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HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Lewis-Chang
Councilwoman Greenberg
Councilwoman Jones-**Absent**
Police Chief Morillo
Captian Acevedo- **Absent**
SORS Chief Rothstien
Ms. Davenport, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

General Discussion

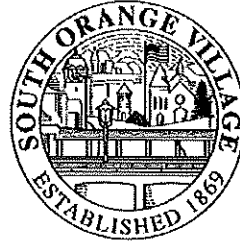
Health Department Report

- New Local Health Outreach Coordinator (LHOC) starting on 2/19. Anna Markarova leaving on 2/14; advertising for a new Public Health Nursing Supervisor.
- The Department will have to draft a resolution updating the continuation of the Animal Control Solutions contract. Expires in April. So the Village can have a multi year contract through to 2028.
- Trying to get contacts for apartment buildings from Clerks office to inform tenants of dog/ cat licensing.
- Zufall Health will be coming to the Baird in March providing health education and flu/ COVID vaccinations.

OEM Report

The OEM Coordinator reported the following items:

- Ida projects are finished, and the next steps are to submit the documentation for the village roads and receive reimbursement. The village is anticipating roughly \$3,000,000 more reimbursements for repairs to the road.



- The State of New Jersey has hired a consulting firm and offered to work with municipalities on their EOP and South Orange has taken them up on that offer. The report has been finished and is now being signed off by the respective departments.
- Coordinator Egelberg has been working with township departments on South Orange's hazard mitigation plan. The first batch of requested information was submitted on January 8th.

- Attached are the evacuation routes for Essex County.

Rescue Squad Report

SORS Chief Rothstein reported on the following items:

- SORS Elects new board of directors for 2025
- SORS 2024 Holiday Party
- SORS conducted an EMT Refresher course for members and EMTs in NJ.
- Performed preventative maintenance on all vehicles in preparation for the winter.

Police Department Report

- **Mental Health Advocate Report**

Chief Morillo reported on the following items:

- January Monthly Statistics - calls, part-one crimes and clearance rate.
- Chief Morillo discussed working on better practices for handling demonstrations/protest, focusing on communication and police response.

Traffic/Engineering Report

In the absence of the Village Engineer, Mr. Battaglia sent the following report:

- NJDOT has returned comments for the Vose and Lenox projects which we are currently addressing. Both projects include public safety enhancements such as pedestrian islands and pedestrian bumpouts to "daylight" intersections.
- SHPO has similarly returned comments for the West Montrose project, which have been addressed and returned to NJDOT for further review. This project includes bike lanes and other speed controls like additional rumble strips and 15 mph advisory speed limit signage at Vose and Clark.



- West End Road water main installation is nearly complete. The contractor is working when weather permits and will soon begin drainage system work. This roadway will have a new sidewalk from top to bottom of interest to the H&PS Committee. Plans are available on the Roads Repaving page of our website.
- We have a list of striping locations for which we will be advertising for spring construction as temperatures prohibit this work in the winter.
- We have a list of tree-damaged sidewalk locations that we will be advertising for spring construction as temperatures prohibit this work in the winter. Note that Code Enforcement has significantly increased its reporting of tree-related sidewalk issues.
- The County's contractor for the ongoing Valley Street traffic signals project has demobilized for winter and will return in April. Plans are available on the Roads Repaving page of our website. Public Works will reinstall the missing blinking pedestrian signal at Valley & 1st until April, then remove them both while the contractor finishes curb & sidewalk work. They will then be re-installed until the traffic signal equipment is installed in November.
- The County informed us last week that they will also be installing another new traffic signal at Valley & Arnold under a different contract. We have no details on schedule for this work as the pre-construction meeting was canceled due to snow, but we have been provided with plans that are available on the Roads Repaving page of our website.
- With regard to questions about Academy Street at both H&PS and PW&U. Engineering is not currently involved in any tasks on Academy.
- The Village Engineer has not received any other H&PS related questions since our last meeting. Ralph Goduco will take note of any issues and report back to me.

Walk/Bike Ride South Orange Committee Update

There was no report.

Public Comments

The Chair opens the meeting for public comments.

