

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN:

Conference Call: Dial-in number (US): (425) 585-6384 - Access code: 230-620-955#

SUBMIT COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

E-mail in advance or during the meeting to: comments@uppermoreland.org

Call in advance during normal business hours to 215-659-3100 x1058 or x1057

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Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull; Township Staff Members/Representatives: Chief of Police Andy Block, Captain John Fugelo and Assistant Chief Ken Davidson of Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad, and Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. of the Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Presentations/Announcements**
- IV. Approval of Minutes** – May 18, 2020 and February 24, 2020 (attachments)
- V. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports for May 2020:**
 - A. Police Department Memorandum and Monthly Report by Chief Murphy (attachment)
 - B. Department of Emergency Services by Captain John Fugelo/Chris Strange (attachment)
 - C. Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad by Assistant Chief Ken Davidson
 - D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company by Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Other Items**
- IX. Visitor Comments**
- X. Commissioner Comments**
- XI. Adjournment**

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Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull, S. Michael Murphy, Chief of Police, John Fugelo, Captain/Emergency Services/Fire Marshall, Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief of Operations & Administration at Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting called the meeting to order via audio conference call following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull, Chief Murphy, Captain Fugelo, Chief Davidson, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Commissioner Whiting stated that the **February 24, 2020** minutes were not attached and approval will continue to the June 22, 2020 Committee meeting. (The March 16, 2020 and April 20, 2020 meetings were canceled, and therefore there were no meeting minutes to consider.)
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report - Chief Murphy reviewed monthly statistics and reminders in the report.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Fugelo reviewed statistics of the report.
 - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the availability of virtual training. Captain Fugelo stated that virtual trainings are offered through McNeil & Co. and Buck County Public Training Center, which are being fully utilized by the Department.
 - Commissioner Whiting thanked Captain Fugelo and the Department of Emergency Services for an outstanding job with all their services.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson provided the following updates:
 - Emergency situations were lower than normal due to the COVID crisis.
 - Patients are sicker than normal by waiting longer before they call for help to avoid the hospital.
 - Employees have been working from home since the middle of March.
 - Training programs have been suspended along with ancillary and community services.
 - Commissioner Valenza inquired about the status of the legislation for direct payments from insurance companies. Chief Davidson stated that the Bill remains unresolved and he encourages everyone to contact State Representatives Tom Murt and Ben Sanchez to continue their support on this critical legislation.
 - Commissioner Whiting thanked the Second Alarmers for an outstanding job during the COVID-19 crisis.
- V. **Old Business** - nothing to report.

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- VI. **New Business** - nothing to report.
- VII. **Other Items** - nothing to report.
- VIII. **Visitor Comments** - nothing to report.
- IX. **Commissioner Comments:**
- Commissioner Scull stated concerns about plans for a parade by the senior high school graduating class.
 - Commissioner Whiting stated that various schools are presenting creative ways to celebrate graduating students and a further discussion about the parade will continue at the Executive Session, following the adjournment of tonight's Committees meeting.
 - Chief Murphy stated that there are concerns over the parade; however, the Police Department will coordinate with the Hatboro Police Department and facilitate measures to ensure a safe event.
 - Commissioner Whiting stated that the Board of Commissioners will take into consideration the concerns of Chief Murphy and Captain Fugelo regarding safety issues at the parade.
 - Commissioner Whiting thanked first responders and administrative staff in the Township for their work. He wished a staff member in quarantine a speedy recovery.
 - Commissioner Whiting reminded the public to stay safe by wearing a mask in public places and continue social distancing.
 - Mr. Candland stated that the Board of Commissioners will hold an Executive Session at the adjournment of tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.
- X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

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Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull, S. Michael Murphy, Chief of Police, John Fugelo, Captain/Emergency Services/Fire Marshall, Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief of Operations & Administration at Second Alarmers' Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting called the meeting to order following adjournment of the Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull. Also present: Chief Murphy, Captain Fugelo, Chief Davidson, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr., Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – January 27, 2020: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports** – January 2020:
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report: Chief Murphy reviewed items and statistics provided in the monthly report.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Fugelo reviewed items and statistics provided in the monthly report.
 - Fire Chief Jones presented the monthly fire safety tip on charging cell phones and computer devices.
 - B. Second Alarmers' Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed items and statistics provided in the monthly report and highlighted the following:
 - A grant was received from the Office of State Fire Commissioner for \$9,100 that will be used to purchase 13 Ambulance Child Restraint systems.
 - The Association is working with Montgomery County to adjust responses with units from the Hatboro Station for better access to areas that are blocked off during the Davisville Road closures.
 - The Association participates in weekly updates via conference calls with the Hospital Association, The Department of Health, and The Bureau of Emergency Services regarding the Coronavirus.
- V. **Old Business** - nothing to report.
- VI. **New Business** - nothing to report.
- VII. **Other Items** - nothing to report.
- VIII. **Visitor Comments:**
 - A resident suggested that the work cones at the YMCA be reflective, because they are hard to see.

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IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Valenza commented that a resident of Davisville Road reported that they were unable to receive their UPS packages. Chief Murphy stated that the Police Department monitors Davisville Road, and has observed that the construction work is progressing and traffic is improving each day.
- Commissioner McFatridge requested that the light be set as a flashing red coming out of the YMCA driveway, because there is minimal traffic.

X. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.

