



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Health & Public Safety Committee Meeting

WEBEX- Virtual Meeting
South Orange, NJ 07079

January 21 , 2021; 6PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Call to order

ATTENDANCE: Chairperson Coalier; Trustee Clarke; Trustee Jones; Fire Chief Sullivan; Police Chief Kroll, Lt. Acevedo; SORS Captain Cass; Health Officer Mr. Festa; OEM Coordinator Mr. Egelberg; Village Engineer Mr. Renda; Recording Secretary Joycelyn White

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 12, 2020

December 10, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEALTH

RESCUE

FIRE

POLICE

OEM

REPORT SUMMARY & QUESTIONS, FOLLOW UP AND NEW ITEMS

GENERAL (Impacts all)

Care & Community Justice Update

HEALTH

Report Summary and Questions

COVID Updates

New items

OEM

Report Summary and Questions

COVID Updates

SHU COVID Coordination

New Items

RESCUE

Report Summary and Questions

New items

FIRE

Report Summary and Questions

Maplewood Automatic Aid, Radio Coordination, and Joint Training

New items

POLICE

Report Summary and Questions

New Items

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic Safety Process

Annual traffic safety report - summary, progress, timing

Traffic Safety Tracking document

Line of sight/parking issue at Valley St and Hixon Pl.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATES (2nd Thursday of the Month)

February 11, 2021

March 11, 2021

ADJOURNMENT



January Public Safety Committee Report

- Village President Collum and OEM Coordinator Egelberg declared a State of Emergency on March 13 regarding the coronavirus.
- Coordinator Egelberg secured an additional \$200,363,76 in CARES Act funding for the Village, bringing to a total of \$417,467.22 in CARES Act funding during the course of 2020.
- OEM has been assisting the other departments in South Orange with their response to complaints of non-compliance with the Executive Orders set forth by the governor.
- Coordinator Egelberg has been meeting with Seton Hall University on a bi-weekly basis to go over their COVID response.
- Coordinator Egelberg has created a new COVID-19 dashboard for the southorangecovid19.com website.
- Coordinator Egelberg is working closely with his counterparts in Maplewood to provide information to residents. Currently all the information is on the various town websites.
- Coordinator Egelberg has been assisting the town with messaging during the pandemic and responding to various media requests regarding South Orange's COVID-19 response.
- South Orange was approved for FEMA disaster funding due to Tropical Storm Isaias. Coordinator Egelberg is working with various town departments on their costs to present to FEMA for reimbursement.
- Coordinator Egelberg personally retrained all the SOPD patrol officers in CPR and first aid.



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Report to the Health and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, January 14th 2021

Sean Cass – Captain

December Responses

Month	South Orange	Maplewood	Newark	Total
December	69	24	11	104

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route: 2:32

Average time from Dispatch to On Scene: 6:33

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 1 Minute: 35%

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 3 Minutes: 69%

COVID-19 Updates

- All COVID-19 protections remain in place
 - Reporting has continued to the Essex County EMS Coordinator and NJ DOH
- Project Application submitted to FEMA (In Review) for COVID related expenses
- PPE Sourcing has continued
- Daily health screenings are being performed, as required by Executive Order No. 192
- Area hospitals maintain restrictions on visitation
- SORS members have begun to receive their COVID-19 Vaccines
- 89 (+8) Suspected / Confirmed COVID Responses since March 1st, 2020
 - First – March 8th, 2020
 - Most Recent – January 3rd, 2020

General Updates

- 3 Crews were staffed during the December 17th Winter Storm
 - SORS responded to a residential fire where the occupants were evaluated, and rehab services provided to SOFD
- Williams Foundation Grant
 - Received \$5,000 to support our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Fundraising efforts are ongoing
 - Frozen Fest for EMS 4-Miler: 103 Participants / Donors - Raised \$4,900
 - Responses to our annual Fund Drive are on-par with previous years
 - Increase in online donations

Robert Wood Johnson – Daytime Coverage

- A miscommunication occurred between RWJ's dispatch center (MedCentral) and REMCS which resulted in the South Orange unit being sent into Maplewood for a call.
 - SORS immediately had members stand by at our HQ to cover any calls in town.
- I confirmed with RWJ management that the policy regarding the dedicated South Orange unit's use remains unchanged.



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SORS 2020 Response Statistics

Town	Calls
South Orange	826
Maplewood	248
Newark	113
Orange	8
Irvington	5
East Orange	1
West Orange	1
Florham Park	1
Secaucus	1
Total	1,204

EMS Shift	
On-Duty Crew	1,002 (83%)
Backup Crew	202 (17%)
Call Disposition	
Transports	59 %
Refusal of Care	31 %
Other (Cancel, Standby, etc.)	10 %
Most Popular Destination	
Saint Barnabas	61 %

'Top 10' Call Types	
Sick Person	22 %
Falls	15 %
Psychiatric	12 %
Breathing Problem	8 %
MVC	5 %
Unconscious	5 %
Chest Pain	4 %
Injury	3 %
Unknown	3 %
Overdose	2 %

SORS 2020 Average Response Times

Location(s)	Dispatch to En-Route	Dispatch to On Scene
South Orange	2:00	5:44
Comprehensive	2:14	6:32

Robert Wood Johnson 2020 Response Statistics

Awaiting complete 2020 response data.



SOUTH ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
52 Sloan Street South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Daniel J. Sullivan
Chief of Department

Fire Department Report / January 06, 2021
For the Period of 01 December 2020 thru 31 December 2020.

