



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**September 10, 2014**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Chairperson C. Durkin called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson C. Durkin, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor J. Mixon
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor M. Boutcher, Councilor C. Soltysiak
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief Joseph Connolly, Fire Chief Ken Lynch

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.

**Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Chief DiValentino stated if there were any questions, concerns or comments he would have no problem answering them.
- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Fire Chief Joseph Connolly wanted to make note that they have hose testing, ladder testing and such.
- **Independent Fire Company** - A written report was provided with the monthly report. Fire Chief Ken Lynch stated that fire prevention month is in October and the Fire Companies would like to use Town Square as they have in the past for the open house demonstrations. Fire Chief Ken Lynch said they are looking at October 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> for that demonstration. Borough Manager G. Locke asked if they wanted to close the gazebo or the parking lot. Fire Chief Ken Lynch stated both the gazebo and the parking lot will be requested to be closed down. Fire Chief Joe Connolly stated they will leave some parking available for businesses.

**New Business**

1. **Police Sensitivity Training** - Chairperson C. Durkin stated that in light of the incident going on in Ferguson Missouri it raised some questions about the standard of training for police departments across the country. Chairperson C. Durkin stated the Police Chief A. DiValentino attended a gathering in Abington about the subject of Police Training called a Bridge to Healing. Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Bridge to Healing was organized by the Abington School District. Police Chief A. DiValentino found the meeting to be very interesting, enlightening and was shocked to hear stories from both the young and older residents in Abington. He also wanted to make it known that the Police are there to help people, not hurt them. Chairperson C. Durkin asked if Police Chief A. DiValentino spoke to officers of our department about these fears of the residents. Police Chief A. DiValentino confirmed that at each roll call of each squad he relayed what he had heard at the Bridge of Healing meeting, as well as he received feedback from the

**Police Sensitivity Training (contd.)** officers as well. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to make it clear to the officers that regardless of whether they are stopping someone for running a stop sign or red light to keep in mind that there is a perception that they may not be of the same race as the person they have pulled over. Police Chief A. DiValentino also wanted to make it known that the Jenkintown Police Department has a Biased Based Policing Procedure that eliminates profiling. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to let the committee know that they have to prove not only the good things but the bad things as well for the department as they are an Accredited Agency. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that he has to show the complaints as well as his response to the agency when asked. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that all officers are required to do a review and refresher of the Biased Based Policing Policy at least once every three years, but Jenkintown Police Department reviews all of their policies once every year. Councilor J. Mixon asked if the policy for the Biased Based Policing was through the Accreditation Agency, Chief confirmed that the policy was approved by them as well as being court tested.

Councilor J. Mixon asked what the procedure was when a complaint was filed with the Police Department. Police Chief A. DiValentino said that if they have a complaint about an officer and their conduct the clerk at the window notifies the supervisor on shift. The shift supervisor will then come in and offer the complainant the form for their written statement and listen to what the complainant has to say. Councilor J. Mixon wanted to make it clear that the clerk does not interact with the complainant that much, Police Chief A. DiValentino confirmed it would be the shift supervisor interacting with the complainant. If the complaint is found to be the least bit credible then the complaint is investigated by the Sergeants on the investigative team. This team calls people, and interviews people and reports back to the complainant. If the complaint is found to be credible, disciplinary action can be taken in many ways; verbal, written, warning, reprimanded. If it rises to the level of misconduct then Police Chief A. DiValentino notifies the Mayor and would also come to the board. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to inform the committee that every complaint that is made is kept on file in his office.

Chairperson C. Durkin asked if they receive a grade for the Accreditation that just occurred on the 9th of September. Police Chief A. DiValentino responded he will comment on that under his report later in the meeting.

2. **611 Speed Trailer/Enforcement** - Director of Public Works Tim Frank spoke about the speed trailer being on York Road at that moment in time, and they will be rotating it on 611 for the whole month. The location of the speed trailer during the month will be on 611 across from Fat Jacks near Rydal Road then up along 611 near Vista Road, as well as two places on the south bound side where they can fit the trailer.
3. **Police Benevolent Association Recognition** - Chairperson C. Durkin started out discussing the Police Benevolent Association stating that they currently do all the tasks now but he wanted to keep the committee informed that they are still going back and forth in the language and the bargaining unit. Chairperson C. Durkin wanted to move the Recognition forward but could not do so until a few minor details were worked out. Chairperson C. Durkin also wanted to make it known that they have been working with Jordan Yeager on this documentation.
4. **Parking Sign at Greenwood Ave Lot** - Chairperson C. Durkin wanted to put this on the Public Safety agenda and realizes Councilor J. Connors may be able to speak more on this subject in Public Works, but they wanted to address this subject as it was made aware by a resident during the August Public Council meeting. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the parking lot sign in the Greenwood Ave lot had been on the PW schedule and it has already taken care of. Public Works installed a two faced sign so it can be seen pulling in and out of the parking lot as well as a solar paneled light on the top of the signage at both kiosks / entrances. Chairperson C. Durkin says the sign looks descriptive and good.

