

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**December 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  
Herb Bender, Public Works Deputy  
Ed Boyle, Logistics Deputy  
Patrick Eisenhard, Deputy Coordinator  
John Frantz, Fire Marshal & Deputy Coordinator  
Andrew Garger, Greenawalds Fire Chief  
Ed Gleason, Woodlawn Fire  
Sandi Herman, Planning Deputy  
Diane Kelly, Disaster Recovery & Long-Range Planning  
Chris Kiskeravage, Fire Commissioner  
Max Paine, Deputy Communications Officer  
Tom Petrucci, Township Manager  
Barry Search, Woodlawn Fire Chief

**Others attending were:**

Jason Carita, Cetronia Ambulance Corps., Asst. Director of Operations  
Monica Hodges, Township Commissioner  
Joseph Light, Lehigh County EMA, Operations and Training Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of New Tripoli Assistant Chief Zachary Paris and Firefighter Marvin Gruber.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – WRAP-UP SWT FAMILY SAFETY DAY**

Good feedback on the event was received from residents. It is possible that next year's event will be held at Fernwood Park.

## **AGENDA ITEM #2 – PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT EM UPDATE**

The school district will be reprogramming their digital radios over the holiday break.

A portable radio needs to be obtained for Greenawalds.

## **AGENDA ITEM #3 – TRAINING AND EXERCISES**

Meetings have been held with the fire department, police department, Cetronia EMS, and Parkland School District concerning an active shooter training to be held on August 9, 2023 at the Springhouse Middle School. Monthly meeting will be held about the training starting in January 2023. A6A will be in touch with each agency regarding the training.

The County needs role players for an active shooter class on January 9 -11, 2023 at DeSales University.

Emergency services training can be found on the LESTA webpage. There is a form on the site for departments to request on-site training.

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 – NIXLE UPDATE**

The system is operational. Sign-up notices have been posted in the Township building and on the Township website. Information will be sent to residents in their first quarter 2023 sewer bills.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 – WINTER WEATHER**

Fire departments will be automatically dispatched on EMS calls when the EMS system enters snow mode.

## **AGENDA ITEM #6 – EVENTS 2023**

The first Annual Lehigh Valley Emergency Management Conference will be held at the Joint Operations Center March 26 – 26, 2023. A conference information packet is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

SWT and Parkland personnel will be presenting training concerning municipal and school district emergency management cooperation at the PSATS conference in Hershey on April 23 – 26, 2023.

There will be a state emergency management expo held at Stabler Arena on May 10, 2023.

The 2023 SWT Family Safety Day event will be held on September 9, 2023.

The Keystone Emergency Management Conference will be held on October 14 – 17, 2023.

The Township will be conducting active aggressor training and CPR training for its employees. A fire drill will be held at the municipal building.

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

Emergency plans are being received for day care facilities in the Township.

The County is looking to see if Cetronia Ambulance can be added to fill the remaining open slots in WEB EOC.

The Township thanked Woodlawn for assisting in cleaning streets after two recent Aqua PA watermain leaks.

The Cetronia Ambulance year-to-date statistics are as follows.

- Total responses – 14,910
- Calls in SWT – 3722
- Calls in Whitehall Township – 3836
- Calls in Upper Macungie Township – 2900
- Average response time – 9 minutes, 5 seconds
- SWT calls handled by mutual aid – 74
- Whitehall Township calls handled by mutual aid – 200
- Mutual aid calls into Allentown – 821
- Mutual aid calls into Lower Macungie/Macungie Borough – 284

Michael LaPearl is the new director of Education. Eight new EMT's are expected to graduate at the end of January 2023. Four individuals have signed up for the next EMT class scheduled to start in March 2023.

The pay rate for paratransit drivers was recently increased to \$15.25/hour, resulting in sixteen new applications for employment.

The blanket insurance policy for the Township covers its CERT emergency management volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at Time 7:41 pm.

Lehigh Valley Emergency Management Conference 2023

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lehigh Valley Emergency Management Conference 2023



## Conference Information Packet

March 24– 26, 2023  
Lehigh County Joint Operations Center  
4300 Broadway  
Allentown, PA 18104

<https://lehighcounty.org/Departments/Emergency-Management-9-1-1>

## Lehigh Valley Emergency Management Conference 2023

### Welcome

The Lehigh Valley Emergency Management 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference will be held at the Lehigh County Joint Operations Center on March 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The expo will provide a mix of educational workshops and presentations to showcase concepts, technology, processes, and evidence-based practices in emergency management.

### Important Dates

Registration Begins	01/03/2023
Registration Ends	03/18/2023

### Registration Information

Cost: Program is open at no cost to emergency services personnel.

To register go to; <https://forms.gle/bCqefe1bk4A72GJR6>

Participant Max: 100 Registrants (First come, first serve)

### G-Series Classes Offered

There will be 2 different G-Series classes offered during this expo. Both classes you will need to register separately on PA Train.

#### G-191 – ICS/EOC Interface Workshop (Classroom 1)

When: March 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 0800-1600

[https://www.train.org/pa/course/1066898/live\\_event](https://www.train.org/pa/course/1066898/live_event)

#### G-271 Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness (Classroom 2)

When: March 25<sup>th</sup> (0800-1600) & March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 (0800-1400)

[https://www.train.org/pa/course/1068228/live\\_event](https://www.train.org/pa/course/1068228/live_event)

### Expo Contact

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Schedule of Events

Day	Time	Session 1	Session 2
Friday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	1700-2100	School Safety Planning ??	PROTECT: Basic Exercise Development & AAR Course
Saturday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	0730-0800	Registration	
	0800-1600	G-191 EOC/ICS Interface (Board Room)	
	0800-1600	G-271 Hazardous Weather (Comm Center Board Room)	
	0800-1000	RESPOND: Keynote Session (2 hours) – I-80 Incident Review Classrooms 1, 2 & 3	
	1000-1030	Snack Break / Exhibit Space Review	
	1030-1200		PROTECT: Mass Gathering Event Planning
	1200-1300	Lunch	
	1300-1415		RESPONSE: Rescue Task Force
	1415 – 1500	Exhibit Space Time	
1500-1630		RESPOND: High-Risk/Low-Frequency Incident Management	
Sunday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	0730-0800	Registration	
	0800-1500	G-271 Hazardous Weather	
	0800-0845	P-002 Duties / Responsibilities	RESPOND: Traffic Incident Management
	0900-0945	P-004 Initial Damage Reporting	
	1000-1045	P-012 Resource Request Process	RECOVERY: Fatal Incidents Review
	1100-1145	RECOVER: Role of VOADs in Recovery	RESPOND: Red Cross Response Capabilities
	1200-1300	Lunch	
	1300-1400	RESPOND: Juvare eICS	MITIGATE: Basic Flood Awareness for Municipalities
	1400-1500	RESPOND: Juvare EM Track	

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**Vendors / Booths**

Belfour

Servpro

LVHN Medevac

St Luke's University Health Network

AT&T First Net

American Red Cross – Pennsylvania Rivers Chapter

Lehigh County Special Operations

Lehigh County 911 Center

Lehigh County Community Emergency Response Team

Lehigh Valley CART Team

PPL

Rapid Response

Eastern PA EMS Council

Pennsylvania Dept of Health

Lehigh County Coroner's Office

Pennsylvania State Police

PA Turnpike Commission

PHMC

Verizon

Service Electric

Eastern PA EMS Council – CISM

Cetronia EMS