

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL BOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**AUTHORIZING PUBLIC QUESTION ON 2026 FIRE DISTRICT GENERAL
ELECTION AND BUDGET REFERENDUM BALLOT**

RESOLUTION #2026-40

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has deemed it advisable to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus "SCBA" that has been in use in the fire district and throughout the area since 2013 and which is lacking significant technological and safety features and has become costly to maintain and repair; and

WHEREAS, this proposed capital expenditure thereof requires approval of the voters of Hopewell Borough Fire District No. 1 in order to be included as a capital appropriation in the Fire District's 2027 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to include a Public Question at the general election and budget referendum to be held on November 3, 2026, to determine whether the voters of Hopewell Borough Fire District No. 1 will authorize the purchase of the replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus "SCBA" and other related equipment thereof in 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$268,000.00.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Borough of Hopewell, County of Mercer, be authorized to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus "SCBA" and related equipment, at a total cost of not to exceed two hundred sixty eight thousand (\$268,000) dollars, with 70% of the cost or one hundred eighty seven thousand six hundred (\$187,600) dollars being paid for by Hopewell Township Fire District #1 pursuant to an existing shared service agreement. The remainder of the purchase price shall be raised through taxation, and or paying all or part of the cost from savings (restricted capital fund), and or financing all or part of the cost in such manner, to not exceed eighty thousand four hundred (\$80,400) dollars from Hopewell Borough taxpayers to fund such capital project?

Interpretive Statement:

A yes vote will authorize Hopewell Borough Fire District #1 to provide for the acquisition of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus "SCBA" and related equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$268,000.00 with \$187,600.00 of such cost being paid by the Hopewell Township Fire District #1 pursuant to one or more shared services agreements. Therefore, the taxpayers of the Borough of Hopewell would be responsible for 30% of the purchase price or \$80,400.00. An SCBA or air pack, is a wearable respiratory device that supplies an individual with compressed breathing air or oxygen. SCBAs allow firefighters to safely breathe in a hazardous smoke-filled environment by providing a portable supply of clean compressed air. Due to the 2012 manufacture date, the compressed air bottles cannot be certified past 2027 (15-year max service life).

A no vote would mean that none of the above would be purchased.

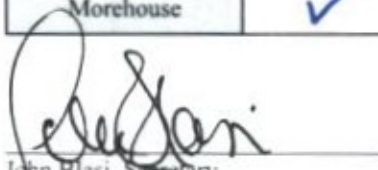
IT IS RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Borough Fire District 1, as follows:

1. That as part of the November 3, 2026 general election a public question is authorized to determine whether the voters of the Fire District a) approve the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus "SCBA" equipment at a cost not to exceed \$268,000.00; b) to pay for the balance and/or all of the cost of the apparatus by any combination of raising all or a part of its cost through taxation, and/or paying all or a part from savings (restricted capital fund), and/or by financing all or part of the cost in such manner, dollar amount, and over such time as is approved by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey; and

2. That the results of the vote on the public question be submitted to the NJ Bureau of Authority Regulation as part of the fire district's Fire District Budget Election Results Certification.

RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE

Commissioner	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Davies						
Blasi						
Peters						
Springer						
Morehouse						



John Blasi, Secretary
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

A CERTIFIED COPY

The Board Clerk is further directed to cause the *Notice of Election* substantially in the form set forth below, together with any modifications or adjustments approved by Board, to be posted no less than 10 days prior to the annual election (10/24/26) on the Public Notice section of the Fire Districts website and these public places:

1. Hopewell Borough Municipal Building
2. Hopewell Borough Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit
3. Hopewell Borough Park public notice board
4. Hopewell Borough Post Office public notice board
5. Hopewell Borough Public Library public notice board

The Board Clerk for the Fire Commissioners is hereby directed to cause a *Notice to Persons Wanting Mail-in Ballots* in the form required by the Mercer County Board of Elections and approved by counsel to the Fire District to be posted once not less than 55 days prior to the date of the annual election, (9/9/26) on the Public Notice section of the Fire District's website.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE BOROUGH OF
HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Borough of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that, at the annual election, the legal voters of the Fire District will be asked to authorize the amount of two hundred sixty-eight thousand (\$268,000) dollars to acquire self-contained breathing apparatus "SCBA" and related equipment, to fund such capital projects. The annual election will be held on November 3, 2026, and polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The legally qualified voters of the Fire District will vote on the following Ballot Question at the polling place identified below:

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The polling places for the annual election shall be as follows:

Polling Place:

Hopewell Borough Municipal Building, 88 East Broad St., Hopewell, NJ 08525

Districts:

1, 2

John Blasi, Secretary

By Order of the Commissioners of Fire District #1
in the Borough of Hopewell, County of Mercer

Dated: October 24, 2026