

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

**Resolution to Increase Length of Service Award
Program (LOSAP) Payments
2014-36**

WHEREAS, the Deptford Township Board of Fire Commissioners (the “District”) established in April 2001 a length of service award program (LOSAP) for the active volunteer members of the emergency service organizations operating within the District, following a voter referendum, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185, in an annual amount of Six Hundred and Seventy-Five dollars (\$675.00);

WHEREAS, the District in 2003 increased this annual LOSAP amount to Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five dollars (\$725.00);

WHEREAS, the District has not increased this annual LOSAP amount since 2003;

WHEREAS, the District is permitted to increase this annual LOSAP amount, without a voter referendum and without a public hearing, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185, provided that the increase is not greater than inflation since the last increase, based on the consumer price index factor; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that an increase in the LOSAP payment up to an amount that is below the threshold required for a voter referendum or public hearing is in the best interests of the persons and property of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Deptford, County of Gloucester, at a duly-authorized and noticed public meeting held on November 5, 2014, as follows:

1. The District’s budget for 2015, which will be adopted and then approved following a public hearing, and then put to a public vote on February 21, 2015, shall include an

increase in the annual LOSAP payment amount from the current level up to Nine Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$930.00), such that, if adopted and approved by the Commissioners and the public, this increased LOSAP payment will be in effect when LOSAP payments are made in 2015.

2. The Commissioners hereby authorize Michael White, Chairman, or his designee, to take all necessary steps to include this increased annual LOSAP payment in the District's 2015 proposed budget.