

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

To : Mayor Romano and Township Committee

From: Michael J Ward Coordinator

Re: Monthly Report

Date: June 11th 2008

THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED OVER THE PAST MONTHS

The 20/20 Mitigation Plan that has been in the works since last year is just about complete. The Meadowlands Commission has sent the plan to the state for approval. Once this is approved we will be notified and an ordinance will need to be created to adopt this.

The county has requested we submit several mitigation projects to be included in the planning process, I have chosen the following:

Dredge both Ditches in the North end of time, Jet and clean both lines.

Redesign or elevate the Saddle River Ave Bridge in the Garfield Park Section.

The elevation of the Sewer Ejector Station located in the Garfield Park Section.

NIMS' training is continuing. Our main list has been updated as well as copies of certificates on file. **Committee members need to take ICS 100, IS 700 and ICS 402 ICS for Executives.** We are still in compliance and able to receive funds as we have several certified in all ICS courses and an active training program. The ICS 300 is 24 hours long and the heads of the departments are required to take this class. All other responders need to be to the level of ICS 200. At this time we have several township employees and or volunteers certified in ICS 300.

In January we started collecting applications for the County ID System for First Responders have been distributed. The Police Dept. is 100% returns, Officers have received their IDs. We now have permission from Bergen County to go into secured database to input the information. I have met with Chief Frew and will be inputting the data through the PD computer.

Department heads have sent in their resources and they are being placed into the NJ State resource Database This database will help the communities out by knowing what resources are available statewide.

Over the past couple months I attended several meetings. They were on EMS, OEM I attended the NJEPA Conference in the 1st week of May, where I networked with local, county, state & national managers and companies. I retook the OEM Liability course and several others. This is an OEM/EMS Conference and credit for attending goes towards the coordinators 24 hour ceu training. Then there is 2 EMS Conferences in October followed by the League of Municipalities in November

I am currently teaching ICS classes this past month and have several schedule for the this month. We will be having an ICS 100 and IS 700 Class in the ambulance building on June 7th 2008. I still need to coordinate with the department heads on when their employees are available to take the required courses.

The Office of Emergency responded to several incidents this past month and has placed reports on file at the office. The Office of Emergency Management has logged a total of 205 Hours this past month. 49 Hours have been dedicated to training and 58 hours attending meetings.

The Office of Emergency Management was also involved with Government Day and the tour of the government building with the 1st graders from Memorial School.

The Office of Emergency Management maintains daily and weekly checks of The Saddle River Ave Bridge, Communication with the Garfield Park residents and both Rizer ditches.

Our office is located in the Ambulance Building, our phone number is still 201-440-1815 ext 165 please leaving message and someone will return you call. I am still setting up the office and files.

I have been working with Linda and Kevin with sending information for the website; more information will be forthcoming shortly. Several new articles have been placed on the web-site under the public safety icon with the dept. for OEM. The web-site is www.southhackensacknj.org/oem

Please check the website frequently as there will be more articles coming up on the spring season to include Hurricane Season. We are also looking into an e-mail notification list to be used in times of storms and emergencies,

When I am not in the area either on vacation or attending a class, the town is not without coverage. Chief Frew is available and is in communications with me. **If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with emergency management, please call our office at 201-440-1815 ext.165.**

As you can see the Office of Emergency Management is being placed into more and more situations involving planning, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

Information on all types of hazards is available at our office. Please call or e-mail michaelshoem1@aol.com.

Safety Report:

On the side of safety, we held our quarterly meeting this past month, minutes will be forthcoming. As a reminder safety is the responsibility of everyone managers, supervisors, employees, volunteers and our residents and business community. If anyone sees any safety hazards please report them to either the police department, DPW, Township Clerk or OEM. The National Safety Council traditionally hosts National Safety Month every June and promote safety throughout the country, this year's observance target the most significant reasons for unintentional deaths at home, in the workplace, and on the road, with the week of June 2nd through the 6th set aside to encourage emergency preparedness.

Yours in Preparedness

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