person's own voice to alert a fire. The device is called Signal One Vocal Smoke Alarm. A recent report on CNN.com involved a study that was conducted by Columbus Children's Hospital in 2004. Only sixteen out of the twenty-four children in the study woke up to the traditional standard tone smoke detector. It took those children a full three minutes to wake up.

Using the Signal One smoke detector, twenty-three out of twenty-four children woke up to the sound of their mother's voice saying "(Child's first name)! Wake up get out of the room!" The children who woke up did so in 20 seconds. More info can be found at [www.signalonesaftey.com](http://www.signalonesaftey.com)

## Fire Department 2006 Incident Responses

In 2006, the firefighters of Moorestown Fire Department, Fire District 1 responded to 760 emergency incidents and calls for service. Of the 760 incidents, the Department responded to 98 fire type incidents ranging from an actual fire in a residence or building to leaves burning. The Department also responded 104 times with the Moorestown Emergency Squad for motor vehicle accidents to provide rescue services or some other type of assistance.

Fire alarm activations required the Department's response 260 times. These types of activations range from malicious pull station activations to unattended cooking. Alarm system malfunctions

accounted for 163 of the alarm calls. The remaining incidents were comprised of mutual aid, weather related calls and other hazardous conditions.

Providing service to the Community through fire protection and prevention is the goal of Moorestown Fire Department, Fire District No. 1. The firefighters and officers of this Department take pride in the volunteer effort and assistance they provide. To assure these services are delivered in a consistent and professional manner, the firefighters and officers train weekly. Members also attend training outside of the Department at County and State training programs. To add to the firefighters and officers knowledge, the

Department sponsors Instructors from other fire agencies such as New York City and experts in fields such as electrical, heating and ventilation systems. These programs are of great benefit to the Department and, in turn, the community.

### HOUSE NUMBER ORDINANCE

Moorestown Ordinance # 1785-96 indicates that all businesses and residential structures are required to display address identification numbers. The owner of each structure shall cause the placement or authorization of such numbers to be permanently and conspicuously placed on the structure or dwelling.

The identification numbers shall be of the Arabic style, minimum of 3" in height by 1" in width, placed at least 30" above ground level, legible and clearly visible from the street; not blocked by plant life or decorative objects.

## We Need Your Help!

The job of a firefighter has evolved a great deal over the years – now we need to know a lot more than just how to aim a nozzle! New building construction,



hazardous materials, vehicle extrication, safety and survival skills – the list is growing on a yearly basis, making the task of keeping our skills and knowledge sharp even more important than ever before.

Through the generosity and community-oriented spirit of a few Moorestown residents, the Department in the past has used vacant homes or buildings slated for demolition for hands-on training sessions designed to polish our skills. Typical exercises include cutting ventilation holes in the roof, learning how to properly conduct "overhaul" operations to expose hidden fires, practicing hose

line advancement, as the picture shows, advanced firefighter self-survival techniques. Burning or "live-fire" training is not permitted under State regulations.

We are always seeking opportunities such as this to conduct "real-time" training – if you have a home or building that will be torn down or extensively remodeled, please contact the Department Training Officer Rick Bickmore at 234-4193 extension 18.

## LONG TIME VOLUNTEER & FIRE DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Robert J. Worrell assumed the positions of Fire Official and Fire Marshal for Fire District No. 1 on January 1, 2007.

The Fire Official's duty is to enforce the N.J. State fire code and all local fire codes. He is also responsible for the administration of code enforcement communications, summonses and penalty notices.

As Fire Marshal he works with the local police dept. and insurance companies on fire investigations. He also develops, implements and supervises the fire department's fire prevention, juvenile fire setter's intervention and public fire safety education programs.

A second-generation firefighter, Mr. Worrell has served 41 years as a volunteer fireman in Moorestown. He

took over the Department's fire prevention programs in 1973 and has for the past 33 years consistently built and developed these programs to make them the most recognized in Burlington County.

Mr. Worrell accepted the part-time position of Fire Inspector in 1982 and was appointed as Asst. Fire Marshal in 1984. He was hired as the full-time Chief Fire Inspector in 1989.

Mr. Worrell has over 200 hours of classroom and practical fire investigation training, is a past team leader for the Burlington Co. Arson Task Force, has two college semesters of construction & fire sub-code education, NJ State Police & FEMA "Public Information Officer" certification, NJ State certified Fire Official, Fire Prevention Specialist certifi-

cations from Delaware State & U.S. National Fire Academies and presently serves as an educator for Burlington County's Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Program.

The position of Fire Inspector was filled by Moorestown Firefighter/Inspector Kenneth J. Schweiker on Jan. 1st. He holds a NJ State Fire Inspector certification and has excellent fire prevention and public education skills. He has worked as District No. 1's part-time fire inspector for the past 3 years and is currently attending fire investigation seminars and classes.

