

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

To : Mayor Eckel and Township Committee

From: Michael J Ward Coordinator

Re: OEM Mid Year Report January to June

Date: June 2, 2011

THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE.

This year has been quite busy. We had a total of 10 incidents totaling 117 Hrs, incidents were 1 Fire, 1 Hazardous Materials, 1 Water Main Break, 1 Power Outage, 1 notification on plane emergency landing on route 80, and 6 weather related. We just started Hurricane Season which runs from June 1st to November 30th. We did receive a dam advisory from United Water for the Hackensack River no incidents occurred.

Sent numerous e-mails to all departments as well as several articles from the web-site.

Attended numerous meetings for a total of 75 hours on OEM preparedness, emergency medical services as well as JIF safety awards breakfast meeting.

Worked a total of 50 hours in the office reorganizing and filling paperwork. Updating plans.

Spent a total of 166 hours on receiving training and a total of 125 hours on teaching various incident management courses. Total training of 291 Hours from January to June.

Developed a committee from South Hackensack Dept heads regarding the 2013 conversion to narrow-banding radio and licensing.

Attended and set up town hall visit with Memorial School 1st graders, thanks to all departments who helped.

We have in place a mutual aid agreement with Lodi OEM for assistance during heavy rain storms. We are working with them and supporting a letter to the county on trying to get some type of mitigation grant to redesign the Saddle River Avenue/Marcellus Bridge.

I have been actively involved with the residents and businesses in the Garfield Park section before, during and after a heavy rain.

I have been doing weekly checks of the township all sections as well as the Saddle River. During storms I frequently check all areas and keep an extra eye on the river.

I am part of the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association as their volunteer branch director where I deal with over 50 volunteers at different functions during the May conference therefore there is no conference cost to the township.

The following training courses were taken:

Logistic Section Chief five day course
Planning Section Chief four day course
Resource Unit Leader Course four day course

Attended the following conferences:
Homeland Security Conference in March two day class

New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference in Atlantic City 1st week of May, where I attended 4 individual classes on ICS Forms and the Incident Action Plan, Get Ready and Planning for the media and the new Highway Traffic Incident Safety Program where I will be able to teach this session. Met with over 100 vendors and networked with many local, county and state public safety workers.

There are more training courses as well as conference' for the next six months including the league of municipalities that I will be attending. I will also be putting additional tips out on the web-site as well as keeping the committee, department heads and residents informed of any and all preparedness tips and information the best location to get this information is the township web-site.

As you can see Emergency Management is quite busy and getting more and more involved with activities as well as information. We are actively looking for volunteers to help in various jobs. If you are available and can give time please contact me at michaelshoem1@aol.com.

Once again thank you for your support.

Yours in Preparedness

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