

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**September 8, 2022**

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  
Patrick Eisenhard, Deputy Coordinator  
John Frantz, Fire Marshal & Deputy Coordinator  
Ryan Hay, Lehigh Valley Health Network EM  
Sandi Herman, Planning Deputy  
Diane Kelly, Disaster Recovery & Long-Range Planning  
Brian Neas, Tri-Clover Fire Chief  
Barry Search, Woodlawn Fire Chief

**Others attending were:**

Jason Carita, Cetronia Ambulance Corps.  
Adam Garger, Greenawalds Deputy Chief  
Tanya Hook, Lehigh County Emergency Management Director  
Chris Mariner, Woodlawn Assistant Chief

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – GET PREPARED SWT FAMILY SAFETY DAY**

The Incident Action Plan (IAP) for the event has been prepared and distributed for review and comments.

Extra fire department apparatus can park on Crest Lane, Wethersfield Drive, and Farm Drive. Road closures will start at approximately 15:00.

Fire department personnel should arrive no later than 15:45, they will be staffing the smoke detector give-away table. The Red Cross will have representatives at the event. The display tables will be taken down at approximately 19:30.

The Solicitor's Office has approved the release form for the smoke detector giveaway. Personnel will be needed to help with installation of the smoke detectors in days and weeks following the event.

Two food trucks and an ice cream truck have committed to the event. Cetronia Ambulance will be making popcorn during the event. Wegmans will be donating drinks for consumption during the movie.

## **AGENDA ITEM #2 – HURRICANE SEASON 2022-2023, ROB GUARINO**

Mr. Rob Guarino from the Weather Pros gave a power point presentation summarizing the expected local impacts for the 2022-2023 hurricane season.

The normal peak of hurricane season is September 10. This year ocean temperatures off of the Atlantic Seaboard are elevated which may result in a later season peak with storms that retain their strength farther north up the coast. The peak time for the local area this year is expected to be between September 20 and October 11.

## **AGENDA ITEM #3 – WINTER WEATHER 2022-2023, ROB GUARINO**

Mr. Rob Guarino from the Weather Pros gave a power point presentation summarizing the expected local impacts for the 2022-2023 winter weather season.

The winter weather after 1995 has transitioned from a longer season to a shorter season, and from less snow accumulation to a bigger snow accumulation.

Any member wishing to receive weather updates from the Weather Pros should provide their cell phone number to Herb Bender to be added to the notification list.

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 – PARKLAND SCHOOL UPDATES**

Coordinator Kelly reported that a parent/student reunification drill for Parkland staff was held during the summer. Another drill involving the Township Fire Police will be scheduled in the future.

PSATS would like for Township and School District staff to do a presentation concerning the school district/emergency services cooperation at a future PSATS meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 – TABLETOPS AND TRAINING**

A table-top drill will be held at Temple Bethel on October 31, 2022.

A large-scale drill will be held at the Parkland High School in 2023. This was originally to be funded by the Terrorism Taskforce, but that money was been removed from their budget. Funding will need to come from the Township, Upper Macungie Township, and the Parkland School District. Facilitator vendor proposals are being prepared.

### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – NIXLE SIGN-UP**

The Nixle system for the Township is in the process of being set-up. There will be QR code for residents to scan to sign up for the service.

### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – OPEN DISCUSSION AND OLD BUSINESS**

GEO Specialty Chemicals has updated their emergency procedures to establish two types of site emergencies. Level 1 can be handled by on-site staff, level 2 will require notification of emergency services personnel. GEO has been given notices of violation for their recent hazardous material release incidents.

The Township Emergency Operations Plan has been distributed to the Fire Chiefs on a memory stick. The memory stick is password protected for security.

Web EOC has replaced Knowledge Center. Those that are interested in accessing Web EOC should contact Coordinator Kelly for information.

Cetronia Ambulance Assistant Director of Operations Carita gave the following year-to-date data.

- Calls in SWT – 2570
- Run numbers generated in SWT – 2824
- SWT calls handled by mutual aid – 47
- Mutual Aid calls to Allentown – 564
- Run numbers for mutual aid to Allentown – 593
- Mutual Aid calls to Lower Macungie Township/Macungie Borough – 203
- Run numbers for mutual aid to Lower Macungie/Macungie Borough – 212
- Mutual Aid call for NOVA – 230
- Run numbers for mutual aid to NOVA – 246
- Mutual Aid for Emmaus – 57
- Run numbers for mutual aid to Emmaus – 57
- Mutual Aid to Northampton Regional – 103
- Run numbers for mutual aid to Northampton Regional - 107

### **AGENDA ITME #8 - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.