

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Chairman Daniel B. Norris, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Brockington, Rappoport and Sharkey.

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, Police Chief; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshall; Kenneth Hellendall, Director of Emergency Medical Services; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Norris called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

a.) Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of June 2017.

Mr. Brockington commented about the ongoing rise in Theft From Autos. Mr. Norris also reminded residents that Theft From Vehicles is still occurring; these are crimes of opportunity most of the time and to remember to always lock your vehicle.

b.) **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners authorize the advertisement of its intent to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the Township Code, thereof, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic" to remove a handicapped parking sign at 6 E. Waverly Road, Wyncote at its regularly-scheduled meeting on September 27, 2017.

c.) Chief Frye reviewed the PAL event from August 5, 2017. He stated it was a successful event with the Philadelphia Soul. Players from the team ran drills with the PAL youth and signed autographs prior to the game.

d.) Chief Frye announced a Police Open House on Friday, September 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Police Station. All members of the community are invited both adult and youth. There will be refreshments served. There will be demonstrations from the Department's K9 units, as well as fire and EMS apparatus on display. There will be tours of the Police Station as well. Information will be posted on the Township website and Facebook pages.

Mike Chirico of Elkins Park thanked the Police Department for a recent arrest in his neighborhood regarding Theft From Autos. He further discussed some crime statistics regarding the climate in the schools. It was the consensus of the Committee that this topic be addressed at a future Township Commissioners / School District Liaison Committee Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Police Chief.

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Mr. O'Neill reviewed the report for the month of June 2017. He stated that the Township is having a typical year with the exception of a quick moving storm during the month that had fire services helping residents.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Fire Marshal.

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Medical Services report for the month of June 2017.

Mr. Brockington stated that he would like the announcement of Paramedic Nate Wass being deployed as a paramedic with the Marine Corps to Guantanamo Bay and the fact Paramedic Wass sent to the Township an American Flag that he had specially flown at the base, posted on the Township's website and Facebook pages.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Medical Services.

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

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Management Report for the month of July 2017.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

Mr. Havar discussed the recent exhaust odor issue with regard to Ford police vehicles that was reported in the national news last week. He stated that the Township has 19 Ford Explorers purchased between 2013 and 2017 and each would have CO2 detectors installed. The Township's Fleet Superintendent is working with Kennedy Ford to see if there will be any recalls on upgrades forthcoming in the future directly from Ford Manufacturing. The Township is also checking to see if it can be reimbursed for the purchase of the CO2 detectors as this is a manufacturing issues attributed to Ford.

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 8:05 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Kathryn Gallagher



Meeting Attendance Sheet



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

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

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