The position of Deputy Fire Marshal is vacant and the position of Senior Fire Investigator will be held by District Administrator and past fire Lieutenant Christopher Chesner.

## IF YOU ARE UP TO THE CHALLENGE – WE NEED YOU

Who are Moorestown's firefighters? How are they hired? How much do they get paid? How many do we have? What happens when I call 911? Many people in town have asked one or more of these questions at one time or another. While not many citizens of Moorestown lose any sleep over these questions, hopefully most at least have some interest in who their "first responders" are.

As one would expect in one of the "best" towns in the country to live, you have one of the finest fire departments in the country. Your fire department responds to over 750 calls for help each year. The response time from talking with 911 to having several fire engines pulling up in front of your home or office is measured in single digit minutes no matter where you live. Seems pretty impressive when one considers the traffic we now have in town. However, that is only half of the story, because the firefighters are not sitting in the station waiting for your call. They start from their own jobs or homes when the call comes in over their pagers. They are 100 percent volunteer. They are your neighbors, who volunteer their time and efforts and do not get paid. In fact, through their sacrifice and dedication, they save the township (i.e. you) several million dollars each year.

This however is only the beginning of the story. As we all expect in this great town, we want and will accept only the best and that is what you get. The Moorestown Fire Department has a long tradition and exceptional reputation in South Jersey and the State. Our response time matches or beats that of some "paid" departments in neighboring towns. The professionalism of department members reflects the extensive and on-going training that each firefighter is required to maintain. The requirements of the community on the fire department continue to increase, especially since 9/11. The department is not just for fires anymore. They work in conjunction with the police and first aid squad on a daily basis by assisting with traffic accidents and special medical and police assignments.

The rest of the story is that your fire department and community needs you. Without volunteers, the Moorestown Fire Department as it has been for over 100 years will no longer exist. The department would change over to a totally "paid" or partially paid department. A paid department does not mean better service, just more expensive. The same job still has to be done. If this is something you think you may be able to do; it will be the

best experience of your life. Where else do you get to help your community and have them genuinely appreciate your service? Where else can you be associated with a special group of people that is actually an unspoken national and international fraternity of men and women dedicated to helping their community.

The fire and rescue service is a challenging endeavor. It is this challenge that inspires those men and women who volunteer to do so. These men and women train to prepare themselves to cope with situations which range from fires to automobile accidents to rescue assignments to heart attacks, and almost any imaginable emergency situation in between. This challenge is heightened by the fact that they may be needed at any time of the day, seven days a week and in any kind of weather. However it is the challenge that makes our service so personally rewarding.

This business is not for everyone. You will need more than just a desire to help people. You need courage and dedication, assertiveness, and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. It is also physically challenging much of the time and you will need to have the time for training sessions, meetings, maintenance of equipment, as well as emergency calls. This service is one which calls on its members to perform hot, sweaty, dirty, and strenuous work, often in uncertain and hazardous environments.

The personal rewards and satisfaction received from the fire and rescue service are often beyond description. There is a sense of accomplishment after controlling a fire, or helping an accident victim. Knowing that your neighbor needed help and you were there when they needed you is a great feeling.

To find out more about serving Moorestown with the Fire Department, please check our website that is currently under construction [www.moorestownfire.org](http://www.moorestownfire.org) or call (856) 234-4193 and touch 0 for the operator, tell them you would like to speak to someone about joining the department. We will be happy to talk to you and provide a tour of the buildings and apparatus. The department's training officer, Chief Rick Bickmore, will provide the details for starting the process. The process is an exchange of information, not a job interview. Anyone who either lives or works in Moorestown is encouraged to join.

## MOORESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT'S "GREAT ESCAPE CONTEST"

The Great Escape Contest was designed for all Elementary School children. All second grade children must create their own home fire drills and pre-planned family escape routes. They then submit their drawings to the Fire Department for judging. There is one winner from each of the elementary schools and from those entries a Grand Prize Winner is selected. All Grand Prize Winners receive a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond from the Fire Department and are allowed to ride on a fire truck in the Annual Lions Club Christmas Parade.

The 2006 winners of THE MOORESTOWN GREAT ESCAPE – FIRE DRILL CONTEST, were as follows:



Anais B. Maasland	Baker School	Grand Prize Winner
O.L.G.C. School	2nd Grade Class "A"	Maura Gallagher
O.L.G.C. School	2nd Grade Class "B"	Rachel Altschuler
South Valley School	2nd Grade Winner	Quinn Wills
Mary Roberts School	2nd Grade Winner	Rebeca Rovins

### PAST GRAND PRIZE WINNERS:

2005	Laurie Trainer	South Valley School
2004	C'eline Maasland	Baker School
2003	Alanna Zeris	So. Valley School
2002	Shelby Burke	Baker School
2001	Matthew D. Murray	Baker School