Board of Fire Commissioners LINDENWOLD FIRE DISTRICT No.1 Monthly & Year-End Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

June 17, 2024

Meeting Place:

Fire Administration Building

Meeting Called To Order:

7:30pm

Members of Board Present:

Chairman - Richard Paul

Vice Chairman – Tamara DeLucca

Treasurer – Wayne Hans Secretary – Frank Weindel Commissioner – Frank DeLucca District Clerk – Tiffany Beach Solicitor – Jeffrey Catalano

Salute the Flag

Sunshine Law - Comm. Paul

In accordance with the NJ Sunshine Law this meeting Notice of this meeting has been duly advertised in compliance with the provisions of the open public meetings law. Please be advised that this meeting will be recorded for possible later playback.

Roll Call Commissioners

All present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to approve the May 30 Board meeting minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it. Comm. Hans abstains.

Correspondence - Cl. Beach

Cl. Beach: We received a letter from Lindenwold Fire Co. 1 to turn the building over to the District. It will be included with the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Comm. Hans

As of June 17, 2024

TD Bank Money Market Account	1,254,561.31
TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,570.89
TD Bank General Checking	10,622,639.31
Investment NJ ARM	2,074,303.39
TD Bank Payroll Checking	21,036.81
TD Bank LEA Dedicated Penalty	5,578.36
TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,061.87
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Current Assets	13,995,951.94

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

Payment of Bills - Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: In front of you, you have a list of 51 bills totaling \$165,227.50

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to approve the payment of bills.

Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration / Personnel - Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Office of Fire Prevention – Fire Official Shannon

Comm. DeLucca: Fire Official's report for May 20, 2024 – June 17, 2024 was read aloud, a copy is attached to the minutes.

Fire Department Equipment - Comm. Paul

No report.

Turn-Out Gear - Comm. Paul

No report.

Apparatus - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We may have a buyer for the ladder. We will have more information at the July meeting.

Recruitment / Membership – Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. F. DeLucca: I've been studying the recruitment & retention. I would like to propose; I'd like to make a motion to direct the secretary to advertise a request for proposal for a professional grant writer. I have contacted several districts & companies who are receiving grants. There is no cost to the commission at this point to see what grants are out there at the federal and state level. There is no cost factor it starts the ball rolling.

Motion made by Commissioner F. DeLucca seconded by Commissioner T. DeLucca to advertise for a professional grant writer. Roll Call, all yes.

Fitness Center - Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. Paul: How are you making out with the fitness center? I know you were talking about the sign in sheets.

Comm. F. DeLucca: They are disappearing. After discussion its to my understanding it's going to be torn down. Speaking with Mr. Hans about getting it painted. I guess when we see a timeline when the building will be torn down, it doesn't make sense. Until we get some sort of direction I guess it is on hold

Comm. Paul: As far as the sign in sheets, did you put more over there?

Comm. F. DeLucca: Yes. Comm. Paul: when?

Comm. F. DeLucca: I believe it was 3 weeks ago.

Comm. Paul: I was in there twice his week & they are gone. I believe I advised you to send an email to everyone to use the sheets.

S.O.G.'s - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We have 2 updated policies for tonight. 1000 & 1010.

Future Projects- Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We have a letter from Lindenwold Fire No .1 to turn the building and grounds over for the new building. The letter will be attached to the meeting minutes. The architect is also working on the final draft of the building. The committee will be meeting when they are completed.

Communications - Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Computers - Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Assist Personnel - Comm. Paul

No report

Budget - Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: I have an appointment set up to get the Positive Pay done. They don't do it at the bank, it has to be done with someone else. I want to talk about a CD to get some more interest on the accounts that we have set up with them already. I am also working with NJ ARM to get the building account set up so we can move that money over there also.

Fixed Assets - Comm. DeLucca

Hydrants/ Water - Comm. Hans

No report.

Comm. Hans: Hydrant flushing is being done by NJ American Water.

Building Maintenance / Grounds - Comm. Hans

No report.

