



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Health & Public Safety Committee Meeting

WEBEX- Virtual Meeting
South Orange, NJ 07079

February 11 , 2021; 6PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Call to order

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 21, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEALTH

RESCUE

FIRE

POLICE

OEM

REPORT SUMMARY & QUESTIONS, FOLLOW UP AND NEW ITEMS

GENERAL (Impacts all)

Community Care & Justice Update

Agenda Prep/Process

HEALTH

Report Summary and Questions

COVID Updates

New items

OEM

Report Summary and Questions

COVID Updates

SHU COVID Coordination

Winter Storm Outcome

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 update

Annual traffic safety report - follow up

Traffic Safety Tracking document

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

Masterplan Community Input

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATES (2nd Thursday of the Month)

March 11, 2021

April 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT



Township of South Orange Village

Department of Health
John M. Festa, Health Officer

TO: President Donna Coalier and the Board of Health

FROM: John M. Festa, Health Officer

DATE: January 25, 2021

RE: Monthly Report

PUBLIC

1. The following retail food establishments (RFE's) were inspected and received an initial satisfactory rating: Toro Loco, A & D Liquors, Neighbor's Wine (Formerly University Liquors), Bunny's, and Wine Emporium.
2. The 2021 pet renewals were mailed on December 28th 2020. So far we have licensed 100 dogs' and 6 cats.
3. On December 8th at 6:15 p.m. I received a call regarding an injured raccoon. The resident saw the injured raccoon behind the middle school at 8 a.m. I notified St. Hubert's Animal Welfare. Unfortunately, the resident called us more than 10 hours later.
4. On December 10th we received a report from the NJ Environmental Laboratory. A dog attacked a squirrel. The squirrel was negative for rabies.
5. On December 11th I called the NJDHSS, Communicable Disease Service. I am trying to get Jespy House and Village Apartments under Phase 1A for COVID-19 vaccinations. There is an agreement between the Federal Government, Walgreens, and CVS. Unfortunately, registration closed in November 2020. We are working with the point of contact from the NJDHSS.
6. On December 26, 2020 was the kick-off for the Essex County Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics. Presently, there are four vaccination locations. The County will have a fifth location on January 18th, the Donald Payne Building in Newark. The location for South Orange is at the Livingston Mall at the former Sears Store. Other municipalities at this location include: Livingston, Millburn, Maplewood, Orange, Belleville, and Newark. The Regional Clinics will be operating Monday through Saturday.

At the request of Maya Lordo, the Essex County Health Officer, she would like to have one municipal health officer at their clinics every day. Each week I spend one to two days at the Sears vaccination site.

PUBLIC

7. On December 28th I received a call/concern from a resident on Fairview Avenue. On December 27th they were visiting some friends in Woodcliff Lake, in Bergen County. Their dog killed a raccoon. They were having difficulty locating the proper health department/animal control. I contacted the Bergen County Department of Health, they cover Woodcliff Lake. An animal control officer retrieved the raccoon and sent the specimen to the State Public Health Environmental Laboratory. We should receive a report within 2 to 3 days.
8. On December 28th we received a complaint for a barking dog on Melrose Place. I forwarded this complaint to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare center to be investigated.
9. **Update:** see #7 above. On December 30th we received the report from the NJ Environmental Laboratory. The raccoon was positive for rabies. I notified our residents and their friends in Wood Cliff Lake. I also notified animal control at the Bergen County Department of Health. Everyone needs to start their anti-rabies shots immediately.
10. On December 30th we were told that a deer was impaled on a fence on Beech Spring Road. The deer was removed from the fence and was released.
11. On January 5th we received a rodent complaint from a resident on Varsity Road. The resident stated that their neighbor was feeding the wildlife. There is also a vacant house in Newark on Woodbine. Code and health will work on this complaint.
12. On January 11th we received a rodent complaint from a resident on Village Road. The resident stated that it is worse during the spring & summer. Many of the neighbors have their compost sites. Code and health will work on this complaint.
13. On January 16th we inspected Papillion's 25. They have a conditional satisfactory rating. Some of the violations included: Improper cooling of chicken (chicken was kept on the counter at 65 degrees Fahrenheit), Person in Charge knowledge was not adequate for this establishment, there was not any ServSafe certified people on-site. Lastly, they were reusing chemical containers (liquid soap & sanitizer) and storing food (raw chicken) in them. All of that food was destroyed. There will be a re-inspection. The owners must pay a re-inspection fee prior to the re-inspection.