5. **Proposal to hire David Sangree as a full time Police Officer** - Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that David Sangree is currently a part time police officer and has been with the Borough for about three years. Mr. Sangree is also one of the Accreditation Managers. Police Chief A. DiValentino said that David is a good kid and Jenkintown Police Department would love to add him to the department full time. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that he would not ask the board to add a new officer to the Police Department but he would ask the board to replace an officer who has retired. Police Chief A. DiValentino confirmed that Detective Gerry Wuilermin retired on August 18<sup>th</sup> and they are short a full time officer. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to make it known that it is not an addition to the department it is a direct replacement. Chairperson C. Durkin asked if there was any civil service requirements. Police Chief A. DiValentino responded that they plan for the departures, because they entered into the drop program. The police department gave a civil service test; written, psychological, agility, interviews; so they have an eligibility list which would expire in January. David Sangree is first on that list. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated they have a lot invested in Mr. Sangree not only as an officer but the Accreditation Managers.

Motion was made to move the proposal to hire David Sangree as a full time Police Officer to full council was made by Councilor J. Mixon, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell and passed unanimously.

6. **Proposal to hire Ralph James Burrows and Carmen Joseph Balsama Jr. as part time Police Officers** - Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that they are not adding part time officers, Jenkintown Police Department will be losing part time officers. Mr. Balsama has already been before the board back in June and was already approved for hire, but the Police delayed him pending a few other issues but is now ready to start his field training. Police Chief A. DiValentino confirmed that the new hire would be Mr. Ralph James Burrows. If Mr. Sangree moves to full time then Carmen Balsama Jr. would replace his part time position and the Police Department will be losing two more part time officers which will be filled by Mr. Burrows.

Motion was made to move the proposal to hire Ralph James Burrows and Carmen Joseph Balsama Jr. as a part time Police Officer to full council was made by Councilor J. Conners, seconded by Councilor J. Mixon and passed unanimously.

Councilor K. Farrell asked who are the part time officers leaving the Jenkintown Police Force. Police Chief A. DiValentino responded that Justin Ecchervera and the consortium test will be given on Saturday and will be losing another part time officer due to taking that test. Councilor J. Conners asked if this was due to getting full time jobs. Police Chief A. DiValentino confirmed that is was.

7. **Parking Time Limit Sign on West Avenue** - Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that this sign would be located at 510 West Avenue is a new business. Right now there is a sign that states "No Parking Here to Corner". Their parking lot is all the way in the back of the building. The requested a handicap sign so people could run in and do business. Police Chief A. DiValentino told them that a handicap sign would not work because people could still park there all day, and it would not be effective. Police Chief A. DiValentino suggested a 20 minute parking limit there, which works well in the other parts of town. The new business owners of 510 West Ave also agreed to the 20 minute parking signs. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that it does not pose any threats to firetrucks or mailtrucks and we can install signs on a 90 day trial period and if it does not work they will have to take it down. Chairperson C. Durkin stated that he think the trial period could not hurt. There was also concern and clarification was requested that it would only be Monday thru Friday parking. Chairperson C. Durkin told Police Chief A. DiValentino that administratively he does not need any motion.

## Old Business

- 1. Parking Lot/Pioneer Request for Driveway Apron** - Chairperson C. Durkin stated that Borough Manager G. Locke met with Earl Armitage from Pennoni Associates. Borough Manager G. Locke continued to talk about the Apron. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Earl brought the plans from when the parking lot was built and they also did a site visit with the Director of Public Works T. Frank. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Mr. Armitage brought up a few points such as the inlet in the street that is a C top, which means it has a curb backing on it, which would mean it needs to be changed to an M top. Just some minor changes other than the construction of the ramp itself. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Fire Chief Joe Connolly pointed out that there is a tripping hazard on the ramp now from the ramp to the sidewalk. Earl's plan is to stay at the same level as the fire house apron until he's past the first apron then come up at an ADA acceptable slope. Mr. Armitage will be creating a sketch of the apron and will be bringing before the committee next month. Fire Chief Joe Connolly stated he also took pictures of the trucks in the area so the committee could better get an idea of what the apron would be look like.
- 2. Fire Department Training Update** - Chairperson C. Durkin asked Fire Chief Joe Connolly if there was any update on fire training. Fire Chief Joe Connolly reported that there was not but training is continuing.
- 3. Novacare** - Chairperson C. Durkin discussed the parking situation at NOVACARE on Cherry Street. Borough Manager G. Locke ran into the problem that NOVACARE had requested parking permits but they would be opening prior to the committee meeting. NOVACARE was looking for parking passes so their employees could park on Cherry Street leaving their parking lot open for patients. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the meter revenue is very low on Cherry Street so the Borough did not see it as any issue. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that they would purchase those passes, costing \$40 a month, which is the same price as if the meters were being fed quarters. Councilor J. Mixon wanted to confirm that it is valid only on Cherry Street and no other street in the Borough, that was confirmed by Chief DiValentino.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Chairperson C. Durkin, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

**JENKINTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
PIONEER FIRE COMPANY ~ INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY

**MONTHLY FIRE REPORT**  
JULY 2014

26 FIRE CALLS FOR THE MONTH

9	AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS	2	COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
1	APARTMENTS	1	DWELLING
3	CO DETECTORS	1	FAST ASSIGNMENT
4	GAS ODOR INSIDE	1	STAN-BY
1	GAS ODOR OUTSIDE	1	VEHICLE FIRE
1	ASSIST E.M.S.	1	CELL PHONE BATTERY

9 MUTUAL AID OUT OF TOWN

3	CALL 100'S DISTRICT	1	CALL 5'S DISTRICT
3	CALL 200's DISTRICT	1	CALL 2'S DISTRICT

4 MUTUAL AID IN TOWN

309 FLORENCE AVE APARTMENT FIRE DISTRICT 100 AND 300 ASSISTED { BURNT FOOD }..  
609 WEST AVE GAS ODOR INSIDE DISTRICT 100 AND 300 ASSISTED { BROKEN GAS VALVE BY  
PLUMBER }.  
416 CEDAR ST. GAS ODOR INSIDE DISTRICT 100 ASSISTED { BELIEVED TO BE SEWAR GAS }  
411 HILLSIDE AVE. DISTRICT 100 ASSISTED { CELL PHONE BATTERY }.

494 FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO THE ABOVE CALLS

AVERAGE OF 19 FIREFIGHTERS PER CALL

TIME IN SERVICE WAS 10 HRS. AND 05 MIN. INDEPENDENT FIRE CO. AND 10 HRS. AND 54 MIN. FOR  
PIONEER FIRE CO.

HOSE USED 100' OF 0

LADDERS USED : GROUND LADDERS LITTLE GIANT AND AERIAL LADDER RAISED 0

INJURIES TO FIREFIGHTERS 0

INJURIES TO CIVILIANS 0

ESTIMATED LOSS FOR THE MONTH \$ 0.0

ESTIMATED LOSS FOR THE YEAR \$ 155,500.00

FUEL USAGE BY THE DEPARTMENT

INDEPENDENT FIRE CO.

QUINT 16 – 50GALS

TACK 16 – 23 GALS

PIONEER FIRE CO.

E96- 36 GALS

E96-1 41 GALS

F.P. 96-0 GALS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOROUGH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR  
THE HELP GIVEN TO PIONEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BUD JONES. THE

# **JENKINTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**PIONEER FIRE COMPANY ~ INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY**

DEPARTMENT DID A LIVE BURN DRILL AT ABINGTON TOWNSHIP TRAINING GROUND THIS MONTH WITH STATION 100 . WHEN EVER WE GET THE CHANCE TO DO THESE DRILLS WE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF IT BECAUSE OUR MEMBERS DON'T HAVE A TRAINING GROUND LIKE THIS. THE PUMPS ,LADDERS AND HOSE WILL BE TESTED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL NEED TO SHUT DOWN THE LOT DIRECTLY BEHIND PIONEER FIER COMPANY FOR THESE TEST ON MONDAYS AS SCEDUALED. AT THIS TIME THE EQUIPMENT IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOSEPH CONNOLLY  
BOROUGH FIRE CHIEF