Health & Safety - Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: I need to get with Virtua, I heard some of the places aren't doing physicals since Covid.

Insurance - Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. DeLucca: I have a meeting set up the 25th with the loss control rep. I believe the chief will be there with me at station 1.

Incentive Program - Comm. Weindel

No. report.

Uniforms - Comm. Weindel

Comm. Weindel: Uniforms are in & are being distributed. There are a few backordered items that John will drop off when done.

Training- Comm. Weindel

Fuel - Comm. Weindel

No report.

No report.

Chief's Report - Chief Beeler

Chief Beeler: The report was read aloud by Chief Beeler; a copy is attached to the minutes.

D/C Polifrone: LANDSAR is expanding its current members to include a wide area program and possibly operate on State & Federal level with the USAR. There are 4 extra classes that are needed & will be offered multiple times on multiple evenings.

President's Report - Comm. Paul

N/A

Borough of Lindenwold - Councilman Morrisey

No report.

Solicitor - J. Catalano

No report.

Old Business - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Any old business? (hearing none)

New Business - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Any new business? (hearing none)

Public Portion - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. Weindel to open to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

John Honer: 148 Patricia Lane. Regarding grants Mr. Honer helped multiple towns obtain quite a few grants for various entities. He mentions you can send someone to learn to write grants or hire a professional grant writer. They would receive a portion or percentage of the grant money if they receive it.

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. Weindel, to close to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

Resolutions - Comm. Paul

Resolution 2024-22- RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE FINDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Motion made by Comm. Weindel, seconded by Comm. Hans as read. Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, Comm's T. DeLucca, Weindel, Hans, Paul, yes. Comm. F. DeLucca, abstains.

Resolution 2024-23- RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICY DIRECTIVES 1000 & 1010

Motion made by Comm. Weindel, seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca as read. Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, Comm's T. DeLucca, Weindel, Hans, Paul, F. DeLucca yes.

Open to Commissioners - Comm. Paul

Comm. F. DeLucca: Thank the Chief for his speech on Memorial Day. It was very nice & very appropriate. Good job. **Comm. Hans:** Happy 4th to everyone. Stay Safe.

Adjourn - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Hans seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it.

Lindenwold Fire District No.1 Balance Sheet

As of June 17, 2024

	Jun 17, 24	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1000 · CASH		
1011 · TD Bank Money Market Acco	1,254,561.31	
1013 · TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,570.89	
1015 · General Checking 3	10,622,639.31	
1016 · Investment NJ ARM	2,074,303.39	
1020 · TD Bank Payroll Checking	21,036.81	
1030 · TD Bank LEA Dedicated Pen	5,578.36	
1040 · TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,061.87	
1090 · Petty Cash	200.00	
Total 1000 · CASH	13,995,951.94	
Total Checking/Savings	13,995,951.94	
Total Current Assets	13,995,951.94	
TOTAL ASSETS	13,995,951.94	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	

Lindenwold Fire Company Ro.



INCORPORATED OCTOBER 10, 1393

517 E. LINDEN AVENUE LINDENWOLD, NEW JERSEY 08021

May 30, 2024

Lindenwold Fire District #1 Board of Fire Commissioners 801 Scott Avenue Lindenwold, NJ 08021

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to formally propose the transfer of the Fire Company No. 1 building, along with the associated land, to the Lindenwold Fire District #1 Board of Fire Commission.

On May 17, 2024 during a special meeting, the members of the Lindenwold Fire Co. No. 1 voted unanimously to a proposal of turning over the building and land to the Lindenwold Fire District #1 Board of Fire Commission. The motion was to be contingent upon the successful construction of a new firehouse on the premises currently occupied by Lindenwold Fire Company No. 1.

Please be advised that this transfer would exclude all interior furnishings, equipment, assets, and memorabilia, which shall remain the property of Lindenwold Fire Company No. 1. Additionally, we kindly request that the Lindenwold Board of Fire Commissioners allow the active members of Lindenwold Fire Company No. 1 to use the meeting facilities within the new firehouse for conducting essential volunteer organization meetings.

We believe this arrangement will benefit the Lindenwold community by ensuring the continued operation of the Lindenwold Fire Department in a modernized facility that can better serve our citizens. Your support is pivotal in this endeavor, and we eagerly anticipate your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this proposal. I am available at your convenience to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Craig M. Wells

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President,

Lindenwold Fire Company No. 1



Chief Report

May 20th – June 17th

74 calls

Today we responded to 502 Oak Ave for a house fire. An exterior fire was found and extinguished and investigated by the FM office. We installed 3 smoke detectors for the resident.

In the process of purchasing the 5 Inch hose from Clementon

Took the breathing Air tanks from the Tower to Pro Gas for Hydro test

We applied for the NJ American Water Grant

We had a Truck Committee meeting regarding the New tower Ladder to review before the preconstruction trip.

Department attended Borough Memorial Day services

Attended the Lindenwold High School Graduation

Training

5/21 Hose Nozzles

5/28 Battalion Training / Hose

6/11 Drafting

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

06/17/2024 May 21, 2024 to June 17, 2024

Inspections Completed:

Animal Adoption Center
Lindenwold Community Center
White Horse Rapid Lube
Amera Food Market
Bud's Garage
Pizza Bolis
Los Primos Grocery
Pike Liquor Store
International Welding
Lindenwold Middle School
Lindenwold School 4
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pre School

2.00

Lindenwold Football Field
Lindenwold Park Ball Field
Amera Gas Station
Commitment Family Center
Family Financial Center
South Jersey Recovery
Sport Barber Shop
Cooper Dental
Lindenwold High School
Lindenwold School 5
Lindenwold Bd of Education

Re-Inspections:

Lighthouse Church Don Tequila Bar 4

Lighthouse Church Office Vacuum Sales

Complaints Received 1

06/12/2024 Meat shoppers issue with alarm and storage

Imminent Hazard 0

Requested Response 1
06/17/2024 502 Oak Ave Dwelling Fire

Civilian Burn Report 0

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING THE FINDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, in the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden May, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "Fire District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) has submitted an application ("Application") to the Local Finance Board, in the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("Local Finance Board") in connection with the issuance by the Fire District of its tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$10,650,000 ("2024 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Application was reviewed by the Local Finance Board on April 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:5A-7 requires the Fire District to certify to the Local Finance Board, by resolution, that each member of the Authority has personally reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Local Finance Board with respect to the proposed issuance of the 2024 Bonds, as evidenced by a group affidavit of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Fire District hereby certifies that each member of the Fire District has reviewed the findings and recommendations contained in the resolutions of the Local Finance Board with respect to the proposed issuance of the 2024 Bonds.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The Secretary of the Fire District is hereby authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required group affidavit to the Local Finance Board to demonstrate evidence of such compliance.
- <u>Section 3</u>. All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded or repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 17th day of June, 2024

MOTION:	We	ndel
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SECOND: Hans

RECORDED VOTE

AYES:

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ABSTAIN:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body of THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY at a meeting thereof duly called and held on June 17, 2024.

Frank Weindel, Secretary

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1,

in the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden

[SEAL]

RESOLUTION 2024-23 Board of Fire Commissioners Lindenwold Fire District No. 1

APPROVING FIRE DISTRICT POLICY DIRECTIVES 1000 and 1010

WHEREAS, N.JS.A. 40A14-70 gives the designation to the Board of Fire Commissioners for Lindenwold Fire District No. 1 as the authority having jurisdiction, and;

WHEREAS, Lindenwold Fire District No. 1 has the overall responsibility, liability and culpability to ensure operational effectiveness of the Fire District's goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Board has in place Policy Directives 1000 (Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual) and 1010 (Fire Service Authority); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend Policy Directives 1000 and 1010; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed amended Policy Directives 1000 and 1010 are attached hereto as Exhibits A-B, respectively, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners for Lindenwold Fire District No. 1 adopts the proposed amendments to Policy Directives 1000 (Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual) and 1010 (Fire Service Authority).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will require all members to follow and abide by said Policy Directives.

