

RESOLUTION G2022-44

RESOLUTION ADOPTING UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security, under direction from President Bush and in conjunction with input from state, local, and tribal officials, the emergency response community and the private sector, developed a National Incident Management System (NIMS) on March 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a consistent nationwide approach allowing federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security required federal departments and agencies to make state, tribal, and local organizations adopt a National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) as a condition for federal preparedness assistance. The Board of Trustees subsequently adopted a Symmes Township Integrated Emergency Operations Plan on May 3, 2005 under Resolution G-0517; and

WHEREAS, as effective homeland security incident management involves new concepts, processes, and protocols that require refinement the Township has updated the Symmes Township Integrated Emergency Operations Plan for 2022; and

WHEREAS, preparedness to cope with the effects of a disaster includes many diverse but interrelated elements, which must be woven into an integrated emergency management system involving all departments of local government and private support agencies, plus the individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, Disasters necessitate a sudden escalation in the material needs of the community and a reorganization of resources and personnel in order to address emergency response. Many lives can be lost in the confusion and disorganization that accompany the lack of a full planning effort. Therefore, failure to develop an integrated disaster preparedness plan encourages salvage type activities instead of coordinated operations; and

WHEREAS, planning for population protection must be a cooperative effort to avert or minimize the effects of natural, technological, civil and/or CBRNE attack-related disasters; protect lives and property; and restore the stricken area to its pre-disaster status with a minimum of social and economic disruption; and

WHEREAS, this plan predetermines, to the extent possible, actions to be taken by Symmes Township and cooperating private organizations to reduce the vulnerability of Symmes Township residents to disasters that may strike, and to respond effectively to the actual occurrence of disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Loveland Symmes Fire Department updated the last Emergency Operations Plan which was last updated in 2016. We will continue to revisit and update this plan as needed for our community. Though most updates are minor name changes or updated phone numbers, we find it important to ensure that this plan is kept up to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio takes the following action:

- Section 1.** That all departments of Symmes Township shall continue to utilize the National Incident Management System (NIMS) prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Section 2.** That the updated plan entitled “Emergency Operations Plan, 2022 Update” shall replace all emergency plans previously approved by the Board for Symmes Township.
- Section 3.** That the Board of Symmes Township directs the Township Administrator to train all personnel on the NIMS and the Symmes Township Integrated Emergency Operations Plan.
- Section 4.** The Board of Trustees of Symmes Township upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.
- Section 5.** It is hereby certified that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of the Board were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 6.** This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2022 – RESOLUTION G2022-44

Vote Record: Ms. Leis ____ Mr. Beck ____ Mr. Bryant ____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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