

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Chairman Dan Norris, presiding. Members present: Commissioners Brockington, Holland, Pransky, Rappoport, and Sharkey. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Simon.

Staff present: John Frye, Acting Police Chief; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager and Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Norris called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Report of the Acting Police Chief:**

A. Acting Police Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Contacts Reports for the month of November 2016. Mr. Norris commented on the fact that the Theft from Autos had increased from 2015 to 2016 and is the only type of crime that increased in the Township from last year. Acting Chief Frye reiterated the importance of securing unattended vehicles. Mr. Pransky suggested developing education materials about preventing thefts from vehicles. Ms. Rappoport commented on the increase in auto accidents. Acting Chief Frye stated that Officers are writing citations for aggressive and careless driving. The Board expressed interest in increasing the use of the speed trailers. Mr. Holland asked if there was an increase in calls to the schools. Acting Chief Frye stated that there is an increased call volume to Cheltenham High School; he felt there was a positive change in the communication and that Officer Hinchee was back in the schools.

B. Acting Chief Frye announced that Detective John Barr was named the 2016 Eastern Montgomery County SWAT Officer of the Year. In 2015 Cheltenham Township Police Officer Andrew Lambrechtse was named Officer of the Year. The SWAT team consists of nine municipalities and 37 members.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously approved recommending the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution recognizing Officer Andrew Lambrechtse and Detective John Barr for being named 2015 and 2016 Eastern Montgomery County SWAT Team Officers of the Year.

C. Acting Chief Frye reminded the Committee that the Cheltenham Police Athletic League (PAL) Kick-Off event is Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Arcadia University, in the Dome. County Commissioner Chairperson Val Arkoosh, Cheltenham Board President Morton Simon, Jr., and District Attorney Kevin Steele will be speaking. Acting Chief Frye stated there are many events for the youth that day and some athletic sports stars attending the event as well.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Acting Police Chief for the month of November 2016.

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Fire Marshal O'Neill reviewed the November 2016 Fire Marshal Report. He stated that the Township was on trend with the National averages.

Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of November 2016.

3. **Report of the E.M.S. Director:**

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Medical Services Director for the month of November 2016.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator for the month of November 2016.

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

Mr. Havar reported that the Township submitted for reimbursement through the County's Emergency Management Office for the cost of overtime amounting to \$44,095.28 that was paid during the Papal visit in September 2015 for police, fire, EMS & a few civilians. The Township received this week reimbursement in the amount of \$19,667.75.

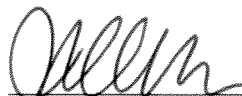
Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Township Manager.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Citizens' Forum:** None.

9. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Kathryn A. Gallagher



Meeting Attendance Sheet



Public Safety 7:30 PM
Public Affairs 7:45 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Cheltenham Township Administration Building
8230 Old York Road | Elkins Park, PA 19027

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