



PUBLIC STATEMENT

May 11th, 2021 – After more than a year of discussions with the Independent Volunteer Fire Company #1 and Chief Andrew Simonsick of the Maple Shade Fire Department, the Township of Maple Shade has made the decision to suspend the operations with the Independent Volunteer Fire Company and focus on a re-structuring and re-building of municipal fire services to better serve the community, aligning more with current life safety protocols as set forth by the State of New Jersey Division of Fire Services.

The decision to suspend operations with the Independent has been made after examining the current level of services provided to the municipality, training and overall efficiency of municipal services; deeming it necessary to protect life and property throughout the township.

Residents will see no delay in fire and rescue services, as neighboring communities will continue to service the Township as they always have.

We are indebted to the members of the Independent Volunteer Fire Company for their many years of service and are hopeful we can preserve the longstanding tradition of their organization. Over the next several months, as the re-structuring and re-building of the municipal department takes place, we are hopeful those who have committed to serving our community will continue to be a part of the process, helping the municipality and the outside consultants tasked with realizing the goal of bringing a high level of fire services to Maple Shade.

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