Township of Salisbury, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania Resolution No. 11-2024-1835

BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTION AND PROMULGATION OF THE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY **OPERATIONS PLAN**

WHEREAS, Salisbury Township is committed to providing for the safety, health, and welfare of its residents and ensuring that all efforts are taken to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Township Emergency Operations Plan is intended to outline the roles and responsibilities of township officials, departments, and agencies in response to disasters and emergencies that may impact the community; and

WHEREAS, this Salisbury Township Emergency Operations Plan has been developed by the Salisbury Township Emergency Management Agency in concurrence with the Lehigh County Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to satisfy the requirements of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S. Section 7101 et seq.) as amended to maintain a Disaster Emergency Management Plan for Salisbury Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Salisbury, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania to approve and promulgate the updated Salisbury Township Emergency Operations Plan, to be effective as of November 14, 2024, and to direct that this plan be implemented, maintained, and followed by all departments, agencies, and organizations within Salisbury Township as a guide for emergency management activities. This Emergency Operations Plan supersedes Salisbury Township's previously enacted Emergency Operations Plan.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 14th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

Township of Salisbury (Lehigh County, Pennsylvania)

Salisbury Township Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

INTRODUCTION AND DIRECTIVE

The government at all levels has the responsibility to plan for and respond to emergency incidents from hazards and actions that represent a real or potential threat to the jurisdiction. Concentrations of vulnerable populations such as the elderly, physically or mentally disabled, non-English speaking, and the medically or chemically dependent. Salisbury Township is the home of a significant number of institutions such as Lehigh Valley Health Network; Devon House Assisted Living Facility; Woodland Terrace Nursing Home; Jah Jireh Nursing Care and Assisted Living Facility for Jehovah's Witness Facility; Kids Peace Youth program for children of special needs; Eastern Comfort Assisted Living Facility; Promedica Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation-Allentown; Sunrise Senior Living; the Men's Community Corrections Center; and, the Detoxification/Rehabilitation Center as well as public and private schools and daycare programs.

In light of these institutions, Salisbury Township has established an Emergency Management Agency to provide overall planning and coordination for such emergency incidents. The specific institutions and agencies located within the Township are encouraged to prepare and continue to maintain an Emergency Operations Plan for their facility filed with the Salisbury Township Emergency Management Agency.

The Salisbury Township Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) provides specific guidance to Township departments during the period of the emergency. This EOP will also serve as an indicator of Township capability. If the Township is unable to provide sufficient local coverage for a particular resource or potential hazard, alternate resources, and contingency plans have been developed through Lehigh County, within political and budgetary constraints.

The goals and objectives of this EOP depend on the development and maintenance of competent emergency management staff and the familiarization of all Township personnel with their responsibilities during an emergency incident. Thorough familiarity with this EOP will result in the efficient and effective execution of staff's responsibilities to better serve the citizens of Salisbury Township.

President, Board of Commissioners