

# Franklin Township Fire District No. 1

## Public Policies

The Board of Fire Commissioners understands that the Quakertown Fire Company is a public organization that, in its pursuit to protect life and property, is responsible to the residents of Franklin Township. Ethics and integrity are the cornerstones of the Department's ability to serve the public interest and maintain trust. Below are a few of our policies outlining our commitment to deliver the best possible service to our community with the professionalism the residents of Franklin Township have come to expect from their Fire Department.

## Pay to Play Law

The Board of Fire Commissioners adopted N.J.S.A. 19:44A, known as the "Pay to Play Law", into the Fire Department's operation. This law outlines the way government agencies in the state of New Jersey acquire goods and services.

- Contracts for Goods and Services
  - The Officers of the Board will follow the guidelines established by this law for any contract which exceeds the amount authorized in the current legislation.
  - Pay to play manuals are kept and maintained in the offices of each of these units.
  - Vendors are required to complete business entity disclosure certifications
- Annual Contracts for Professional Services
  - Contracts for professional services, the cost of which exceeds the amount authorized in the current legislation and is to be awarded through a non-fair and open process, must be annually approved by resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
  - Professional services are listed but not limited to: Auditor, Insurance Broker, Health Insurance Benefits, Legal Services, Engineers, Architect
  - A business entity disclosure certification will be completed when professional services are awarded.

## Purchasing

As a public agency, all materials and services obtained for the Quakertown Fire Department are in accordance with state guidelines and laws regarding bidding, competitive quotations, and direct contracting.