

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

March 9, 2023

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Emergency Management was held on the above date in the Joint Operations Center located at 4300 Broadway, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members attending were:

Jeff Kelly, Coordinator
Tom Petrucci, Township Manager
Herb Bender, Public Works Deputy
Ed Boyle, Medical/Mortuary & Cetronia Ambulance Representative
Patrick Eisenhard, Deputy Coordinator
John Frantz, Fire Marshal & Deputy Coordinator
Sandi Herman, Planning Deputy
Diane Kelly, Disaster Recovery & Long-Range Planning
Anthony Naradko, Parkland School District EMA
Max Paine, Deputy Communications Officer
Barry Search, Woodlawn Fire Chief
Tom Sparling, LVHN, Coordinated Health EM

Others attending were:

Adam Garger, Greenawalds Fire Assistant Chief

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, MARCH 24 – 26, 2023

The 1st Annual Lehigh Valley Emergency Management Conference 2023 will be held on March 26 – 26, 2023 at the Joint Operations Center. The conference will feature many emergency management topics and will help emergency management coordinators get and maintain their certifications. The classes are also approved for EMS continuing education credits.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – RAIL SAFETY

Mr. Frantz indicated that Norfolk Southern operated the C&F Secondary track in the township. It enters from Upper Macungie Township between Blue Bard Road and Eck Road and dead ends at GEO Specialty Chemicals. The serve 84 Lumber with inbound loaded cars of wood, Nestle Purina with inbound loaded cars of consumer goods, and GEO with inbound loaded cars of propionaldehyde. However, other cars with other products can be found on the rails in the township. The diesel electric engines can carry from 2600 to 4000 gallons of diesel fuel and other liquids found in a large diesel prime mover.

A future meeting will be held with representatives from Norfolk Southern, potentially on May 4, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – CETRONIA EMS QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Boyle reported the Cetronia Ambulance year-to-date statistics are as follows.

Calls in SWT – 688
Deployed units - 714
SWT calls handled by mutual aid – 20

The emergency services camp is scheduled for June 12 – 16, 2023. Cetronia, the township fire departments, Medevac, and Lehigh County MERT will be assisting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

Dr. Naradko reported that meeting are ongoing concerning the emergency management drill scheduled for August 2023. There will also be a reunification drill held at the same time.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – TABLE-TOPS AND TRAINING

The drill with Temple Beth El scheduled for March 13, 2023 has been cancelled.

The annual emergency management meeting with Dorney Park is scheduled for April 19, 2023. There is a possibility of a drill being held in 2023 with the fire departments and technical rescue.

The drill with the Parkland School District in August 2023 will qualify for EMS continuing education credit for both participants and actors.
The Limerick Generating Station drill will be held on September 23, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – GET PREPARED SWT FAMILY SAFETY DAY

The event will be held on September 9, 2023 at Fernwood Park from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, with a movie to follow at 7:30 pm. Th possibility of utilizing the gym at Kratzer Elementary School will be explored.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – OPEN DISCUSSION AND OLD BUSINESS

GEO Specialty Chemicals is looking to dispose of its firefighting foam.

Roadwork will begin shortly on Walbert Avenue between Office Center Road and North Cedarcrest Boulevard related to the Ridge Farms Subdivision. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Walbert Avenue. Some road closures will be necessary for utility crossings, these closures will be performed at night to minimize the impact on traffic.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

