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Press Release

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NEWS ALERT

***ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION MOVED TO THE
NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION DATE***

On December 6, 2018, the Fire Commissioners of Cherry Hill Fire District #13 took advantage of a new law passed by the New Jersey Legislature and signed by Governor Christie in 2017 which authorizes Fire Districts to move their annual elections to coincide with the date of the November General Election.

The new law is intended to help generate more interest and voter participation in Fire District Elections and eliminate the need for an additional election which has been held on the third Saturday in February in accordance with State Statutes.

For Fire Districts that choose to move their annual elections to November, they will not be required to hold a public referendum on their annual budgets if the budget does not call for the local property tax levy to increase by more than 2 percent. This language is similar to the law that was passed for School Districts in 2012.

On December 18, 2018, the Camden County Board of Elections certified moving the Fire District Elections to coincide with the November General Election.