



BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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Bristol Township, in order to fully inform its residents, authorizes the release of the following statement:

Township Council will consider an ordinance at its next meeting on May 17 to have the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad serve District 6 in Bristol Township replacing the Bucks County Rescue Squad. According to Township Manager Bill McCauley, the Township had some serious concerns over the administration of the Bucks County Rescue Squad. When the Township attempted to address these concerns, the Rescue Squad's Board of Directors made a bad situation worse. "The administration attempted to discuss the issues with the Board and was rebuffed by an agency that it provides significant funding", said McCauley.

If the pending ordinance is passed, the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad (LFHRS) would serve the entire Township as of July 1, 2018. LFHRS would operate a sub-station out of the Third District Fire House on Harrison Street with a Paramedic Unit assigned there 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Under the proposed plan the LFHRS Paramedic Unit would be the dispatched first to all calls in the southern part of the Township. The Bucks County Rescue Squad would be the second unit dispatched. The distance between the two stations is approximately a half mile. "Residents will not see any difference in the level of service provided to our residents and most likely will see better service as the Bucks County Rescue Squad has been financially distressed for several years", said McCauley. In 2014, the Township obtained a \$79,000 grant to keep the Rescue Squad in operation for the year.

The Township Council and administration have a responsibility to safeguard and protect tax dollars according to the Manager. "We take the duty to protect citizens' tax money very seriously and if Council takes this action, it will be in the best interest of all the residents of Bristol Township", stated McCauley.

The Township Council meeting is held in the Council Chambers of the Township Building, 2501 Bath Road, at 7:00PM.

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