

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

May 6, 2024

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members attending were:

Thomas Yezerski, Chairman
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman
Steve Brown, Interim Chief, Police Department
Ricardo Diaz, Chief, Cetronia Fire Company
Andrew Garger, Chief, Greenawalds Fire Department
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
Dr. Tony Naradko, Parkland School District
Brian Neas, Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company
Chris Peischl, At Large Member
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Michael Smith, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Monica Hodges
Diane Kelly

Others attending were:

None.

Township Staff attending were:

Herb Bender, Director of Township Operations
John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Jason Grozier, Sergeant, Police Department
Thomas Petrucci, Township Manager

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 1, 2024 were approved with a grammatical correction.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Frantz reported that a note was added to the Lehigh County Communication Center Computer Aided Dispatch system on April 2, 2024 to indicate that the address at 1515 North 29th Street is to be accessed from the 1500 block of North Main Street.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Millie Dietrick addressed the Commission regarding traffic issues in their neighborhood north of Wehr's Covered Bridge. The Kingdom Life Family Center on Lime Kiln Road has a community food bank two times a month. During this event, traffic backs up into the neighborhood for hours. This traffic blocks resident's driveways. When vehicle drivers are approached to clear the driveway access, they sometimes become rude to the residents. The Dietrick's believe that this conduct violates Township codes.

The members of the Commission inquired if the Dietrick's had approached any individuals at the Kingdom Life Center or previously contacted Township representatives regarding the issues. They indicated that they had not contacted either of the two.

The Commission agreed with the comment of Commissioner Peischl that the Township staff should first be given the opportunity to research and address the issue before any recommendations are made by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Diaz reported that Cetronia responded to sixty-three calls for the month of April 2024.

Chief Garger submitted the response report via email for Greenawalds for the month of April 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Greenawalds responded to sixty-seven calls for the month of April 2024.

Chief Neas submitted the response report for Tri-Clover for the month of April 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to twenty-six calls for the month of April 2024.

A major fire occurred at a trucking company on Kernsville Road. The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation.

Chief Search submitted the response report for Woodlawn for the month of April 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Woodlawn responded to sixty-nine calls for the month of April 2024.

C. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly submitted the Emergency Management report via email for the month of April 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes.

There were two-hundred and twenty-five attendees at the Lehigh Valley Emergency Management Conference including many from outside of Pennsylvania.

Lehigh County is relocating their alternate Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the Joint Operations Center.

The Township EOC had a limited opening during President Trump's visit to North Whitehall Township.

The Township will be reestablishing its Citizens Emergency Response Team.

The mass casualty drill at Dorney Park will be held on May 13, 2024. The next township EMA meeting will be held on June 13, 2024. The Township Family Safety Day will be held on September 14, 2024.

Additional emergency plans for care facilities are being received. They will be distributed to our emergency services personnel.

D. Police Report

Sergeant Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand and twenty-seven calls, had ninety-six reported crimes, and made forty arrests for the month of April 2024.

The next Crime Watch meeting will be held on May 14, 2024.

E. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported via email that Cetronia responded to three-hundred and six calls for the month of April 2024. Four of those calls were handled by mutual aid providers.

F. Parkland School District Report

Dr. Naradko reported that Parkland will hold their graduation on June 4, 2024 at the PPL Center. The last day of the school year will be on June 7, 2024.

G. Subdivision Review

1. St. Joseph the Worker School Sidewalk Expansion, Waiver from Land Development 2024-701

Mr. Frantz indicated that this plan involves paving an existing grass area to increase pedestrian safety on the site. This paving does not affect emergency services access to the site.

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

2. Palmeiro Reality LLC Crackersport Road, Waiver from Land Development 2024-702

Mr. Frantz indicate that this plan involves a new access driveway and on-site parking area as well as a building addition. A SALDO compliant fire hydrant is present on Hausman Road but is not indicated on the plan.

The Commission made the recommendation that a SALDO compliant fire hydrant should be shown on the plans.

3. Cedar Creek Parkway West 2024 Improvements, Major Plan 2024-703

Mr. Frantz indicated that this plan involved the demolition of an existing pavilion, tennis courts, and softball practice field and addition of pickleball courts and a parking area.

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

4. PSD New Operations Center Phase 3, Major Plan 2024-101

Mr. Frantz indicated that this plan involves a second-floor addition to a building that had recent subdivision approval. Emergency service access and fire hydrants remain unchanged. The Township Engineer will be reviewing traffic counts for this addition.