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MEMORANDUM

S. Michael Murphy
Chief of Police

To:	Public Safety Committee	Date:	9 June 2020
From	Chief S. Michael Murphy	Case:	
Subject:	Recent Activities	Page:	1
Approved:		Total Pages:	2

Highlights for the Month of May are as follows:

1. Officers and detectives did not attend any training in the month of May
2. Detectives continued to work Drug Delivery Resulting in Death cases and additional OD deaths. Detectives worked various property crime cases, previously reported and new burglaries along with narcotics investigations. Additionally detectives investigated a new rape case. Detectives are also investigating a robbery and one auto theft case. Several warrants were served both within the township and other jurisdictions. A fire at Huntingdon Valley CC was investigated in conjunction with the Fire Marshal. Detectives have also been assisting patrol regularly.
3. The police statistical report shows April's activity beginning to climb over last month but still down 17% from last year due to the stay at home order. Overall response times continued to drop from last month due to the overall reduction in traffic and are now just over 3 minutes. With traffic increasing reportable crashes and non-reportable crashes were up from last month but still down significantly from this time last year. There was 1 burglary and 1 robbery reported in May. Thefts were up 36% from last month with arrests up 350% from 4 to 14. Traffic enforcement went up however enforcement was down overall due to decreased traffic and restrictions on social contact implemented in response to COVID-19, but 3 DUI arrests were made. Additionally the MCSWAT-East Team responded to warrant services for a drug kingpin and a homicide suspect.
4. Fraud complaints started increasing due to the amount of on line purchasing going on during the pandemic. Residents are reminded to be vigilant in checking your bank statements and credit card bills for unusual activity. Be mindful of all unsolicited phone calls. Spoofing apps can imitate local phone numbers. Be mindful of any e-mails or phone calls proposing COVID-19 treatments or testing. Follow the instructions provided by the CDC or Department of Health
5. The Crime Watch portal is up and running. Residents can sign up at Crimewatch.com and search for the Upper Moreland PD home page. There is also a mobile app available at the Apple App store or Google Play.
6. The public is also reminded the police department maintains a permanent prescription drug drop box in the police lobby which is accessible 24 hours a day.

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Chief of Police

- 7. Traffic Unit Activity:
 - 26 Calls for Service
 - 10 Traffic and Parking Problems (3900)
 - 8 Citizen Concerns (7000)
 - 3 Directed Patrols (9000/9001)
 - 22 Traffic Stops
 - 16 Warnings Issued
 - 8 Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
 - 6 Non-Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
 - 1 Arrests
 - 3 DUI Arrests
 - 1 7a-7p
 - 2 7p-7a

Traffic unit has been posting speed advisory signs throughout the township based upon citizen complaints.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

S. Michael Murphy
Chief of Police

May 2020

Major Service Areas	This Month – 5/2020		Last Month – 4/2020		Last Year – 5/2019		Year to Date 2020		
	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	
Calls for Service	1084		884		1298		5,520		
Average Response Time	3.227		3.385		4.026		3.566		
Reportable Vehicle Crashes	10		6		16		66		
Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	33		22		67		230		
Part One Crime	This Month – 5/2020		Last Month – 4/2020		Last Year – 5/2019		Year to Date 2020		
	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	
Robbery	1	0	1	1	2	2	5	5	
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	
Burglary	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	
Theft	22	14	14	4	33	18	123	48	
Auto Theft	1	0	2	1	1	0	6	1	
Order Maintenance	This Month – 5/2020		Last Month – 4/2020		Last Year – 5/2019		Year to Date 2020		
	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	
Narcotics	3		5		2		28		
Public Intoxication	2		0		3		11		
Disorderly Conduct	1		0		0		9		
Other	11		11		23		68		
Proactive Measures	This Month – 5/2020		Last Month – 4/2020		Last Year – 5/2019		Year to Date 2020		
	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	
Vehicle Investigations	57		16		450		1362		
Hazardous Traffic Violations	11		2		102		255		
DUI Violations	3		2		3		20		
Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations	11		0		178		370		
Parking Violations Citations/Warnings	6/1		2/0		18/1		16/4		
								Warnings as of July 2016	

Department of Emergency Services

May 2020 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

Emergency Activity Summary			
Response Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Fire Related:	58	263	
In-Township:	48	190	
Assist Other Depts:	8	57	
Assist PA Turnpike:	2	15	
EMS Related:	0	162	
Total Responses:	58	425	
* Ignition Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Non-Structure:	6	22	
Structure:	2	13	
Causes			
Accidental:	8	35	
Intentional:	0	0	
Natural:	0	0	
Under Investigation:	0	0	
* In Service Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Fire:	8	35	
Rescue:	0	5	
Haz Mat:	0	0	
Structural Response Summary			
	6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Career		6 p.m. - 6 a.m. Vol.
	May	YTD	May YTD
Average Response Time:	4:13	4:54	9:14 9:55
Total Responses	24	121	34 142

Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary			
Permit Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Fire Code:	15	96	
Tank Removal:	0	4	
Tank Installation:	0	3	
Other:	0	2	
Inspection Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Inspection Reports:	0	65	
Fire Marshal Investigations:	5	12	
Fee Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Fees Collected:	\$875.00	\$7,360.00	
Public Education Summary			
	May	Year to Date	
Activities Conducted:	0	0	
Persons Attending:	0	0	
Safety Analysis			
	May	Year to Date	
Firefighter Injuries:	1	1	
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0	
Civilian Injuries:	0	0	
Civilian Deaths:	0	0	
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0	

* Includes Assist to Other Townships