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Police Powers for Fire Department

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SECTION 1. That the Board of Administration of the Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Inc., be and it is by the passage of this Act, so empowered and authorized to appoint six (6) members of the Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Inc., as Policemen.

SECTION 2. That said (6) members of the Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Inc., so appointed, shall have full police powers, to clear and keep cleared during fire emergencies wherein life and property is endangered, public thoroughfares and premises upon and adjacent to such endangered life and property, and to arrest if necessary, and expel and expunge therefrom all spectators with their vehicles, and unnecessary persons and vehicles not needed and not being used and which hinder the full operation of said fire fighting force and equipment and which hinder prompt first aid and ambulance service to all persons who may need such service during such period of emergency, but the powers of said six (6) Policemen so appointed shall not extend beyond the duties of properly policing upon the occasion of the burning of property in which said fire department is engaged in combating fires and attending injured persons and ambulance and first aid service to injured persons resulting from such emergencies, and beyond such stated emergencies no such police powers shall extend.

SECTION 3. That said six (6) Policemen so appointed shall be identified with proper badges conspicuously worn upon their person during such emergencies which shall show the following: "Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Inc.", while on duty and on going to and returning from such emergencies in the discharge of their duties as fire policemen and no further.

SECTION 4. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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