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

H. Address Assignments

1. 3931 West Walnut Street

Mr. Frantz indicated that the property owner has requested an additional address assignment for this property.

The Commission agreed with the address assignment of the Township Engineer of 3933 West Walnut Street.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

Greenawalds Fire Company

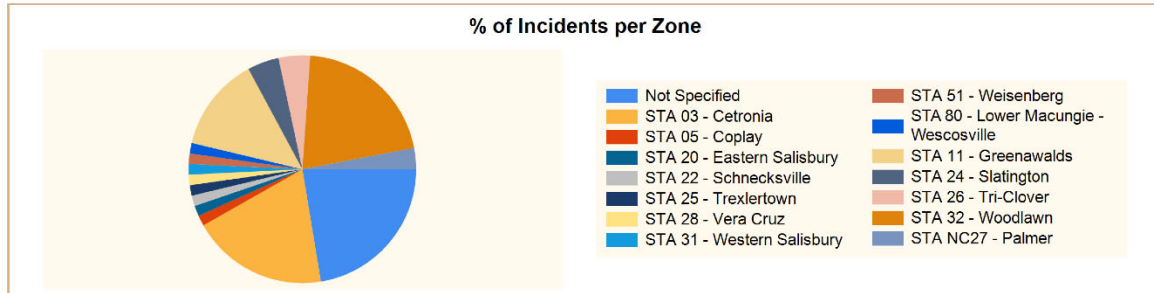
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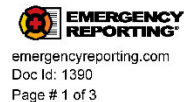
Count of Incidents by Incident Type per Zone

Incident Status: All | Start Date: 04/01/2024 | End Date: 04/30/2024



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Not Specified		
111 - Building fire	3	4.48%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	1.49%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	2.99%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.49%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	1.49%
553 - Public service	1	1.49%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	1.49%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	5	7.46%
Zone: Not Specified Total Incident:	15	22.39%
STA 03 - Cetronia		
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	2.99%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	11	16.42%
Zone: STA 03 - Cetronia Total Incident:	13	19.40%
STA 05 - Coplay		
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 05 - Coplay Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 11 - Greenawalds		
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2	2.99%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1.49%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	1.49%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	1.49%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	1.49%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	1.49%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.49%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 11 - Greenawalds Total Incident:	9	13.43%

Report shows count of incidents for Status selected.



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Average Number of Responding Personnel per Incident Type for Date Range

StartDate: 04/01/2024 | EndDate: 04/30/2024

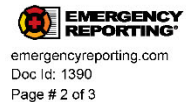
INCIDENT TYPE	AVG. # PERSONNEL
111 - Building fire	12
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	9
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	10
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	14
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	7
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	13
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	7
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	9
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	8
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	8
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	12
600 - Good intent call, other	7
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	15
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	7
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	14
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	6
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6

Reviewed Incidents only.

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
STA 20 - Eastern Salisbury		
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 20 - Eastern Salisbury Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 22 - Schnecksville		
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 22 - Schnecksville Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 24 - Slatington		
111 - Building fire	2	2.99%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 24 - Slatington Total Incident:	3	4.48%
STA 25 - Trexlertown		
111 - Building fire	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 25 - Trexlertown Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 26 - Tri-Clover		
111 - Building fire	1	1.49%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	2.99%
Zone: STA 26 - Tri-Clover Total Incident:	3	4.48%
STA 28 - Vera Cruz		
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 28 - Vera Cruz Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 31 - Western Salisbury		
111 - Building fire	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 31 - Western Salisbury Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 32 - Woodlawn		
111 - Building fire	1	1.49%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	1.49%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.49%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.49%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	1.49%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	1.49%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	8	11.94%
Zone: STA 32 - Woodlawn Total Incident:	14	20.90%
STA 51 - Weisenberg		
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 51 - Weisenberg Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA 80 - Lower Macungie - Wescosville		
111 - Building fire	1	1.49%
Zone: STA 80 - Lower Macungie - Wescosville Total Incident:	1	1.49%
STA NC27 - Palmer		
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	1.49%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	1.49%

Report shows count of incidents for Status selected.



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Zone: STA NC27 - Palmer Total Incident:	2	2.99%
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR ALL ZONES:	67	100%

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Average Turnout Time (Dispatch to Enroute) per Apparatus for Date Range

Start Date: 04/01/2024 | End Date: 04/30/2024

APPARATUS	TURNOUT TIME (min) (Dispatch to Enroute)
11POV	0:33
AC11	0:09
B11	0:01
B11-1	0:45
B11-2	1:17
C11	0:10
CAP11	0:18
DC11	0:21
E11	2:28
FPL11	0:07
R11	0:44
RE11	0:18
TA11	0:11
U11	0:38
U11-1	0:00
AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME:	0:32

Report calculates the average time difference between DISPATCH and ENROUTE for each apparatus. Only Incidents where ENROUTE time is provided are included. "Cancelled Apparatus" Times Are included in the calculation of this Report.

