

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
Franklin Township Somerset County
New Jersey
RESOLUTION 11-16
EMAIL POLICY**

WHEREAS, Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 often uses email as a method of communication, and,




WHEREAS, Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 is a public entity governed by laws regarding OPMA and records retention, and,

WHEREAS, Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 has deemed it in the best interest of the Fire District to adopt an Email Policy to clarify and define email usage;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, adopts the attached Email Policy:



Bernard L. Pongratz, Chairman

  
YES NO ABSTAIN




Absent


Tim Szymborski, Clerk

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YES NO ABSTAIN




Donald Bell, Treasurer

  
YES NO ABSTAIN






James Wickman, Commissioner

  
YES NO ABSTAIN



Jason Goldberg, Commissioner

  
YES NO ABSTAIN

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 23, 2011



JASON GOLDBERG, DEPUTY CLERK

FRANKLIN DISTRICT FIRE DISTRICT #1 (SOMERSET COUNTY)

EMAIL POLICY

Emails pertaining to District business are considered public records. Therefore, when employees, elected officials and/or volunteers utilize emails to discuss or communicate regarding District business, such communication is considered a public record. The District is responsible to maintain all public records and therefore, the purpose of this policy is to maintain email communications and to provide for efficient records management not only for the District but for the individuals who utilize email to discuss any District business.

Therefore, the Franklin Township Fire District #1 (Somerset County) Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following email policy:

1. All office employees and commissioners of the District will be provided with an email account in order to transact communications pertaining to District business.
2. Each individual utilizing an email account will agree as follows:
 - A. The account will only be used for official District business. In the event the individual receives an email on their personal computer or email account relating to District business, they will immediately copy the email together with all attachments to their official District email address. The response to such communication will be from the official District email account.
 - B. The respondent will also notify anyone who communicates to their personal email account regarding District business that all future correspondence and emails pertaining to Franklin Township Fire District #1 (Somerset County) must be sent to their official District email address.
 - C. In the event the individual receives a personal e-mail on their District account, they will immediately advise the sender that personal e-mails should not be sent to their District account.
3. Each individual utilizing an email account agrees never to correspond back and forth with the majority of the Board of Commissioners. Specifically, if a particular Board has 5 members then the individual agrees that they will direct any single communication to no more than 2 members of such Board unless such email is strictly informational in purpose. If the individual wants to communicate back and forth with all members of the Board, they should direct such correspondence to the Chairperson and/or the District Clerk and request to be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting when the Board of Commissioners convene.
4. The email account and all access information shall be the property of Franklin Township Fire District #1 (Somerset County) and the individual utilizing the email

account understands, acknowledges and consents to the District having access to the account and that all communications contained therein, except where otherwise excluded by law, may be subject to public disclosure.

5. Each individual utilizing the email account will take no action in any way to permanently delete any information or emails that are sent to the District email account.
6. Each individual elected to the Board of Commissioners in the District understands that the use of personal e-mail accounts to engage in District business is prohibited and may result in those personal accounts being subject to the provisions of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and/or other statutes pertaining to access to government records.