

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Chairman J. Andrew Sharkey, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Brockington, Holland, Rappoport, Pransky and Zygmund-Felt. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Commissioner Norris.

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; and Kenneth Hellendall, Director of Emergency Medical Services. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:40 p.m. and thanked all of the public safety staff for their efforts over the past two weeks regarding the snow storms.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of January 2018.

Mr. Sharkey announced the Township and Police Department meet with Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) looking at various traffic calming issues for the Township. A report will be presented by Township Manager Bryan Havir and Chief Frye to this Committee in May.

Mr. Holland thanked the Police Department for their presence during the opening of the Greenleaf at Cheltenham Mall.

Chief Frye announced the Consortium Police Test being held at Montgomery County Community College on May 12, 2018. Applications can be found online at [montcopolice.com](http://montcopolice.com). The deadline for submitting applications is May 2, 2018. Sixteen (16) Police Departments are participating in the Consortium Test. Discussion ensued about the advertisement and outreach to various communities as well as the requirements to have Act 120 certification.

Upon the motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Chief of Police.

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Mr. O'Neill reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for the month of January 2018.

Mr. Brockington inquired about the fire on Limekiln Pike this week. Mr. O'Neill stated the family was not home when the fire started, they had family in the area to stay with, the Red Cross was also involved and the fire is still under investigation.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Fire Marshal.

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Medical Services report for the month of January 2018.

Ms. Rappoport and Mr. Hellendall discussed requirements of the “Special Needs Registry”, which is now called “911Plus”. 911Plus is a website that residents must sign up for themselves and is protected by HIIPA. Township personnel do not have access to the information and there are specific requirements for inclusion in the database. Special needs information is loaded into the Montgomery County CAD system and is available to all public safety services including police, fire and EMS when responding to a specific location. Mr. Hellendall will distribute more flyers to the Board and other Township facilities to get the word to the residents about the program.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Medical Services.

4. **Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator**

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Management Report for the month of February 2018.

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the past two snow storms with the Committee. The first snow storm the Township was not completely prepared for as it was forecast to be a lesser event than experienced. The EOC opened quickly and was fully operational. Prior to the second storm there was a planning meeting in which Emergency Management personnel requested the Township and School District close, which they did and it was a great help with plowing and salting as well as removing fallen trees. The Township offered extra staffing at the EOC and this event ran very well operationally. There was great cooperation, commitment and communication, which was a key factor in the successful management of the storm. The new barricade truck was out in excess of 12 hours dropping and moving barricades as trees and wires down were reported then cleared by the appropriate personnel. Mr. Hellendall thanked Luigi’s Pizza providing food and drink to all Township personnel working during both storms. The Township received did not receive any complaints. Mr. Hellendall stated that neither of the storms qualified for federal or state reimbursement.

Mr. Hellendall reported one problem: motorists driving around barricades and/or marked vehicles with lights on blocking roadways due to trees or wires down.

Mr. Hellendall stated there was a debriefing and it was determined there was a need for more barricades and some barricades that needed to be replaced as well as additional generations for intersections with traffic lights. The potential need for portable “high voltage” or “road closed” signs was also discussed.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

5. **Report of the Township Manager:**

Mr. Havar commended Emergency Management and all of the public safety services and Township employees for a job well done during the recent winter storms.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Citizens' Forum:**

Alisha Mahoney representing Safer Street Cheltenham, provided an update on recent Safer Streets activities. They met with the Cheltenham Township Community Development Corporation and will be able to use its 501(3)c status for fundraising purposes. Safer Streets will have a working meeting in the next week to develop viable plans to help with traffic calming. The group has approximately 35 members primarily located in Ward 6, but they are branching out to other Wards. Anyone interested in joining the Group can contact Alisha at nevinsa@gmail.com. They are in the conceptual stage working on recommendations that Mr. Sharkey advised should first be presented to the Police Department for review and viability.

9. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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Bryan T. Havar  
Township Manager

as per Kathryn Gallagher

