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## **OPERATIONAL CONSOLIDATION OF FIRE SERVICES ANNOUNCED BY TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

### *First Step Toward Regionalized Fire and Rescue Services*

**February 23, 2022 – TRAPPE, PA:** Trappe Fire Company No. 1 (TFC) and Upper Providence Township Department of Fire and Emergency Services (UPTDFES) have announced an agreement to take the first step in a progressive plan to regionalize fire services within Trappe Borough and Upper Providence Township. During this operational consolidation, each agency will legally remain an independent entity while operating as one fire department at the scene, conducting joint training exercises, and remaining in compliance with common standard operating guidelines and equipment/apparatus inspection requirements set forth.

Although TFC and UPTDFES have been working alongside each other for almost two decades, both agencies know it is the right time to solidify and formalize their working relationship. The municipalities of Trappe Borough and Upper Providence Township are in full support of this new relationship and recognize that it will help address the ever-increasing demand for fire and rescue services brought about by sustained growth in our areas.

Benefits of an operational consolidation include:

- Sharing of resources and equipment
- Establishing best practices and developing standard operating guidelines
- Developing and executing joint training opportunities
- Reduction in duplicate operating and capital expenses
- Future joint staffing solutions
- Reduction of administrative and operational demands

The Central Station for UPTDFES, Station 68, is located at the Upper Providence Township Municipal complex on Black Rock Road. Twelve full-time firefighters and multiple part-time firefighters will be employed to staff the Central Station along with department volunteers.

The Black Rock Volunteer Fire Company (BRVFC), Station 68-1, serving the Southeast section of Upper Providence Township, entered into an operational consolidation with UPTDFES in December of 2021.

Trappe Fire Company No. 1, which is located on West Fifth Avenue in Trappe Borough, provides fire and emergency services to Trappe Borough and the northwest section of Upper Providence Township. TFC is expected to complete its operational consolidation with UPTDFES by January 2023. At this time, the Company will be transitioning to Station 68-2.

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