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HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Announcements

Nikhil Badlani Memorial Service

Trustee Coallier announced the 10-year anniversary of the tragic accident that took the life of Nikhil Badlani. There will be a memorial service honoring Nikhil and his family. The Badlani family has been very active in public safety since the accident and worked at the State level to enact the Nikhil Safety Pledge.

To take the Nikhil Safety Pledge, please see the link below:
<https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/nikhil.htm>

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Report Summary & Questions, Follow Up and New Items

General (Impacts all)

Care & Community Justice Update

Care & Community Justice received full approval of the academic research and survey from Seton Hall university and NJCU as well. Trustee Coallier detailed the process of partnering with universities and thanked the CC&J team for all their hard work. On May 26, 2021, the County Commissioners voted and approved the CC&J program. Lastly, Trustee Coallier announced that the program received a \$10,000 donation from Seton Hall University related to The Nelson Mandela, Truth and Reconciliation Series. Which will be apart of the curriculum for the community.

Trustee Coallier stated on Monday, money accounts will be set up and the BOT



will see additional contracts for hiring consultants. The consultants will be working on program design over the course of the summer and fall.

Mr. Egelberg stated that there might be additional funding through the American Rescue Plan. CC&J could create programs to aid relief due to the pandemic. Discussion Ensued.

Community Safety Post-Underhill Shootings

Due to the recent tragedy at Underhill Field, the parenting center affiliated with the school district, will be holding a Traumatic Loss Workshop Session. These workshops will help parents who's children have been affected by this incident or are grieving themselves.

Traumatic Loss Workshop Session Schedule:

June 10, 2021; 7pm

June 16, 2021; 7pm

In honor of Moussa Fofana, the committee paused the meeting for a moment of silence .

Acting Chief Dolinac shared that Underhill Field is property of the South Orange/Maplewood School district and its physical address is in Maplewood. It is the Maplewood Police Department's responsibility to patrol. In response to the incident, Acting Chief Dolinac has directed the officers to increase patrols at all parks and streets surrounding Underhill Field.

In response to Trustee Coalier, Dr. Rios commented on how to help the community during this time of tragedy and to restore the community.

New Items

Health

Report Summary & Questions

Health Officer, Mr. Festa reported 955 total cases, 13,249 negative cases; this breaks down to 521 males and 434 females. The average age for males is 35 and for females the average age is 38. Mr. Festa stated that over the course of 13 days, the department received 13 new cases. Mr. Festa urged the public to continue to wear a mask and abide by CDC guidelines, especially for travel.



New Items

Feral Cats

In response to Trustee Coalier, Mr. Festa stated that several years ago, the previous BOH passed an Ordinance outlawing residents feeding stray cats. It is only allowed when either the Health Department or St. Huberts acknowledged the residents as the owners. They will need to be licensed and vaccinated. If there are any residents that are interested in the TNR program (Trap, Neutered and Release) , please call SOHD at 973-378-7715 x2020.

In response to Trustee Haskins, Mr Festa explained that when cats are captured they are vaccinated and neutered.

Discussion ensued regarding details of the program.

OEM

Report Summary & Questions

South Orange was approved for FEMA disaster funding due to Tropical Storm Isaias. Coordinator Egelberg is working with various town departments on their cost to submit to FEMA for reimbursement. The Township is requesting \$220,000; Mr. Egelberg anticipates this to be finalized by the end of this month.

OEM Coordinator Egelberg continues to assist Village departments with their response to complaints of non-compliance with the Executive Orders set by the Governor and meeting with SHU on a bi-weekly basis.

New Items

CPR Training

Coordinator Egelberg is training the South Orange Camp counselors in CPR this month. Mr. Egelberg has also been in discussion with the Recreation department about starting the CPR training program again.

Rescue

Report Summary & Questions



Deputy Chief Rothstein detailed May's response statistics. For more information on response statistics, please see the report attached. All Covid-19 protection remains in place and PPE Sourcing has continued.