February Public Safety Committee Report

- Village President Collum and OEM Coordinator Egelberg declared a State of Emergency on March 13 regarding the coronavirus.
- 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 been assisting the town with messaging during the pandemic and responding to various media requests regarding South Orange's COVID-19 response.
- We had a winter storm on 1/31. Coordinator Egelberg was incident command for the town and assisted with messaging throughout the storm. We are currently reviewing our response to the latest storm to see if there are any better practices to adopt.
- 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 submit to FEMA for reimbursement. The Township had their Request for Public Assistance approved on 2/1 and are now in the scoping phase.
- Essex County has been deemed eligible to receive funding from the winter storm on 1/31-2/2. Preliminary Disaster Assessments were received by SOPD, SOFD and DPW on 2/5 and are now with the county for review.



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Report to the Health and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, February 11th 2021

Sean Cass – Captain

January Responses

Month	South Orange	Maplewood	Newark	Irvington	Orange	Total
January	69	28	8	2	1	108

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route: 2:13

Average time from Dispatch to On Scene: 5:58

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 1 Minute: 37%

Average time from Dispatch to En-Route < 3 Minutes: 73%

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
 - FEMA has announced an expansion of reimbursement at “100% federal share” for eligible work between January 2020 and September 30th 2021.
- 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 2nd COVID-19 Vaccines
- 99 (+10) Suspected / Confirmed COVID Responses since March 1st, 2020
 - Most Recent – Tuesday, February 2nd 2021

General Updates

- Schedule has been updated for the Spring
 - 31 Members on schedule (2 newly accepted)
- 2 Members received promotions after successful completion of their training programs
 - One member promoted to Crew Chief
 - One member promoted to 2nd EMT
- Early stages of partnering with SHU to form an Internship Program
 - Targeted for students in healthcare majors
 - Possibility of credits being awarded
- Sunday crew had two successful CPR saves in the month of January

Robert Wood Johnson – Daytime Coverage

- No incidents reported.



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

Daniel J. Sullivan
Chief of Department

Fire Department Report / February 01, 2021
For the Period of 01 January 2021 thru 31 January 2021.

- 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 coordination of the hy-flex semester opening of the educational facility for the Spring semester.
- 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 208 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 (2), East Orange (5), and Newark (1) during this report period.
- 8.) The Fire Chief is in the process of coordinating an automatic aid agreement with the assigned South Orange legal counsel in response to crafting a legal agreement for specific incident responses to assist the Maplewood Fire Department.
- 9.) The Fire Chief and Department Training Officers have conducted additional in-house specific firefighter training in anticipation of tour assignments for each probationary firefighter. These

members will continue in a probationary status and continue to receive in-house training in numerous aspects of the daily operations. firefighting strategies and tactics, safe response modes in association with Certified Emergency Vehicle Operator training, 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 has coordinated a point of contact system between the Village of South Orange and the New Jersey Systems Manager for Motorola Solutions Inc. in response to a recent communications issue and repair response issue affecting EMS, Fire, and Police Department communications systems.
- 12.) 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.
- 13.) 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.
- 14.) 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.
- 15.) 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.
- 16.) Overtime hours worked during the time period 01 January 2021 thru 31 January 2021 equals 767 hours total, (01/01-01/13=249 hrs//01/14-01/27=380 hrs// 01/28-01/31= 138 hrs) due to manpower shortage, COVID – 19 related exposure sick leave, and mutual aid responses to contiguous jurisdictions (8).

Memo to: Kyle Kroll, Police Chief

Date: January, 2021

Subject: **PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS**

The following Part 1 Crime Statistics are submitted:

	2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Assault	2	2	1	1	0	0	4	4	5	5
Burglary	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4
Theft	8	8	18	18	24	24	16	16	18	18
MV Theft	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	4
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	15	15	23	23	26	26	23	23	32	32

The Township of South Orange Village

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY- POLICE FORCE



KYLE M. KROLL
Chief of Police

Chief Kroll,

February 3, 2021

Part 1 crimes for month of January 2021.....

(2) ASSALTS (2) CLEARS (2) ARRESTS:

(3) BURGLARIES (0) CLEARS (0) ARRESTS:

(8) THEFTS (3) CLEARS (2) ARRESTS:

(2) AUTO THEFTS (0) CLEARS (0) ARRESTS:

(0) HOMICIDES, (0) RAPES, (0) ROBBERIES, (0) ARSONS

33% clear for the month of January

33% clear year to date