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SYNOPSIS

Requires designated fire command structure in municipal emergency operations plans involving mutual aid responses to fires.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning certain municipal emergency management
2 plans and amending P.L.2003, c.28.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.2003, c.28 (C.52:14E-14) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. Each municipality or fire district, as the case may be, in this
10 State shall prepare and adopt a local fire mutual aid plan. The plan
11 shall set forth policies and procedures to coordinate the effective
12 utilization of fire service resources in those instances where the
13 implementation of the local fire mutual aid plan is determined to be
14 necessary or appropriate. Each local fire mutual aid plan shall be
15 based upon the planning criteria, objectives, requirements,
16 responsibilities and concepts of operation essential for the
17 implementation of all necessary and appropriate protective or
18 remedial measures to be taken in response to emergency incidents.

19 Each local fire mutual aid plan shall provide for a command
20 structure that affords appropriate command support for the incident
21 commander. Deputy chiefs and battalion chiefs shall be included in
22 the local and county fire mutual aid plan to respond to any
23 emergency, to supply command support, or to be assigned to the
24 command structure.

25 Each local fire mutual aid plan shall be adopted no later than one
26 year after the effective date of this act. Following adoption, each
27 municipality or fire district shall file a copy of its local fire mutual
28 aid plan with the county fire coordinator. In any instance where a
29 local fire mutual aid plan provides for the provision of assistance
30 and fire service resources by or to a political subdivision of another
31 state, the municipality or fire district also shall file a copy of that
32 plan with the State fire coordinator. Each local fire mutual aid plan
33 shall be reviewed and updated every two years.

34 (cf: P.L.2003, c.28, s.4)

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36 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
37 following enactment.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill clarifies that the local fire mutual aid plan of each
43 municipality or fire district shall include a proposed command
44 structure that would afford appropriate command support for the
45 designated battalion chief or incident commander. The bill

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

- 1 specifically requires that battalion and deputy chiefs be included as
- 2 part of the county fire mutual aid plan.
- 3 When a number of different fire departments are called to
- 4 respond to an emergency situation, a clearly designated and
- 5 delineated support command structure is essential.