

September 2, 2015
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Commissioner Charles D. McKeown, Vice Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Holland, Norris, Rappoport, and Simon. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Portner.

Staff present were Kenneth Hellendall, EMS Director and EOC Coordinator; Kevin O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police; and Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. Also present was Joseph Bagley, Esq., Solicitor. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. McKeown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Deputy Chief O'Brien reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of July, 2015.

2. Deputy Chief O'Brien recommended amending the Traffic Code as follows:

Delete:

Paxson Avenue – Handicapped Parking at 425 Paxson Avenue

Deputy Chief O'Brien noted that the handicap resident at the referenced address is no longer living there.

3. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (see attached).

4. Deputy Chief O'Brien gave an update on the Papal visit and possible effect on the Township. The most anticipated issues seem to be traffic related to/from the city; the public safety departments have been meeting; it is always best to prepare for the worst and hope it does not happen.

Mr. Holland asked if any of the rail stations in the Township are affected. Deputy Chief O'Brien responded that they will all be closed.

5. Deputy Chief O'Brien reviewed the proposal for the Police Department's ("PD") participation in the Montgomery County SWAT - Eastern Region Team. This participation allows the PD to join forces with eight (8) other County municipalities; it has an 84 officer membership including Cheltenham; this will bring all SWAT teams together county-wide for better operations and response.

Mr. McKeown asked about the responsibility for funds. Deputy Chief O'Brien advised that Upper Dublin Police Department is in charge of the accountability for all funds.

Ms. Rappoport asked about the participation of other Townships and why the PD selected to join this team. Deputy Chief O'Brien advised that Springfield and Whitemarsh Township participate in the Central Montgomery County SWAT Team, and Abington Township has its own SWAT Team, and the PD joined this team because it is local to Cheltenham and closer geographically.

Mr. Norris asked if this was a new organization, its budgetary effect, and if all participating police officers were solely SWAT officers. Deputy Chief O'Brien stated that it is not a new organization, Lt. John Frye is the leader of the team, it is better to defray costs with a larger team, there are 13 officers from Cheltenham participating, right now it is difficult to project budgetary needs, the participating officers train for it in 12-hour training days, and for each SWAT officer, it is extra duty in addition to their regular police officer duty.

It was Mr. Simon's opinion that participation appears to be a good faith undertaking, and that Cheltenham is the dominant provider of services. He asked about what is covered by the costs; if this organization is different from any other mutual aid; how SWAT has been paid for, how the costs will be approved, how this team will be governed, how equipment costs are determined. Deputy Chief O'Brien stated that the costs cover training, equipment, weapons, ammunition, warrants, barricaded persons, long rifles, special vests, and other equipment needs; there is a state-wide mutual assistance agreement among municipalities on police matters but this participation is for SWAT only; currently, SWAT is funded from the Capital Budget.

Mr. McKeown noted that SWAT teams require different equipment from regular officers. He did not believe that it would cost the Township more money if it needed more SWAT than it currently has in the PD and believed it to be an asset to the community.

Mr. Bagley called attention to Article IV – Participation of the Mutual Aid Compact that states *"...the Implementation, Command, Administration and Financing of the Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team as detailed in the (Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team Manual) incorporated herein on January 1, 2016 will govern operational issues."*

Mr. Havir reported that this was discussed in a 2016 Budget preparation meeting with the PD, and it will be possible to cut the SWAT Capital Budget by \$3,000.

Mr. Holland asked what budget the salaries come from when officers are participating in mutual aid and how many SWAT occurrences happen. Deputy Chief O'Brien responded that the salaries come from the PD budget, and there are very few SWAT occurrences per year. Mr. Holland noted that since the Township has a lot of officers participating, it could possibly bear a lot of the cost of joining this team.

Mr. Portner noted that the SWAT was utilized at an occurrence at the La Mott Fire Company.

Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously approved the Cheltenham Township Police Department's participation in the Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team and associated Mutual Aid Compact as presented this evening (see attached).

6. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of July, 2015.

7. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of July, 2015.

8. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously the Report of the EMS Director for the month of July, 2015.

9. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously the Report of the Emergency Operations Coordinator for the month of August, 2015.

10. Under Report of the Township Manager: Mr. Havar gave an update on an invitation from the Montgomery County Commissioners to municipal officials to participate in a briefing on the Papal visit. The briefing will be held on September 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., at the Montgomery County Fire Training Facility. Mr. Havar stated that he would share all information with the Commissioners.

11. Under Old Business: Joseph Stuckert, Chief of the Glenside Fire Company, gave an update on the Fire Department's Strategic Plan as follows: Progress has been slow during the summer months; there has been a large turnover of personnel; a meeting was held with the Township Manager and Fiscal Affairs Director to discuss budget funding, audit formats, and how to have a more unified process; it has been difficult to implement a transitional group and make it unified; the Fire Companies are meeting to reassess the Strategic Plan and to determine what areas need immediate action.

