



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
JOINT BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
WORKSHOP
April 8, 2025
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

LOCATION: Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs PA 19425

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Salute to the Flag
 - B. Moment of Silence
 - C. Inquire if any Attendee plans to audio or video record the Workshop

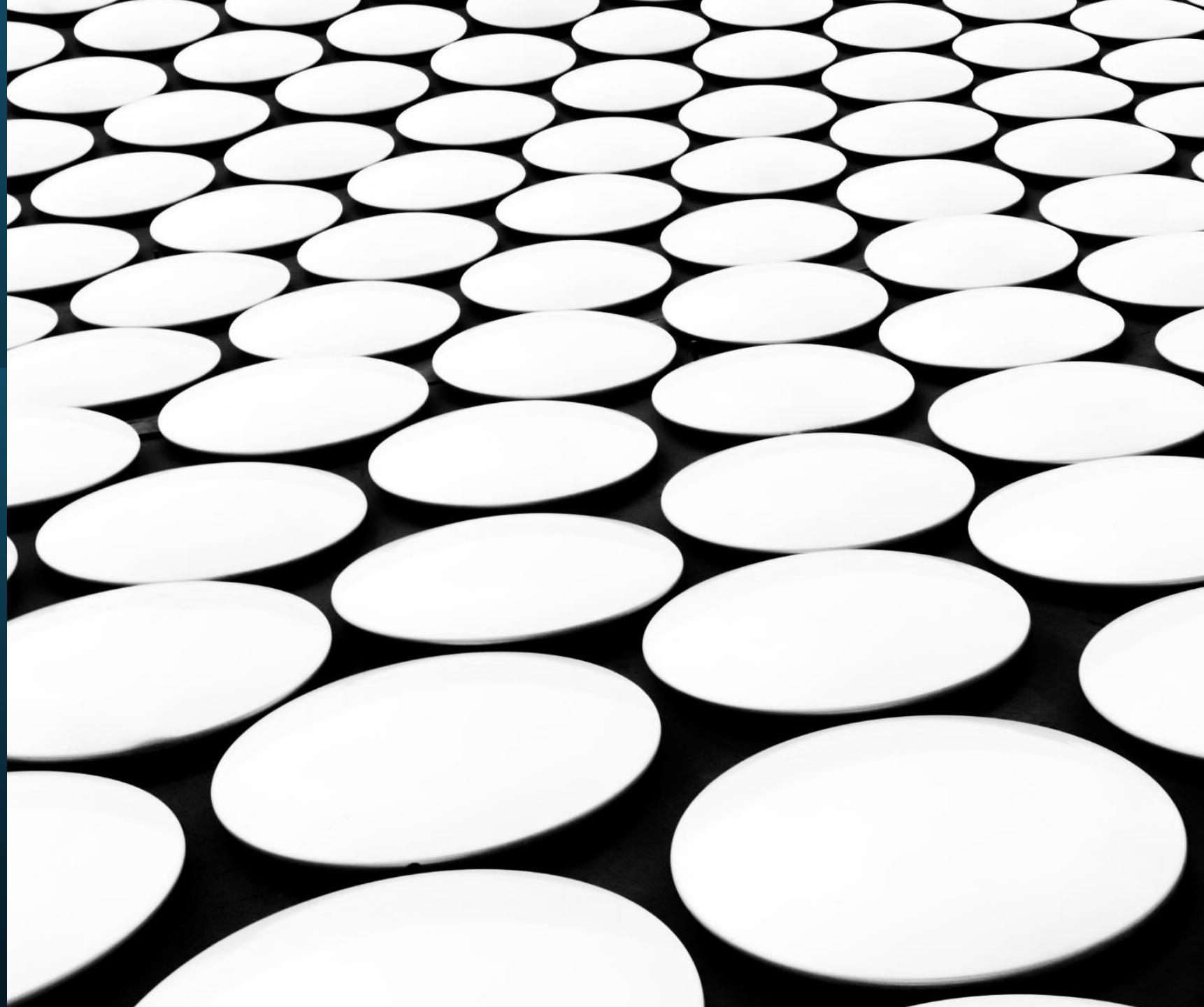
- II. Boards and Commissions Updates
 - A. Historic Commission - Vivian McCardell, Chair
 - B. Municipal Authority - Bob Watts, Chair; Matt Brown, Administrator
 - C. Park & Recreation Board - Sushila Subramanian, Chair
 - D. Planning Commission - Sally Winterton, Chair
 - E. Technology Advisory Board - Ric Bassler, Chair; Gwen Jonik
 - F. Zoning Hearing Board - Jim Greaney, Chair
 - G. Emergency Management Planning Commission - Byron Nickerson, Chair;
Steve Hirsh, Vice-Chair
 - H. Environmental Advisory Council – Neil Phillips, Chair

- III. Open Session

- IV. Adjournment

Emergency
Management Planning
Commission
(April 2025)

Activities and Initiatives



EMPC Mission

(Per resolution #06-19-06-04)

- Provide the BOS and Township Manager with **advice on all matters pertaining to the delivery of emergency services** (excluding the police).
- Prepare an **ongoing and long-range planning guide** addressing the needs of the Township as **presently and prospectively developed**.
- Serve as the **liaison between the Township and emergency service providers (ESPs)**.
- Assist in the **coordination of contracts with ESPs** and assist in the **distribution of dedicated Township funds**.
- Prepare, maintain and keep current an **Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**.
- Establish, equip and staff an **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**.
- Prepare/submit an **annual budget** by November 1 each year.