Dated: June 17, 2024

Richard J Paul Jr. Chairman

Attest: Tiffany Beach, District Clerk



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GENERAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual of the Lindenwold Fire District #1 is hereby established and shall be referred to as the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual or the manual. The manual is a statement of the current policies, rules, and guidelines of this district. All members are expected to conform to the provisions of this manual.

All prior and existing policies, manuals, orders, and regulations that are in conflict with this manual are revoked, except to the extent that portions of the existing manuals, procedures, orders and other regulations that have not been included herein shall remain in effect where they do not conflict with the provisions of this manual.

POLICY

Except where otherwise expressly stated, the provisions of this manual shall be considered as policies and guidelines. It is recognized that fire and rescue work is not always predictable, and circumstances may arise that warrant departure from the guidelines contained in the manual. It is the intent of this guideline section of this manual to be viewed using an objective standard, taking into consideration the sound discretion entrusted to the members of this district under the circumstances reasonably available at the time of any incident. Policies shall be adhered to by all employees and members of the district.

A. DISCLAIMER

The provisions contained in the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual are not intended to create an employment contract nor any employment rights or entitlements. The policies contained within this manual are for the internal use of the Lindenwold Fire District #1 and shall not be construed to create a higher standard or duty of care for civil or criminal liability against the Borough, its officials, or members. Violations of any provision of any policy contained within this manual shall only form the basis for district administrative action, training, or discipline. The Lindenwold Fire District #1 reserves the right to revise any policy content, in whole or in part.

B. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any term or provision of this Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual is declared illegal, invalid or unenforceable by any court or any federal or state government agency, the remaining terms and provisions that are not affected shall remain in full force and effect. If any provision of the Policy Directive/Operating Guideline Manual is found to be in conflict with a local, state or federal law, borough policy or collective bargaining agreement, such law, borough policy or collective bargaining agreement shall take precedence over that provision of the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual. In the event that any of the terms or provisions of the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual are determined to conflict with any portion of a collective bargaining agreement, the district will seek to resolve the conflict.



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AUTHORITY

The Fire District shall be considered the ultimate authority for the content and adoption of the provisions of this manual and shall ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The Board of Fire Commissioners, the Fire Chief, or the authorized designee is authorized to issue Departmental Directives, which shall modify those provisions of the manual to which they pertain. Departmental Directives shall remain in effect until such time as they may be permanently incorporated into the manual.

DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms shall have these assigned meanings throughout the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual, unless it is apparent from the content that they have a different meaning:

Adult - Any person 18 years of age or older.

Chief Officer - Fire Chief, Deputy, or Assistant Fire Chief

Borough - The Borough of Lindenwold.

Civilian - Employees and volunteers who are not engaged in fire suppression as part of their primary duties.

District/LFD1 - The Lindenwold Fire District #1.

Employee - Any person employed by the District.

Fire Code - The State Fire Prevention Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.1; N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.2).

Fire Safety Code - Regulations for buildings that are in addition to the Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.1 et seq.).

Firefighter/appointed - Those members, regardless of rank, who perform fire suppression duties as part of their primary duties as appointed members of the Lindenwold Fire District #1.

Health and Safety Officer - Members designated by the Fire Chief as responsible for the administration of health and safety-related programs and policies for the Lindenwold Fire District #1. The Fire Chief shall assume responsibility for health and safety-related policy and program administration if there is no designee.

Manual - The Lindenwold Fire District #1 Policy Directive/Operating Guideline Manual.

May - Indicates a permissive, discretionary, or conditional action.



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Member - Any person employed or appointed by the Lindenwold Fire District #1, including:

- Full and part-time employees.
- Appointed firefighters.
- Civilian employees.
- Volunteers.

On-duty - Member status during the period when he/she is actually engaged in the performance of his/her assigned duties.

Order - A written or verbal instruction issued by a superior.