[comments are limited to 3 minutes]

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Date

March 11, 2025; 6pm



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Essex County Coastal Evacuation Routes

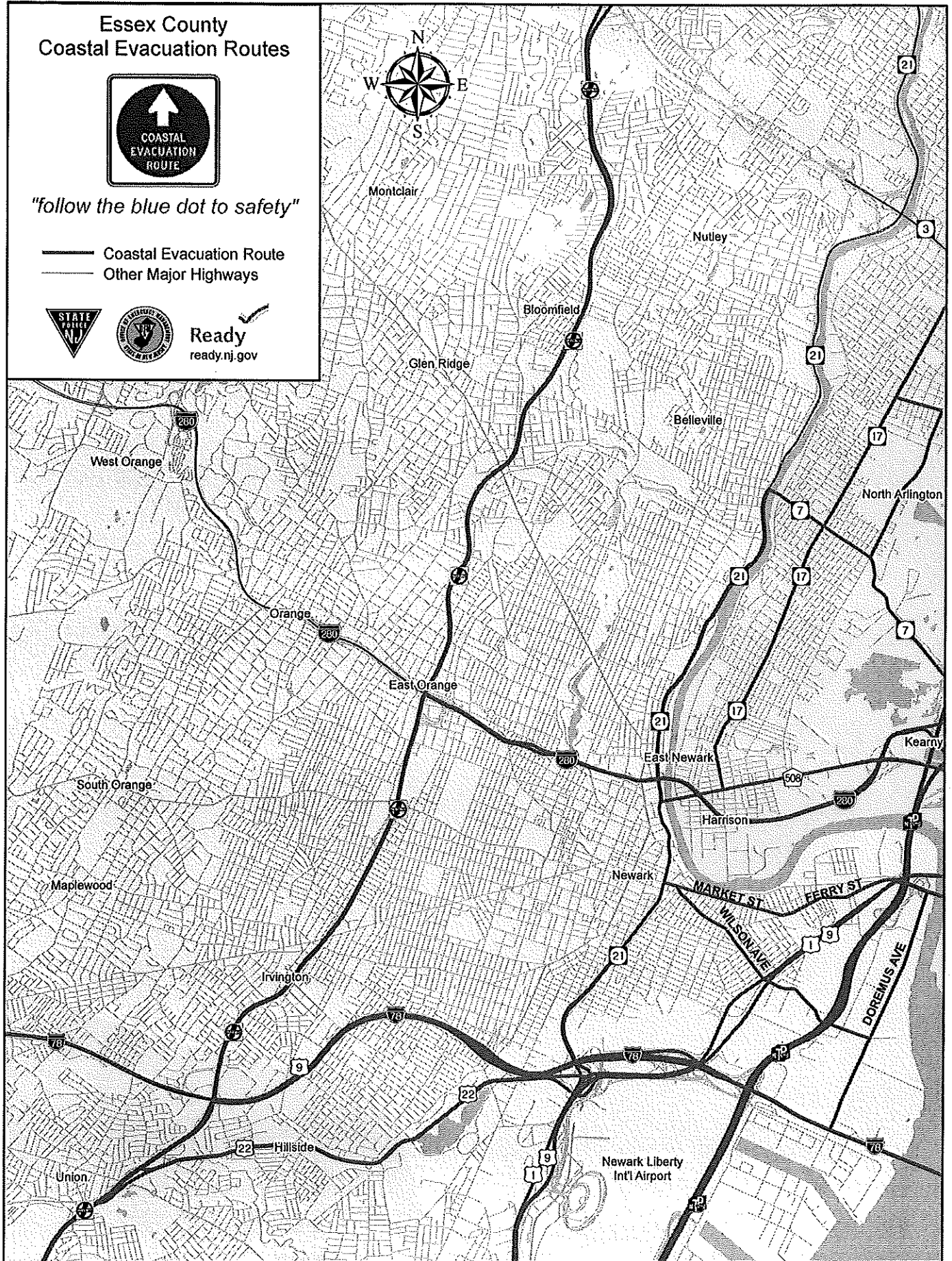


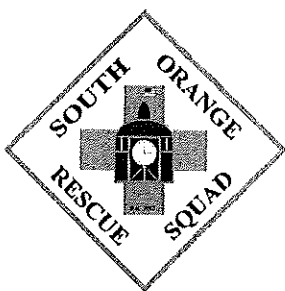
"follow the blue dot to safety"

— Coastal Evacuation Route
— Other Major Highways



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December Calls

South Orange	Maplewood	Newark	Irvington	Orange	Livingston	West Orange	East Orange	Total
97	30	44	12	6	1	1	1	192

(South Orange Only) Average time from Dispatch to En-Route: 02:23

(South Orange Only) Average time from Dispatch to On Scene: 05:55

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 1 Minute: 41.14%

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 3 Minutes: 74.48%

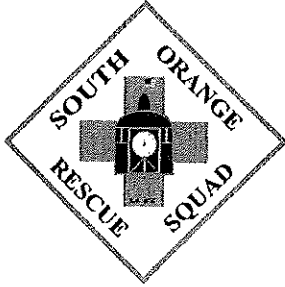
Membership Application Submissions: 8

“Second Due” Call Responses: 26 (24 hours, 7 days a week)

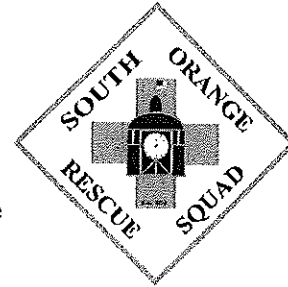
Cardiac Arrest Dispatches: 4

General Updates

- SORS elects new board of directors for 2025:
 - Victor Rothstein, Chief
 - Nik Engineer, President
 - Jeff Hark, Treasurer
 - Charlotte Fitzsimmons, Secretary
 - Sean Cass, Board Member
 - Khaliq Ahmed, Board Member
 - Simone Kelly, Board Member
 - Kasmira Lancaster, Board Member
 - Mitchell Pressel, Board Member
- SORS members have a well deserved evening off to enjoy our 2024 holiday party. Thank you Montclair EMS for covering South Orange for the night.
- SORS runs an EMT refresher course for members and EMTs from across New Jersey.
- SORS performs preventative maintenance on all vehicles in preparation for the winter.



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2024 Calls Statistics

Total Calls: 2,317

(South Orange Only) Average time from Dispatch to En-Route: 02:07

(South Orange Only) Average time from Dispatch to On Scene: 05:16

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 1 Minute: 39.47%

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 3 Minutes: 69.19%

Membership Application Submissions: 196

New Members Accepted: 31

“Second Due” Call Responses: 393 (24 hours, 7 days a week)

Community Classes Taught: 39

Details (5K Standbys, Scout Visits, Block Party Details, etc.): 57

By Town	Dispatch Nature:	
South Orange: 1,166	“Sick Person”: 569	Stroke: 28
Maplewood: 366	Traffic Incident: 227	Allergic Reaction: 19
Newark: 543	Respiratory Emergency: 196	Diabetic Emergency: 19
Irvington: 121	Fall: 195	Fire Standby: 17
Orange: 69	Psychiatric Emergency: 165	Pregnancy/Delivery: 15
East Orange: 39	Cardiac Emergency: 132	Stabbing/Gunshot Wound: 14
Livingston: 5	Unconscious: 127	Choking: 7
West Orange: 4	Seizure: 77	Animal Bite: 6
Montclair: 1	Assault: 70	Eye Injury: 5
Millburn: 1	Traumatic Injury: 61	Burn: 2
Hoboken: 1	Hemorrhage: 50	Other (Hazmat, Industrial
Fair Lawn: 1	Abdominal Emergency: 39	Accident, Unknown Problem,
	Overdose: 35	etc.): 211
	Cardiac Arrest: 31	

By Age <1: 15 1-9: 66 10-19: 166 20-29: 260 30-39: 272 40-49: 173 50-59: 261 60-69: 240 70-79: 198 80-89: 210 90-99: 83 100+: 4 Refused/Not Recorded: 369	By Race Black or African American: 1,108 White: 610 Hispanic or Latino: 154 Asian: 45 American Indian or Alaska Native: 8 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 1 Refused/Not Recorded: 391
Calls by Day of Week Sunday: 447 Monday: 294 Tuesday: 289 Wednesday: 284 Thursday: 304 Friday: 294 Saturday: 406 Calls by Month January: 176 February: 185 March: 194 April: 185 May: 218 June: 213 July: 242 August: 151 September: 198 October: 185 November: 179 December: 191	Incident Location Type Residence: 1,214 Street or Highway: 414 Sidewalk or Driveway: 209 Commercial Establishment: 80 School: 91 Public Building (Government): 45 Nursing Home: 28 Railway Station: 28 Public Park: 33 Religious Institution: 8 Healthcare Facility: 14 Hotel: 1 Factory: 1 Forest: 1 Not Recorded: 150