

**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 Scull called the meeting to order in the absence of Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull. Also present: Chief Murphy, Captain Fugelo, Chief Davidson, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – November 2019: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports** –December 2019:
  - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report: Chief Murphy discussed the following items:
    - Probationary Officer Bouldin completed field training early in January.
    - Probationary Patrol Officer Moyer began employment the first week of January.
    - Work continues on the Crime Watch website portal.
    - Officers attended the following trainings: Implicit Bias for Law Enforcement, firearms training for tactical shooting, Tactical Communications, “The Art of De-escalation”, Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction, and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.
    - The public is reminded to check for fraudulent activity on their bank and credit card accounts and be mindful of scam phone calls.
    - A prescription drug drop box located in the Police lobby is accessible 24 hours a day. Liquid prescriptions are not accepted due to leakage.
    - The public is reminded to call 911 for emergency services or non-emergency issues. Business questions related to the Police Department should be directed to 215-657-4700.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Fugelo reviewed items on the report.
    - Chuck Jones, Jr. is the new Fire Chief.
  - B. Second Alarmer’s Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed statistics and provided the following updates:
    - Firetruck No. 4 was remounted and delivered a few days before Christmas, inspection was performed and it will be in service by mid-February.
    - CPR and first aid classes are offered to the public and more information can be found on the sars.org website.
    - Members and providers attended training programs in Alabama relating to mass destruction.
    - For questions on the House Bills, anyone can contact Assistant Chief Ken Davidson for more information at 215-659-1885.

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V. **Old Business:**

A. Update on policies for Mobile Video and Body Worn Cameras Systems:

- Chief Murphy stated that the policy incorporates revisions provided by the Department of Justice, Montgomery County District Attorney, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust Liability Attorney, Township Solicitor, and Township Labor Attorney.
- The Committee agreed to move forward the policies for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at the February 3, 2020 Regular Meeting.

VI. **New Business** - nothing to report.

VII. **Other Items** - nothing to report.

VIII. **Visitor Comments** - nothing to report.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Mr. Candland commented that the Township's security system will be evaluated by Steve Beck Consulting to determine vulnerabilities at the cost of approximately \$500 to \$700. The results will be discussed at a future Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners.
- Commissioner Valenza commented that the Woodlawn antenna is down. Chief Murphy stated that the new antenna is working, but there are issues with the new system, which will not be operable until late 3Q2020. Montgomery County has a new Motorola design team working to provide consistent standards of radio connectivity between towers.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.