

## **260 PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS**

### **PURPOSE:**

To develop a procedure for the participation in the delivery of emergency services by persons suitably trained but who are not formal members of the Department.

### **SCOPE:**

This procedure is applicable to all persons who are not formally approved by the Board as members of the Department excluding those personnel who respond as part of the Burlington County Mutual Aid system.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Trained:**

Means to the minimum levels of competency as required by all applicable laws, regulations and / or Board policies.

#### **Formal members:**

Means persons, who have been duly investigated, examined, tested and approved by the Board and are classified in **Section 215**.

### **IMMEDIATE USE OF NON-MEMBERS AT THE EMERGENCY SCENE:**

Any person who may have knowledge or skills which may be of value in mitigating and emergency situation, may be utilized at the scene of any emergency if approved by the Officer in Charge.

No such persons will be exposed to a hostile environment without the appropriate level of protective clothing.

All such persons will be issued and shall adhere to the orders of on scene officers and firefighters. Those found in non-compliance shall be ejected from the incident scene

### **SCHEDULED USE OF NON-MEMBERS:**

Any person who meets the current in-place criteria for minimum training may participate in the delivery of scheduled emergency service deliveries. Such schedules shall consist of training or fire station duties.

### **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**

All persons participating in the delivery of any emergency service shall be required to utilize the appropriate level of protective equipment.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

Line officers are responsible to enforce the intent of this policy.