- 1.) The Fire Official continues to interact with the New Jersey Office of Child and Family Services, the Health Officer and other Village agencies having jurisdiction, regarding local child day care protocols and regulations, and violations of NJ State License issued.
- 2.) The Fire Department continues to provide assistance to the Seton Hall Housing and Residence Life Department and the Department of Public Safety and Security to ensure dormitory and life safety. This fire safety assistance has been expanded to address specific measures to ensure fire safety and fire prevention under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code and in anticipation of a hybrid re-opening of the educational facility in the near future.
- 3.) Routine enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code has resumed utilizing CDC protocols and utilizing abundance of caution for all Fire Inspectors as they carry out their fire prevention and life safety inspections in various locations.
- 4.) The Fire Official continues to assist and provide appropriate code counsel to various restaurants and business establishments regarding outdoor tent structures and applicable heat, electric, means of egress, and occupancy limits during the current COVID-19 health crisis.
- 5.) The Fire Official continues to assist and coordinate with various architects and fire protection engineers as new development evolves. This includes coordination with the Village Water Utility Director on matters of water quantity delivery applicable to fire suppression systems.
- 6.) The Fire Official and Fire Prevention Bureau continue to work with new retail establishments in assisting them in expedited fashion for the good of the business community and in the interest of fire and life safety with special consideration given to those businesses and locations that are impacted by executive orders issued by the State of New Jersey due to pandemic issues.
- 7.) The Fire Department responded to 210 incidents for a variety of emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, natural gas investigations, electrical emergencies, and assorted service calls. Mutual Aid response was provided to the City of Orange (1), Irvington (1), and East Orange (1) during this report period.
- 8.) The Fire Chief is in the process of coordinating an automatic aid response plan for specific incident responses to assist the Maplewood Fire Department.
- 9.) The Fire Chief and Department Training Officers attended the Basic Class Graduation for five Recruits at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy on 23 December 2020. Now Probationary Firefighters, these members will continue in a probationary status and receive in-

house training in numerous aspects of the daily operations and other lifesaving aspects of their positions as probationary firefighters.

- 10.) The Fire Chief and Fire Department staff continues to participate and field test current radio equipment to address below grade portable radio transmission and reception issue. This portable radio communications deficiency is ongoing and is the subject of review with the Village President, Public Safety Committee members and Village Administrator. Related, the radio transmission and reception issues being experienced in this jurisdiction are also being experienced in other jurisdictions in the United States and is also the subject of a Harris County, Texas legal filing resulting from the death of a Texas Firefighter where the inconsistent operation of the radio system is claimed to have contributed to the line of duty death referenced. (Harris County District Court 2019-12251 / Court:125) Additional communication has been had with Motorola Solutions, Allegiant Wireless, and the NJ State representative for technology on the matter.
- 11.) The Fire Chief, also serving as a Deputy Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Management, has been active in that role in the interest of public health and safety. Of strategic importance is the locating and procurement of specific personal protective equipment for use by fire department personnel as well as associated public safety agencies due to potential for exposure while in the course of carrying out official duties on a daily basis.
- 12.) Appropriate General Orders and directives have been issued to all personnel in a proactive effort to prevent the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among fire department members.
- 13.) Due to the recent Coronavirus, aka COVID-19, the Fire Department has modified several aspects of the mission to protect fire department members while maintaining quality service and fire protection to the Village and surrounding jurisdictions. This includes treating every response as a potential threat to health and safety. Accordingly, call screening has been enhanced at the fire department communications desk as well as of central dispatch when incident calls are received through that method. On-scene protocols have been modified as well, in the interest of health and safety. In-house regimens, in terms of prevention and pro-active antivirus activity on a daily and consistent basis is in progress. Mutual Aid to surrounding jurisdictions has been modified by the Essex County Fire Coordinator in the interest of firefighter health and safety.
- 14.) All health issues being reported by members, who are exercising an abundance of caution, are being referred to the Health Officer and/or Public Health Nurse for review, consultation, and direction. Related, all fire department members are queried as to their immediate health and submit to an in-house measurement of human body temperature at daily roll call. Fire Department members who have travelled to any of the now identified 45 states experiencing above normal rates of COVID-19 positive cases have been subjected to additional assessment and appropriate quarantine upon their return to New Jersey. Nine members have been ordered to quarantine / isolate due to close contact and/or exposure to COVID-19 positive persons.
- 15.) Overtime hours worked during the time period 01 December 2020 thru 31 December 2020 equals 1,114.50 hours total, (12/01-12/02=48 hrs//12/03-12/16=448.50 hrs// 12/17-12-31= 618 hrs) due to manpower shortage, COVID – 19 related exposure sick leave, and mutual aid responses to contiguous jurisdictions (3).

The Township of South Orange Village

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE FORCE



KYLE M. KROLL
Chief of Police

Chief Kroll,

January 4, 2021

Part 1 crimes for the month of December 2020...

(2) ASSAULTS (2) CLEARS (2) ARRESTS:

(10) THEFTS (0) CLEARS (0) ARRESTS:

(0) HOMICIDES, (0) RAPES, (0) ROBBERIES, (0) BURGALRIES, (0) AUTO THEFTS, (0) ARSONS

16% CLEAR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

37% CLEAR YEAR TO DATE

Memo to: Kyle Kroll, Police Chief

Date: December, 2020

Subject: **PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS**

The following Part 1 Crime Statistics are submitted:

	2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Robbery	0	7	2	10	0	10	6	19	2	31
Assault	2	27	4	31	2	33	2	35	2	29
Burglary	0	8	1	21	2	38	0	34	1	58
Theft	10	157	11	233	23	230	19	226	23	235
MV Theft	0	36	6	25	1	26	0	22	5	36
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	12	235	24	320	28	337	27	337	33	390