12. Under New Business:

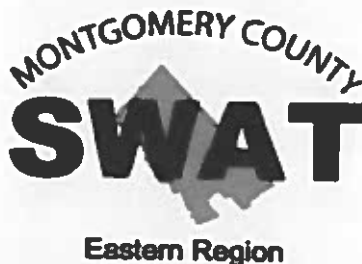
Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of a Resolution honoring Ted Marley for 70-years of service to the Cheltenham Fire Company.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix



Mutual Aid Compact for Montgomery County SWAT Eastern Region Team

Whereas the execution of law enforcement power and authority outside the territorial limits of an officers primary jurisdiction is authorized by the Pennsylvania Statewide Municipal Police Jurisdiction, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8953; and

Whereas the temporary exchange of law enforcement officers for the purpose of mutual assistance is also authorized by Pennsylvania Statewide Municipal Police Jurisdiction, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8953; and

Whereas the Pennsylvania Statewide Municipal Police Jurisdiction, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8953; empowers law enforcement officers to exercise their powers outside of their normal jurisdictions when a request for assistance is forthcoming from another law enforcement agency; and

Whereas the governing bodies of the undersigned municipalities, hereinafter denominated as "signatories", have determined that it is in the public interest and of mutual advantage to enter into an agreement for the provision of inter-agency police services in the form of the *Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team*;

Now therefore, pursuant to the above consideration, and the covenants and mutual benefits herein expressed, the parties hereby agree as follows:

I. Purpose

It is the intent of the signatories to secure through the mechanisms hereby created.

- A. More efficient utilization of police services and resources;
- B. An enhanced degree of cooperation between law enforcement agencies within the participating communities;
- C. More timely and effective response to calls for specialized police assistance;
- D. Adequate manpower levels of highly trained law enforcement officers and equipment to resolve crisis and high-risk situations.

II. Duration

This agreement will take effect between and among those signatories that are party to it upon execution by their respective governing bodies; and will remain in full force and effect for each and every signatory until the governing body of any one or more signatory (ies) notifies the governing bodies of each and every other signatory of their withdrawal in writing. It is specifically understood and agreed by and among the signatories that the withdrawal of any one or more parties does not work a nullification of this agreement, nor otherwise require its redrafting or re-execution. The team will utilize calendar 2015 for transitional issues and will begin unified operations on January 1, 2016

III. Funding

This agreement establishes a fixed funding formula to provide adequate financial resources to the team. Upper Dublin Township will manage the accounts under standard public accounting principles. Audits of the account will be conducted by the municipal auditors retained annually by Upper Dublin Township. The funding formula is as follows:

- A. Participating agencies, whether townships or boroughs having populations based, upon the most recent U.S. Census Bureau figures of 10,000 or more residents will pay annually an assessment of not less than \$4,500.00. This assessment will be due in the first quarter of the fiscal year which runs from January 1 to December 31.
- B. Participating agencies, whether townships or boroughs having populations based, upon the most recent U.S. Census Bureau figures of 9,999 or less residents will annually pay an assessment of not less than \$3,000.00. This assessment will be due in the first quarter of the fiscal year which runs from January 1 to December 31.

Invoices will be generated by Upper Dublin Township and distributed no later than January 10 of each year.

IV. Participation

This agreement is strictly voluntary in nature and places no jurisdiction participating in it under any obligation to respond to a request for tactical unit services that it is unable or unwilling to honor. All participating jurisdictions should make every accommodation possible to allow team members the opportunity to assist with request for services or corresponding training.

Furthermore, the Implementation, Command, Administration and Financing of the **Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team** as detailed in the (**Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team Manual**) incorporated herein on January 1, 2016 will govern operational issues.

Mutual Aid Pact/Agreement

"The undersigned do hereby support the concepts and procedures established by the "**Montgomery County SWAT – Eastern Region Team Board of Chiefs**"

Authorized Signature
Upper Dublin Township Police Department
Police Department

Date

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Lower Moreland Township Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Horsham Township Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Upper Moreland Township Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Cheftentham Township Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Hatboro Borough Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Jenkintown Borough Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Rockledge Borough Police Department
Police Department

Authorized Signature _____ **Date**
Bryn Athyn Borough Police Department
Police Department

ORDINANCE NO. ____ -15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM,
CHAPTER 285 THEREOF, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY AMENDING CERTAIN
STREET AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **DELETING** the following:

PAXSON AVE B. (9) HANDICAPPED PARKING, in front of 425 Paxson Avenue

SECTION 2. That in all other respects Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Cheltenham is hereby approved and accepted as amended, and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED into an Ordinance this 16th day of September, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – 7:30 P.M.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 7:45 P.M.
BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
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