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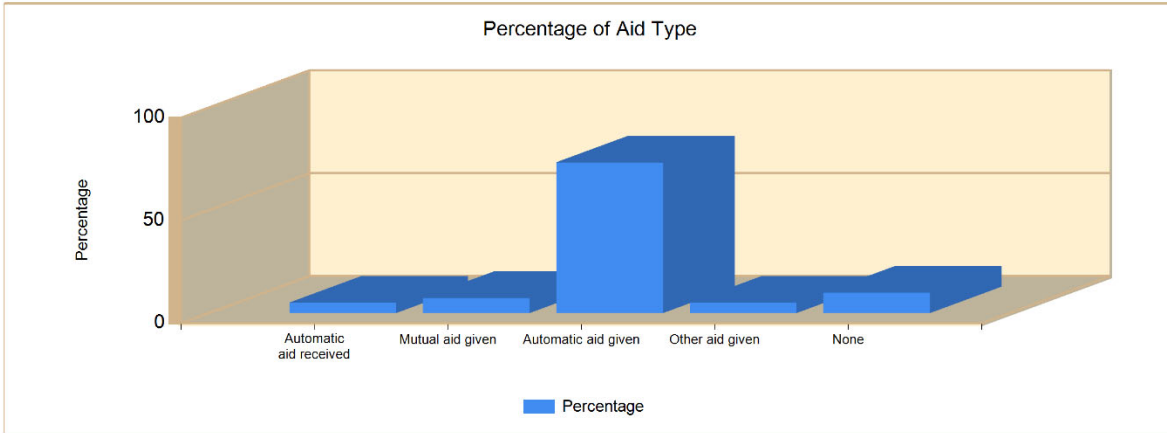
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Count of Aid Given and Received for Incidents for Date Range

Start Date: 04/01/2024 | End Date: 04/30/2024



AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Automatic aid received	2	4.9%
Mutual aid given	3	7.3%
Automatic aid given	30	73.2%
Other aid given	2	4.9%
None	4	9.8%

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Woodlawn Fire Department

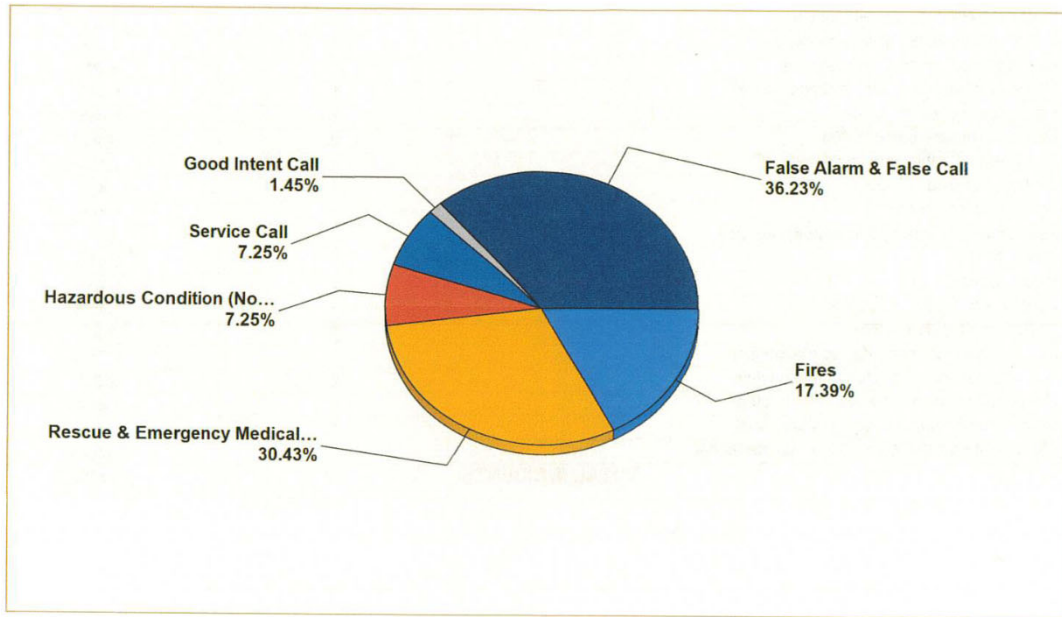
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 04/01/2024 | End Date: 04/30/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	12	17.39%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	21	30.43%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	7.25%
Service Call	5	7.25%
Good Intent Call	1	1.45%
False Alarm & False Call	25	36.23%
TOTAL	69	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	8	11.59%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	2	2.9%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	2.9%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	1.45%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12	17.39%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	2.9%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	1.45%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	4	5.8%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	1.45%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	1.45%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	2.9%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	1.45%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	1.45%
520 - Water problem, other	1	1.45%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2	2.9%
552 - Police matter	1	1.45%
553 - Public service	1	1.45%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	1.45%
730 - System malfunction, other	2	2.9%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	7.25%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	2.9%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	1.45%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	5.8%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	11	15.94%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	69	100%