Rank - The title of the classification held by a firefighter.

Shall or will - Indicates a mandatory action.

Should - Indicates a generally required or expected action, absent a rational basis for failing to conform.

Supervisor - A person in a position of authority regarding hiring, transfer, suspension, promotion, discharge, assignment, reward, or discipline of other district members, directing the work of other members or having the authority to adjust grievances. The supervisory exercise of authority may not be merely routine or clerical in nature but requires the use of independent judgment.

The term "supervisor" may also include any person (e.g., firefighter-in-charge, lead or senior worker) given responsibility for the direction of the work of others without regard to a formal job title, rank, or compensation.

Uniform Fire Code - The Fire Code, Fire Safety Code, and the regulations governing their administration and enforcement (N.J.A.C. 5:70-1.1 et seq.).



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DISTRIBUTION OF THE POLICY MANUAL

An electronic version of the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual will be made available to all members on the district training website for viewing and printing. No changes shall be made to the manual without authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Fire Chief, or the authorized designee. Each member shall acknowledge that he/she has been provided access to, and has had the opportunity to review, the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual. Members shall seek clarification as needed from an appropriate supervisor for any provisions that they do not fully understand.

PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE POLICY MANUAL

The Fire Chief and Fire District will ensure that the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual is periodically reviewed and updated as necessary.

REVISIONS TO POLICIES

All revisions to the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual will be provided to each member on or before the date the policy becomes effective. Each member will be required to acknowledge that he/she has reviewed the revisions via the training website and shall seek clarification from an appropriate supervisor as needed.

Members are responsible for keeping informed of all Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual revisions.

Each fire officer will ensure that members under his/her command are aware of any Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual revision.

All district members suggesting revision of the contents of the Policy Directive/Operational Guideline Manual shall forward their written suggestions to their supervisors, who will consider the recommendations and forward them to the command staff as appropriate.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the legal authority of the Lindenwold Fire District #1 and the individual members.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Lindenwold Fire District #1 to limit its members to only exercise the authority granted to them by law and/or by borough ordinances.

While the Lindenwold Fire District #1 recognizes the authority of members granted to them, members are encouraged to use sound discretion in the exercise of their authority, and this district does not tolerate abuse of authority.

A. ORGANIZATIONAL POWERS

This district is authorized to perform fire suppression and related services, including but not limited to:

- 1. Fire prevention and fire code enforcement (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-139.1; N.J.S.A. 52:27D-198.2; N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.3).
- 2. Fire suppression services (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-7; N.J.S.A. 40A:14-81; N.J.A.C. 5:75-1.5).
- 3. Fire cause and origin investigation (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-7.1).
- 4. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (N.J.S.A. 27:5F-18 et seq.; N.J.A.C. 8:40-2.1).

B. FIREFIGHTER POWERS

Firefighters are appointed members of this district and are authorized to exercise the following authority pursuant to applicable New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-54; N.J.A.C. 5:75-1.5):

- 1. Participate in a wide range of emergency and rescue activities, including EMS, extrication, and heavy rescue.
- 2. Perform fire suppression duties, including the suppression of structural, aircraft, marine, wildfire and other types of fires.
- 3. Collect and preserve evidence when a fire is of a suspicious origin.
- 4. Perform specialty services, including hazardous materials response, technical rescue, water rescue and additional services as authorized by the Fire Chief.
- 5. Provide fire code enforcement inspection and plan review services (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-139.1; N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.3).
- 6. Provide public education and fire prevention activities and services (N.J.S.A.
- 7. 52:27D-126.1).



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C. CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

When exercising their authority, members shall observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the United States and New Jersey Constitutions.

D. SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

Any chief officer or designee may relieve a member under his/her command from duty when, in his/her judgment, an offense committed is sufficiently serious to warrant immediate action. A report of such action shall be made immediately through the appropriate channels to the appropriate chief officer or designee, followed by written documentation of the charges, in accordance with district procedures. All such processes shall comply with established rules, regulations, and applicable District policy.