

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

The Springfield Township Emergency Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM

Members present: F. DePaul; K. Schwartz; G. Wilmot; J. Frye; J. Lesniak; E. Leneghan; M. Pitkow; E. McNamara; P. DePaul III and R. Chiarlanza.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made (Lesniak/Schwartz) to dispense with reading of the December minutes; they were accepted as corrected.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Robert Chiarlanza, EMC

EMC Chiarlanza advised the Board that he has made updates to the Active 911 alert system. He also advised the Board that Police Specialist Katie Carr has completed ICS 300 training and will be appointed to the emergency management staff.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE: Chief Michael Pitkow

Chief Pitkow announced the 1st Public Safety Forum is scheduled for March 19th at 7:00 PM, at the Township Building. The forum is based on cyber security and will be hosted by Detective Steve Craig.

Chief Pitkow discussed the PennDOT plans for a road diet along the Cheltenham Ave corridor. The Board plans to review plans once they have been released.

Chief Pitkow discussed the two heavy snow events that were recently experienced in Springfield Township. Chief Pitkow praised his officers for their diligence in notifying Township residents to remove their vehicles from the street during the declared snow emergency's.

AMBLER AMBULANCE: Assistant Chief Erin Leneghan

No Report

FLOURTOWN FIRE COMPANY: Chief George Wilmot

Chief Wilmot provided draft copies of arrival and radio operational guidelines to the Board for review. The intent is to standardize radio and apparatus arrival procedures

throughout the Township. The Board agreed to review the submitted materials and discuss at a later date.

WYNDMOOR HOSE COMPANY: Chief Francis DePaul

Chief DePaul discussed that the Wyndmoor Hose Company has finalized the sale of its surrounding parcels and has obtained RFPs from four different architectural firms to renovate the existing firehouse. The WHCO has obtained the services of Delran Builders to perform the construction management duties.

ORELAND FIRE COMPANY: Deputy Chief Joelle Lesniak

Deputy Chief Lesniak reported that the new Engine 702 is currently being outfitted with equipment. They anticipate placing the unit into active service in mid-April.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Elizabeth McNamara

Commissioner McNamara thanked Chief Pitkow and his officers for their support of the Public Safety Forum and looks forward to the upcoming collaboration.

Commissioner McNamara advised that plans are in place for the 2nd Public Safety Forum, regarding domestic violence, and is in the planning stage with County stakeholders. She anticipates scheduling the forum for the end of April.

FIRE MARSHAL: Pat DePaul III

FM DePaul provided an update on the electrical fire at the Springfield Middle School that occurred on January 21, 2026. FM DePaul stated that he enlisted the services of United Inspection Agency to assess the area of origin and to provide recommendations to the District. United Inspection Agency is the Township appointed third-party electrical inspection agency for Springfield Township. The findings of UIA were sent to FM DePaul, along with recommendations. FM DePaul advised he shared that report, along with his completed fire report, to Superintendent Yannacone.

FM DePaul advised the McDonald's restaurant has installed a KNOX Box along with a master key at the request of the Fire Marshal. In addition to that, the property manager, along with FM DePaul, recently updated the keys in all KNOX Box locations at the Flourtown Shopping Center complex.

FM DePaul advised the Board that final inspections have been completed, along with Certificate's of Occupancy, for several newly constructed homes at Pennybrook Court in Flourtown.

FM DePaul advised the Board that a Notice of Violation has been issued to the Oreland Market, following a recent inspection. The inspection was conducted in response to the

Township being notified by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board concerning possible code violations.

FM DePaul updated the Board on the extended care facility resource requirement list. Several of the facilities have completed the list, while the remaining are working on completion.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Captain Jake Frye, Flourtown Fire Company, advised the Board that Montgomery County is working to update the active shooter response plan to include fire companies. Plans are underway at the county level to include awareness training for first responders.

Chief Wilmot, Flourtown Fire Company, was pleased to announce that Springfield Township has maintained its ISO Class 3 rating. This rating, issued by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), evaluates a community's ability to suppress fires and respond to emergencies. It considers factors such as fire department staffing and training, apparatus and equipment, emergency communications, and water supply. ISO ratings range from Class 1, which is the best, to Class 10 which indicates minimal fire protection.

For context, the majority of fire departments nationwide are rated Class 4-10. Achieving and sustaining a Class 3 rating places Springfield Township among the top tier of fire protection in the country. This is especially remarkable given that our fire service is 100% volunteer, consisting of the Flourtown Fire Company, Oreland Fire Company, and the Wyndmoor Hose Company.

Fire Marshal DePaul announced that he submitted a news article regarding the ISO rating for the Spring Newsletter, praising the fire companies for their continued dedication, and authored the article to help increase recruitment and retention of volunteers in Springfield Township.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat DePaul
Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer