

Chapter 14

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Emergency management — See Ch. 12.

Police services — See Ch. 36.

Alarms — See Ch. 54.

Allowable burning — See Ch. 73.

Fire Code — See Ch. 88, Art. IX.

§ 14-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish and recognize the Eastern Berks Fire Department ("Fire Department") as an official fire organization of the Borough; to provide for governance of the Fire Department; to set forth rules, regulations and authorized activities of the Fire Department, its members and employees; and to recognize the Eastern Berks Fire Department Relief Association.

§ 14-2. Recognition.

The Eastern Berks Fire Department is hereby recognized as an official volunteer fire department of the Borough of Bechtelsville.

§ 14-3. Governance.

The Fire Department shall be governed pursuant to its adopted bylaws, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference. The bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Fire Department without the consent or approval of the Borough Council.

§ 14-4. Authorized activities of Fire Department.

The Fire Department is hereby authorized to provide:

- A. Such services to the Borough as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons situate therein, which include but are not limited to: extinguishment and prevention of personal injury and death from fire, protection of property from damage or

destruction by fire, response to motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and other dangerous situations.

- B. Nonemergency and public service functions, including but not limited to water removal from properties after storms and assistance in the removal, abatement and/or prevention of damage or injury to persons or property, whether due to natural causes or man-made situations.
- C. To conduct and participate in such training activities or drills, either within the Borough or outside of the Borough, as may be deemed necessary by the Fire Department to maintain proficiency in providing service.
- D. Any other activities or services as permitted by the bylaws and local, state and federal law.

§ 14-5. Authorized activities of members of the Fire Department.

Members of the Fire Department are authorized to do the following in addition to actually participating in the activities of the Fire Department as authorized above or in going to or returning from any activity:

- A. Engage in any type of drill, training, ceremony, practice, test or parade when duly called for by the Fire Department.
- B. Engage in the performance of any other duty or lawful activity authorized by the Fire Department.
- C. Any other activities or services as permitted by the bylaws and local, state and federal law.

§ 14-6. Recognition of Relief Association.

The Eastern Berks Fire Department Relief Association is hereby recognized as the relief association for the Eastern Berks Fire Department. The Eastern Berks Fire Department Relief Association is designated as the proper association to receive the appropriate portion of the relief funds distributed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.