

Amendment In The Nature Of A Substitution Clerk Item 162-09

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LOCAL LAW NO. 9 -2009

A LOCAL LAW to amend the County Government Law in relation to the retention and recruitment of volunteer emergency workers and volunteer auxiliary police officers.

BE IT ENACTED BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of Section 2113 of the County Government Law of Nassau County is amended to add the following Subsections:

- o. Assist in the recruitment and retention of volunteer emergency workers.
- p. At the discretion of the Nassau County Police Commissioner, assist in the recruitment and retention of volunteer auxiliary police officers and the training of auxiliary police officers for emergency related tasks.

Section 2. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION NO. 142\_\_-2009

A RESOLUTION to authorize the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management to implement a tuition assistance program for volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and auxiliary police officers

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and auxiliary police officers contribute enormously to the public safety, health, and general well-being of the residents of their communities at great personal sacrifice and cost to themselves; and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and auxiliary police officers donate their personal time to make their communities a safer place to live; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide benefits to help recruit men and women who voluntarily put themselves in danger to protect the lives and property of Nassau County residents; and

WHEREAS, a college tuition assistance program would provide an incentive to retain the corps of volunteers servicing our communities and would encourage more volunteers; and

WHEREAS, volunteer fire departments and auxiliary police departments throughout the State of New York, and especially on Long Island, are in need of new volunteers; and

WHEREAS, more is being asked from their members each year and new activities demand more hours of training; and

WHEREAS, the entire system of volunteer fire, rescue, ambulance services and auxiliary police save Nassau County and its taxpayers enormous amounts of money; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that to the extent that the Office of Emergency Management is able to identify and obtain grant funding from the State of New York, the United States Government or any other outside source, the Office of Emergency Management is authorized and empowered to apply for, accept and distribute grant funds available to the County for the purpose of creating a reimbursable tuition assistance program for volunteer firefighter, volunteer ambulance worker and auxiliary police officer recruitment and retention (the “Program”) through a scholarship fund to be administered by the Office of Emergency Management in accordance with the following minimum criteria:

A) Scholarships

Scholarships to Nassau Community College or any accredited college located in Nassau County shall be award annually to eligible volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers, and auxiliary police officers.

B) Scholarship Amount

The total scholarship amount awarded to any volunteer firefighter, volunteer ambulance worker or auxiliary police officer recruited pursuant to the Program shall not exceed the equivalent cost of tuition for a full-time student at Nassau Community College in any given year of the scholarship program and the scholarship awarded shall not be granted for more than eight (8) full-time semesters, or one hundred twenty (120) credit hours. Scholarships may be awarded on a full or part time basis and may be prorated to take into account other financial aid being received by the scholarship recipient.

C) Scholarship Recipients.

All Scholarship recipients shall:

- a. Be a resident of Nassau County, meet local fire department or auxiliary police department volunteer membership requirements, and be a new or active member of an eligible Nassau County volunteer fire department or auxiliary police department.

- b. Complete the Nassau Community College or other accredited colleges located in Nassau County admissions process, be accepted for enrollment as a matriculated student, and maintain their status as a student in good standing at the College;
- c. Apply for all other available sources of financial aid through Nassau Community College or other accredited colleges located in Nassau County and use the volunteer firefighter, volunteer ambulance worker and auxiliary police recruitment scholarship funds only to supplement any costs not covered by other sources of financial aid.
- d. Agree to maintain acceptable volunteer firefighter or auxiliary police officer activity and training levels, as determined by the Office of Emergency Management, while enrolled as a student at Nassau Community College or other accredited colleges located in Nassau County and, be it further

RESOLVED, that to ensure that the Program is continued even when the Office of Emergency Management is unable to identify and obtain grant funding as set forth above, Nassau Community College shall make all reasonable efforts and other accredited colleges in Nassau County that participate in the Program shall be encouraged to develop a plan for funding this Program through outside funding sources such as private scholarships and endowments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Office of Emergency Management is hereby authorized and empowered pursuant to Section 2113 of the County Government Law to issue and promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.