

RESOLUTION 4-2011-35

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CAMDEN COUNTY CONTINUE TO HANDLE FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the County of Camden closed the Camden County Fire Marshal office as of April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for fire marshal inspections and prevention programs has been delegated back to Camden County municipalities creating an unforeseen hardship for said municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barrington as lead agency has established a local enforcing agency to handle inspections through a shared service agreement by and between the municipalities of Barrington, Hi-Nella, Lawnside, Magnolia, Mount Ephraim and Oaklyn; and

WHEREAS, the local enforcing agency shall be named the Regional Fire Prevention Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the participating municipalities are burdened with the task of providing fire marshal inspection and prevention programs while not creating a financial burden to their respective municipal budgets and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, while the municipalities understand that they are now responsible for fire inspections and other fire prevention activities, it has been deemed imperative that Camden County retain responsibility for fire investigations for budgetary reasons as well as continuity and protection of evidence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Barrington hereby implores the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders that responsibility for all fire investigations be retained by the Camden County Prosecutor's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Boroughs of Hi-Nella, Lawnside, Magnolia, Mount Ephraim and Oaklyn and to the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Approved: April 12, 2011

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

BY: _____
Mayor John D. Rink

ATTEST: _____
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was approved by Mayor and Council at a regular meeting of the Borough of Barrington held on April 12, 2011.

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk