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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Deer 6-28-1995 by Ord. No. 254. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 34-1. Creation of intergovernmental emergency dispatching and communication entity.

The township is hereby authorized to create an intergovernmental emergency dispatching and communication

entity consisting of, but not limited to, one or more of the municipalities of Aspinwall, Blawnox, Etna, Fox Chapel, Hampton, Indiana, Millvale, O'Hara, Reserve, Richland, Shaler, Sharpsburg or West Deer.

§ 34-2. Delegation or transfer of emergency dispatching and communications services.

The township is hereby authorized to delegate or transfer its emergency dispatching and communication services to such intergovernmental entity which shall manage and operate an emergency communication dispatch center.

§ 34-3. Approval.

The intergovernmental cooperation agreement ("agreement"), attached hereto and made a part of this chapter, between the township and the above municipalities creating such entity is hereby approved and ratified in all respects.¹

§ 34-4. Conditions of agreement.

The conditions of the agreement are those conditions set forth therein.

§ 34-5. Duration and term.

The agreement shall be effective for one year commencing January 1, 1996, and will remain in effect on a year-to-year basis thereafter, until renewed, amended or terminated as set forth in the agreement.

¹ Editor's Note: The agreement is on file in the municipal offices.

§ 34-6. Purpose and objectives.

The purpose and objectives of the agreement are those purposes and objectives set forth therein.

§ 34-7. Powers and scope of authority delegated.

- A. The intergovernmental communication entity is hereby authorized to establish a Board of Delegates to provide for representation of all municipalities thereon. The Board is hereby authorized to set policies, adopt a budget and generally govern the emergency dispatching and communication services of the emergency communication dispatch center, which shall be known as "NEWCOM." The Board shall be comprised of one delegate from each participating municipality. Each delegate shall be a member of the governing body of the municipality represented and shall have one vote on the Board per each 1,000 municipal residents, based upon the most recent United States census, rounded down to the nearest whole number. The affirmative vote of a majority of the total weighted votes of the Board shall be required in order to take action, which action shall be binding upon each municipality. The Board shall meet regularly as it shall determine.
- B. An Operating Committee is also authorized to be created at the administrative level to carry out the policies of the Board in the operation of NEWCOM and to perform such other functions as shall be designated by the Board. The Committee shall be comprised of the municipal manager/secretary of each municipality. Each member shall have one vote in the Committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Committee shall be required in order to take action or approve a Committee recommendation. The Committee shall meet regularly as it shall determine. The Committee shall develop recommendations of policies, budgets and procedures for NEWCOM. Such recommendations shall be subject to approval by the Board.

§ 34-8. Manner and extent of financing.

The manner and extent of financing of the entity shall be the manner and extent as set forth in the agreement.

§ 34-9. Organizational structure.

The organizational structure of the entity shall be that organizational structure as set forth in the agreement.

§ 34-10. Acquisition, management and disposal of property.

The entity may acquire, manage and dispose of property as set forth in the agreement.

§ 34-11. Power to enter into contracts.

The entity is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including social security, for its employees as determined by the Board of Delegates.

§ 34-12. Execution of agreement.

The proper officers of the township are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the other municipalities the attached agreement and any additional documents to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, as well as the agreement.

§ 34-13. Statutory authority.

This chapter is adopted pursuant to the powers and authority of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 P.S. § 485.