



June 29th, 2023

Mr. Andrew Simonsick, Sr.
17 Overbrook Ave
Maple Shade NJ 08052
Via Regular & Certified Mail

Re: Notice of Suspension

Dear Andrew,

On Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, the Township of Maple Shade was notified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety that your IMS and HazMat IC Certifications in relation to your position as the Maple Shade Fire Department Chief, have been revoked. As such, according to DFS, *"you are no longer allowed to serve in any supervisory or managerial or directional position in the operational fire service or on any fireground / emergency scene which the fire service is operating."*

This letter will serve as official notice that effective immediately you are being suspended as the Fire Chief of the Maple Shade Fire Department as result of the revocation by the State of New Jersey Division of Fire Safety; you are not to act in any supervisory, managerial or directional position in the operational fire services, on any fireground or emergency scene which the Maple Shade Fire Department is operating. Additionally, the vehicle allocated to you shall be returned immediately to the municipal building parking lot, 200 Stiles Ave., and the keys turned into the Maple Shade Police Department.

This action follows consultation with the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Special Labor Counsel, Jonathan Cohen, Esq., of Plosia Cohen, LLC.

Should you have any questions, you may reach out to me directly at (856) 779-9610, ext. 161 or by email at twpmgr@mapleshade.com.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Danson, MPA, QPA
Township Manager

cc: Ellen McDowell, Esq. – *Via Electronic Mail*
Eileen Fahey, Esq. – *Via Electronic Mail*
Independent Volunteer Fire Company – *Via Regular & Certified Mail*
Joseph Palumbo - *Via Electronic Mail*