No. 209

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 18, 1941 (P. L. 137), entitled "An act providing for the appointment, powers and control of members of volunteer fire companies as special fire police, and conferring powers on them at fires attended by their fire companies in any city, borough, town and township," extending the rights and powers of special fire police to other duties performed upon request of municipal authorities.

Volunteer firemen. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1, act of June 18, 1941, P. L. 137, amended May 13, 1949, P. L. 1317, further amended.

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Volunteer firemen may be nominated special fire police.

Section 1. Any volunteer fire company in any city, borough, town or township may nominate any of its members as special fire police. All special fire police so nominated shall, before they enter upon their duties as such, be confirmed by the mayor of the city, the burgess of the borough or town, or the chairman of the board of commissioners or supervisors of the township, as the case may be. When so confirmed and sworn and displaying a badge of authority they shall have full power to regulate traffic and keep crowds under control at or in the vicinity of any fire on which their companies are in attendance and to exercise such other police powers as are necessary in order to facilitate and prevent interference with the work of firemen in extinguishing fires and, in addition, shall have all police powers necessary to perform their duties when functioning as special fire police at parades, accidents, floods, or other emergencies, or at any public function conducted by or under the auspices of any volunteer fire company, at the request of the governing body of any such municipality, and when so functioning as special fire police shall be deemed to be performing the duties of their employment.

APPROVED—The 10th day of August, A. D. 1959.

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