



Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

To create (1) new Deputy Fire Coordinator position within the Division of Public Safety; a position assigned to support special operations, focused on complex rescues and emerging technologies in first response

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$8,500.00

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: N/A

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE TO CREATE A NEW DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR POSITION WITHIN THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY; A POSITION ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OPERATIONS, FOCUSED ON COMPLEX RESCUES AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN FIRST RESPONSE

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature recognizes the need for continued enhancement of public safety services and support for our first responders; and

WHEREAS, the landscape of emergency response and fire services is evolving due to the rapid advancement of technology, including unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), advanced communications tools, and data-driven response strategies, which require specialized knowledge and expertise for effective deployment in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the increasing complexity of emergency responses, particularly for large-scale incidents, specialized rescue operations, and disaster preparedness, necessitates additional personnel focused on the integration and management of these emerging technologies within fire and emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Division of Public Safety has identified a critical gap in specialized support for first responders in fields such as Underwater/Dive Rescue, Swift Water/Flood Rescue, Ice Rescue, Trench and Collapse Rescue, UAS, and FAST/RIT; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a new Deputy Fire Coordinator position, specifically dedicated to special operations related to complex rescues and emerging technologies, will help ensure that Sullivan County's fire services are well-equipped and prepared to respond to modern challenges, improve the safety of responders, and increase the effectiveness of emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, this new Deputy Fire Coordinator position will be tasked with overseeing the integration and utilization of advanced technologies such as drones, GPS mapping systems, remote monitoring tools, and other cutting-edge equipment in support of fire, rescue, and disaster response operations; and

WHEREAS, the new position will also focus on training first responders in the use of these technologies, coordinating with local agencies, and ensuring that Sullivan County remains at the forefront of public safety innovation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Legislature's Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee hereby recommends approval to create a new Deputy Fire Coordinator position dedicated to special operations involving complex rescues and emerging technologies utilized by the first response community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the additional Deputy Fire Coordinator position at a salary of eight thousand five hundred (\$8,500.00) dollars annually, which will enhance the County's public safety capabilities and support its emergency response teams.