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News for Immediate Release

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At its May 1, 2017 regular meeting, the Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a new fire funding formula, which will provide a more equitable monetary distribution to the four (4) fire companies servicing Upper Providence Township: Black Rock, Trappe, Collegeville and Royersford Fire Companies.

This new funding mechanism uses a more balanced approach, taking into account the population, square miles and service calls for each primary service district for which the contracted company is responsible.

The old formula was heavily weighted in favor of the former Oaks and Mont Clare Fire Companies, which recently merged into Black Rock Fire Company a few years ago. Under this old formula, BRVFC was receiving 82% of the total appropriation; however, its service district only covers 37% of the Township's population.

In contrast the new formula brings some parity to the average per resident cost in each district. See below:

OLD FORMULA	RESIDENTS SERVED	SHARE PER RESIDENT
Collegeville Fire Company	2,660	3.40
Trappe Fire Company	4,656	4.65
Royersford Fire Department	6,180	3.40
Black Rock Fire Company	7,993	29.81

NEW FORMULA	RESIDENTS SERVED	SHARE PER RESIDENT
Collegeville Fire Company	2,660	7.11
Trappe Fire Company	4,656	8.21
Royersford Fire Department	6,180	7.00
Black Rock Fire Company	7,993	12.46

As the home base company, Black Rock will continue to qualify for additional funding for apparatus purchases and allowances for fuel and insurance premiums.

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