

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Chair Charles M. Whiting; Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull, S. Michael Murphy, Chief of Police

- I. **Call to order:** Commission Scull called the meeting to order, in the absence of Commissioner and Chair Whiting, following the conclusion of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Valenza and Scull; and Chief Murphy. Absent: Commissioner and Chair Whiting. Also present: David Dodies, Township Manager, and David J. Sander, Township Solicitor
- III. **Approval of Minutes - January 29, 2018:** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report - Chief Murphy highlighted the following:
 - Layla Cruz was hired to fill a vacancy and has started her new position with the Department.
 - ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Driving Impaired Enforcement) and SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Training) was conducted for numerous members of the Department.
 - Highway Unit and Detectives assisted Lower Moreland Police with a fatal train crash.
 - Patrol Officers and Detectives responded and rescued residents from the Regency Park Towers fire incident in January.
 - Incidents of crashes, burglaries, and thefts were consistent with the January 2017 report.
 - DUI arrests increased from December 2017 due to recent training undergone by the Department.
 - Fraud and identity cases continue to occur and residents are reminded that it can happen to anyone.
 - The Department subscribes to and recommends that residents register on "Crime Reports.com" to obtain a snapshot of recent police activity.
 - Prescription drug drop box is located in the Police lobby and is accessible 24 hours per day. The Drug Enforcement Authority will sponsor "Drug Take Back" on April 24, 2018.
 - Auto thefts have increased over the past year.
 - Commissioner Scull inquired on the outcome of narcotic arrests and Chief Murphy stated that outcomes vary depending on the type and severity of the case.
 - Commissioner Spearing inquired on Narcan legislation and Chief Murphy stated that the House is working to enact a Bill that requires patients be transported to a medical facility and undergo screening for expert rehabilitation follow up within 30 days.
 - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the status of the revised parking Ordinance. Chief Murphy is coordinating feedback from the Highway Unit and will schedule a

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meeting with the Township Solicitor to draft a comprehensive parking Ordinance.

- Brian Greiman, 17 Center Avenue, commented concerns over the clientele that use the Urgent Care facility and maintenance of the parking lot. Chief Murphy stated that the facility was recently given notice to clean up trash and officers continue to screen cars for valid registrations and perform inspections. Residents are directed to report property maintenance issues to Code Enforcement and to call 911 regarding suspicious activities.

B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Ken Davidson provided the following updates:

- Statistics and patterns remain consistent with the ratio of outside agency responses were slightly higher in January.
- As a result of good teamwork, the Regency Towers fire was prevented from being a larger scale incident by evacuating and transporting residents to neighboring facilities.
- The Department of Public Safety published a report on GPS and automatic vehicle location dispatch that identifies logistical and technical issues for improvement. The EMS request for a dual dispatch or home agency alerting system was the first priority on the list.
- The new ambulance is pending due to an outstanding issue with the vendor.
- "Stop The Bleed Day" is March 31, 2018 and will offer free training to the public.

C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Captain Ken Davidson provided the following updates:

- Additional legislation is being crafted in the House to enforce substance abuse treatment programs.
 - Commissioner Valenza requested and the Committee agreed to move forward a letter of recommendation on behalf of the Second Alarmer's Association attesting to the services they provide.

V. **Old Business** - Nothing to report.

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

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

VIII. **Visitor Comments** -

- Sue Worth LaManna, a resident, commented concerns on panhandlers reported by patrons of the Downtown areas. Chief Murphy stated that there have been no recent incidents and reminded the public to report concerns by calling 911.
- Ms. LaManna commented on the safe schools program and Chief Murphy stated that a "Safe Schools Forum" is advertised on the School District's website which will be held on March 13, 2018 at the Upper Moreland Middle School. Chief Murphy will also post an announcement on the Township website.

IX. **Commissioner Comments** - Nothing to report.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.