Row Labels	Count of INCIDENT #	Average of Persons	Township
Allentown - District 60	2	11	
Berks County - 99	1	12	
Cetronia - District 3	16	9	16
Greenawalds - District 11	2	9	2
Lower Milford - District 13	3	14	
Trexlerstown - District 25	1	13	
Tri-Clover - District 26	4	12	2
Vera Cruz - District 28	1	8	
Western Salisbury - District 31	1	10	
Woodlawn - District 32	38	10	38
Grand Total	69	10	58
	calls in township		84%

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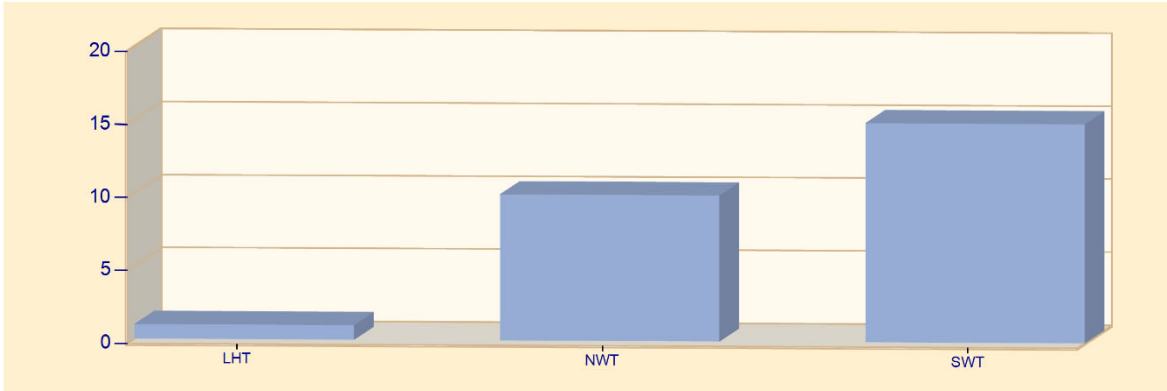
Tri Clover Fire Company

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Incident Type Count per Zone for Date Range

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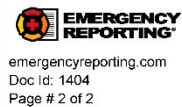


ZONES	INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
LHT - Lowhill Township		
	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
	<i>Total Incidents for LHT - Lowhill Township:</i>	<i>1</i>
NWT - North Whitehall Township		
	111 - Building fire	1
	460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1
	461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
	631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
	671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1
	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
	900 - Special type of incident, other	1
	<i>Total Incidents for NWT - North Whitehall Township:</i>	<i>10</i>
SWT - South Whitehall Township		
	111 - Building fire	1
	221 - Overpressure rupture of air or gas pipe/pipeline	1
	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2
	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
	350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1

Zone information is defined on the Basic Info 3 screen of an incident.
Only REVIEWED incidents included.

ZONES	INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
	352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
	554 - Assist invalid	1
	740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3
	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2
	<i>Total Incidents for SWT - South Whitehall Township:</i>	15
Total Count for all Zone:		26

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April 2024 Emergency Management Report

April 1st.

SWT Public Safety Meeting

April 4th

Set up and Prepare for the EMA Conference

April 5-7th

Attended the Lehigh Valley EMA Conference at DeSales

April 10th

Meeting with LC EMA about setting up the Alternate EOC

April 12th

EMA Planning Call for VIP visit

April 13th

Standby by at EOC for VIP visitor

April 29th.

CERT reorganization meeting with LC EMA

April 30th

Dorney Park MCI Drill Planning meeting

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Dorney Park MCI, May 13, 4-8 pm
- SWT EM meeting June 13 ,7:00 pm at Cetronia
- SWT Family Safety Day September 14 @Fernwwod