



NEW YORK MUNICIPAL INSURANCE RECIPROCAL

03/17/2025

Mr. Joe Wicks
Town of Eaton
P.O. Box 66, 35 Cedar Street
Morrisville, NY 13408

Dear Mr. Wicks,

NYMIR worked together with our members over the past year to address the devastating impact vehicle fires have had on our municipalities. The loss of a garage facility along with the essential equipment contained within has a crippling effect on operations, finances and much more. In 2022 alone, vehicle fires resulted in over \$12 million in losses for NYMIR members.

Members will need to continue this effort to prevent avoidable vehicle fires by attesting that all heavy and extra-heavy trucks are equipped with battery disconnect switches which are engaged when the vehicle is parked at the end of the day.

We kindly request that you work with your Highway Department or DPW to affirm that all applicable vehicles have working battery disconnect switches. NYMIR strongly recommends a process be in place to confirm that the switches are engaged. It doesn't matter how many trucks are outfitted with disconnect switches if they are not used to cut power at the end of the day.

Going forward, we will not be providing a separate vehicle list. Please refer to your own records for the list of vehicles insured by NYMIR.

Please sign and return the attached attestation form to Polyne Akech at pakech@wrightinsurance.com by 4/22/2025 and **forward a copy to your broker for their records**. The signed form can be scanned and emailed back or mailed to 12 Metro Park Rd., Colonie, NY 12205. Failure to return the form prior to your renewal date will reduce coverage for your vehicles and property at renewal.

We appreciate the efforts your municipality has made over the past year to implement these important preventative measures. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 845-551-9618.

Sincerely,

David Bloodgood
Vice President of Risk Management

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The Town of Eaton attests that all heavy and extra-heavy trucks have working battery disconnect switches installed.

The Town of Eaton understands the importance of ensuring the use of these switches daily.

Lead Municipal Administrator

Signature


Date


3/28/24

DPW/Highway Superintendent

Signature

Date


3-28-25

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