

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Kip McFatridge, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull; Andrew J. Block, Chief of Police; Edward Glassman, Fire Chief; Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief Operations & Administration - Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting called the meeting to order following adjournment of the Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting.

- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners McFatridge and Scull, Police Chief Block, Fire Chief Glassman, Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present were: Randall Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.

- III. **Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2022 -** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - March 2022:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports - Chief Block discussed the following:
 - Statistics from calls, crimes, offenses, arrests, investigations, citizen concerns and traffic.
 - A list of community-oriented police activities was also reviewed.
 - Commissioner Scull commented concerns about the District Justice Offices moving from the Willow Grove Courthouse Annex Building to Lower Moreland. Chief Block explained that the County provided notification at the end of 2021, and the move is in anticipation of Judge Leo's retirement in two years. Commissioner McFatridge added that renovations are being planned for the Annex Building.
 - Chief Block and Commissioner McFatridge commended the Police Department and School District officials for working in partnership in response to an incident on March 2, 2022 at the Middle School, involving a student in possession of a fire arm and posting pictures to social media.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Chief Glassman reviewed the following:
 - Statistics of calls for service, emergency responses, inspections, permits, activities and trainings for the month.
 - Read a note received from Warminster Township Supervisor, Janice Charlton, thanking the Fire Department for their bravery and assistance with a recent house fire.
 - Safety tips on barbeque pits and propane grills.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics for emergency responses, mental health services, opioid incidents, transportations, patients' outcomes, yearly comparisons, trainings and funding.
 - Staffing updates with five full-time paramedic positions that remain vacant.
 - A meeting with local and state representatives was attended in late March regarding Act 10 legislation that would allot \$25M to certified agencies.
 - EMS Week is May 15-21, 2022 and an Open House will be held on May 14, 2022 with

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planned festivities.

- Partnered with the School District to offer retraining to faculty members, which is scheduled at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology on May 17, 2022.

V. Old Business

A. EMS Update:

- Mr. Candland explained that discussions are ongoing with township managers for solutions to financial issues effecting EMS services provided to seven municipalities that include: Upper Moreland, Hatboro, Abington, Rockledge, Jenkintown, Whitpain and Upper Dublin.
- The Committee will continue a discussion at a future Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.

VI. New Business - Nothing to report.

VII. Other Items - Nothing to report.

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Chief Block announced the National Drug Take Back Day will be held on April 30, 2022, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Giant Super Food Store at 315 York Road, as well as at the Police Station lobby at 117 Park Avenue. A food drive at the Giant will also be conducted at the same time to benefit the Willow Grove Baptist Church Food Bank.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.