# Fire Police Log

**Month August**

**Year 2014**

Date	Address	Incident	Time	DC	M	B	E	KF	JB	MB	RP	BN	KP	RS	KF	#	Type of cal	Dur	Tot	T
2	309 Florence	1421427	20:58					1	1						1	3	Fire	0.50	2.30	2.30
3	216 Township	1421448	8:16						1						1	2	CO	0.20	0.40	3.10
3	100 West	1421488	22:50						1						1	2	CO	0.30	1.00	4.10
4	609 West	1421523	12:50												1	1	Gas	0.40	0.40	4.50
4	Greenwood York	1421543	20:28	1		1		1	1	1						4	Gas	0.30	2.00	6.50
5	100 Old York	1421608	15:38	1		1		1	1	1						4	Fire	1.10	4.40	11.30
6	479 York	1421669	9:30	1		1										2	Alarm	0.30	1.00	12.30
6	Station 2	1421691	13:25	1												1	Standby	0.30	0.30	13.00
6	472 Leedom	1421701	15:57	1		1		1								3	Asst EMS	1.00	3.00	16.00
7	809 Greenwood	1421737	3:27	1				1								2	Alarm	0.20	0.40	16.40
9	416 Cedar	1421931	13:38												1	1	Gas	0.30	0.30	17.10
9	910 Cheltenham		19:00														QT16	0.00	0.00	17.10
12	272 Forrest	1422195	19:18	1		1		1							1	4	Fire	0.10	0.40	17.50
15	705 West	1422435	16:11						1						1	2	Alarm	0.20	0.40	18.30
15	101 Greenwood	1422452	22:37						1	1						2	Alarm	0.20	0.40	19.10
17	625 Greenwood	1422557	15:01						1							1	Alarm	0.20	0.20	19.30
20	300 Meetinghous	1422832	19:59	1		1		1							1	4	Fire	0.50	3.20	22.50
21	317 Cottman	1422920	14:06	1												1	Alarm	0.30	0.30	23.20
22	309 Walnut	1422971	8:50	1												1	Alarm	0.20	0.20	23.40
25	216 Township	1423225	18:55	1					1						1	3	CO	0.10	0.30	24.10
25	Town Square		16:00	1												1	Night out	5.00	5.00	29.10
25	Town Square		19:00						1						1	2	Night out	1.00	2.00	31.10
27	411 Hilside	1423395	10:15	1												1	Invest.	0.30	0.30	31.40
27	West Ave		8:00	1												1	Funeral	4.30	4.30	36.10
28	8302 Old York	1423545	18:03					1								1	Alarm	0.20	0.20	36.30
30	2067 Maplewood	1423767	16:00					1	1							2	Gas	0.45	1.30	38.00
30	1804 Horace	1423773	16:11					1	1							2	Gas	0.30	1.00	29.00
31	222 York Rod	1423929	18:34						1						1	2	Alarm	0.30	1.00	40.00

14    0   10   17    3   0   0   0   11    0   55

Total manhours    40 hrs  
 Calls                    28  
 Special duty        11 hrs    30 min







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# Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad

*of Montgomery County, Incorporated*

**Emergency Calls: Dial 911**

**Administrative Office**  
307 Davisville Road PO Box 13  
Willow Grove, PA 19090  
Administrative Phone 215.659.1885  
Fax 215.659.3177

## Jenkintown Borough Call Summary\*

July 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014

RESPONSE OUTCOME	Count
Transported	28
Cancelled	2
Handled By Mutual Aid Service	2
Unfounded	1
False Call	1
No EMS Required	1
PR Demonstration / Parade	1
Officer Response	1
Patient Refused Care	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>

\* Montgomery County's Computer Aided Dispatch system is currently unable to provide statistics due to upgrading of the system.

*Proudly Serving the Townships of Abington, Upper Dublin, Upper Moreland, Whitpain and the Boroughs of Hatboro, Jenkintown, Rockledge and Surrounding Communities*





**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

### **LOCAL EMS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES STATE PEDIATRIC RECOGNITION**

Willow Grove, Pennsylvania – The Second Alarmer’s Association and Rescue Squad of Montgomery County (SARS) has been awarded a certificate of recognition for achieving the Master level requirements in the Pennsylvania EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program. The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council issues the Master Level recognition to agencies who go “beyond simply providing high quality and safe clinical care to children” and demonstrate excellence in pediatric care but also share a “responsibility to provide education, injury prevention initiatives and outreach within their community”.

Other requirements for recognition include pediatric-specific equipment on ambulances. This includes equipment outside the standard pediatric equipment required for state licensure, such as an increased number of advance airway devices, basic splints and devices for safe transport of children of all ages. All employees and members have also completed a child abuse background check through the Pennsylvania Childline program.

Second Alarmer’s Rescue Squad is one of the largest, non-profit, Emergency Medical Services providers in Montgomery County. SARS responds to over 11,000 emergency calls a year to provide medical and rescue related services to the residents of Abington, Upper Dublin, Upper Moreland and Whitpain Townships, as well as the Boroughs of Hatboro, Jenkintown, Rockledge and their surrounding communities.

More information can be found at <http://www.paemsc.org/current-projects.html>

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