New Items

General Updates

SORS members voted to approve updates to SORS By-Laws (Constitution). Retitling from " Captain" to "Chief" and "Lieutenant" to "Deputy Chief". Deputy Chief Rothstein stated the summer schedule is complete; two crews are being staffed on Friday nights. Dep. Chief Rothstien stated that staffing two crews on Friday would provide faster response times. SORS hopes to add multiple crews for other days of the week by the end of the summer.

Planning has begun for a gala to celebrate SORS' 70th Anniversary in 2022.

Radio System

Members have been directed to report any communications issues related to the use of the NJ ICS radio system and equipment. For more information on the radio report, please see attached.

Discussion ensued

Fire

Report Summary & Questions

Chief Sullivan detailed the SOFD report for the month of May. For more information on this report, please see attached.

In response to Trustee Coalier, Chief Sullivan stated that the addition of 6 new firefighters reflects a decrease in overtime hours. However, there are still other factors such as injury, vacation, and mutual aid that contribute to the use of overtime hours.



Maplewood Automatic Aid, Radio Coordination, and Joint Training

The Fire Chief has completed coordination of an automatic aid agreement with the assigned South Orange Legal Council in response to crafting a legal agreement for specific incidents in response to assisting the Maplewood Fire Dept.

Joint Training

The South Orange Fire Department has completed four days of joint training (including a live burn) with Maplewood Fire Department at the Morris County Fire Academy.

New Items

Police

Report Summary & Questions

Acting Chief Dolinac detailed SOPD monthly report. For more information on the SOPD report, please see attached. One of SOPD's new recruits has resigned, but the remaining six recruits are progressing very well through the program. Three of the recruits have been approved for solo patrol, which counts toward staffing, and the other three will be available within next month.

The Acting Chief stated that the department is looking to hire five more officers to return the department to the fully authorized Table of Organization number of 45.

Camera Replacements

Acting Chief Dolinac announced the Body Worn Camera Grant has been approved by the Attorney General's Office for the amount of \$95,786. The next step will be to receive the award packet and language for the resolution to receive the equipment.

In the absence of Lt. Acevedo, the Acting Chief, detailed the information sharing report. Lt. Acevedo has been updating the SOPD page on the Village Website.

Use of Force Portal

Trustee Coallier explained the Use of Force portal is a beta test by the state, where residents can find Use of Force reports by municipalities or to report the use of force.



In response to Trustee Coalier, Acting Chief Dolinac stated the SOPD are still making changes to the report to be resubmitted to the portal. Discussion ensued regarding how the numbers are reflected and how the incidents are categorized.

New Items

Traffic Safety

Report Summary & Questions

Lt. Acevedo and Mr. Renda has reviewed the Capital Budget Plans as it relates to streets that will receive improvements. Acting Chief Dolinac stated none of the proposed roads raise any red flags nor need any changes from the Village Engineer.

The following streets were discussed:
Grove Road.

Traffic Study

- Valley Street- April 30th-May 7th

The total car count was 44589 vehicles, the 85th percentile was 32mph and the average going northbound was 28mph.

- Speir Drive- May 12th-May 19

The total car count was 896 vehicles, the 85th percentile was 36mph and the average speed was 24mph.

- South Center St.

The total car count was 1585, the 85th percentile was 34mph and the average speed was 27mph.

- Glenview Road- May 19-26

The total car count was 4258 , the 85th percentile was 34mph and the average speed 29mph. Going south bound, the total car count was 4866, the 85th percentile was 36mph and the average speed was 30mph.

Acting Chief Dolinac stated that Lt.Acevedo is working with Trustee Coalier on the pedestrian flag program.Once staffing in the department is at a better level,



the SOPD will conduct pedestrian safety patrols at crosswalks and intersections.

Next Meeting Date

July 8, 2020; 6pm

Adjournment