EMPC Vision

- Complete the EMPC's mission in an ethical, trustworthy, **timely** and high-quality manner.
- Protect UUT residents and our neighbors through hazard identification, prevention and mitigation; community awareness and preparedness; incident response support; incident recovery support; etc.
- **Plan** ahead, expect the unexpected, and be prepared.
- Continuous, **360-degree communication**.
- Support EMPC members to attain their **EM-related** and **personal** goals.
- Maintain a sense of **trust and teamwork** with the BOS, Township Manager, the community, Emergency Service Providers, Emergency Management Neighbors (e.g., the DES, Park, other EMCs, etc.), and each other.
- Learn about emergency management via a wide variety of informational mechanisms.

EMPC Committee Teams

- COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS – JAMIE GONCHAROFF, JEFF CHURCHVARA, JULIE HEARN-NICELY, JEFF BENACH, CHIEF JONES. LINDSAY YEAGER, STEVEN HIRSH
 - HOA INITIATIVES
 - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
 - SOCIAL MEDIA
- EMERGENCY SERVICES – KEVIN COOK, CHIEF JONES, TONY SCHEIVERT, JEFF BENACH, STEVEN HIRSH
 - COMPENSATION REVIEW
 - EMERGENCY SERVICES ANALYSES
 - EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND POLICE DEPARTMENT COORDINATION
- FLOODING CONCERNS – CATHY TOMLINSON, CHIEF JONES, MIKE ESTERLIS, STEVEN HIRSH, JULIE HEARN-NICELY, JEFF BENACH
- PIPELINES – STEVEN HIRSH, CHIEF JONES
 - CHESTER COUNTY PIPELINE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD – (CHAIR, HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE)
 - HEALTH & SAFETY REVIEWS (PIPELINE EOP, EMERGING ISSUES, ETC.)
- PECO ENERGY SURGES – CATHY TOMLINSON, STEVEN HIRSH
- ACTION PLANS REVIEWS AND UPDATES - STEVEN HIRSH, CHIEF JONES, KEVIN COOK
- EMPC TRAILER – JAMIE GONCHAROFF, JEFF BENACH, STEVEN HIRSH, MIKE ESTERLIS
- HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – STEVEN HIRSH, CHIEF JONES, KEVIN COOK
- TABLETOP EXERCISE(S) – STEVEN HIRSH, CHIEF JONES
- UUT WEB SITE MODIFICATION – LINDSAY YEAGER

Ongoing and Planned Activities

- ✓ COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS
- ✓ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) ACTIVATION AND ALTERNATE EOC PLANNING
- ✓ ROUTINE INTERACTIONS WITH EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS (3RD ANNUAL ESP ROUNDTABLE, ESP SITE VISITS)
- ✓ PIPELINE EOP-RELATED ACTIVITIES (REVIEW, MEETINGS, TTX, ETC.)
- ✓ EMPC/TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER RECRUITING
- ✓ COMMUNITY TRAINING OFFERINGS
 - ✓ FIRST AID/CPR/AED COURSES
- ✓ HAZARD MITIGATION (EOP - FLOODING ANNEX, PECO POWER SURGE ADVOCACY, ETC.)
- ✓ COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TRAILER
 - ✓ CONSTRUCTION (ONGOING)
 - ✓ PRIORITIZED EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT (DONATION-BASED)
- ✓ FIVE-YEAR CHESCO AND UUT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
- ✓ CHLORINE TANKER RELEASE TTX PLANNING
- ✓ WINTER WEATHER TTX
- ✓ ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL EMCs

Noteworthy Topics for Discussion

- EMPC RESPONSIBILITY: IDENTIFY, PLAN AND ACTIVELY MITIGATE FOR WHAT CAN AND CAN'T POSSIBLY, BUT MIGHT HAPPEN
- Thank you to the BOS, Tony, Kathi, Gwen, Joe Carr, and the DPW staff!
 - Supportive and forward-looking
- EMC and Deputy EMC roles & responsibilities
 - Transition plan in place
- Volunteer identification and training
 - Identified & trained vs spontaneous
 - Roles: health, animals, logistics, finance, communications, volunteer management, etc.
- EMPC Community Assistance Trailer
 - Broad Township applications
 - EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY STORAGE NEEDED
- HAZARD IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION



Questions, Comments, Suggestions



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
11 AM

JOIN US AT HICKORY PARK
FOR OUR 7TH ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A
DONATION FOR THE



SPONSORED BY UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION





Earth Day Celebration

A Free Community Event | Celebrating the Environment
Sponsored by Upper Uwchlan Environmental Advisory Council

April 26, 2025
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Upland Farm Barn
301 Pottstown Pike
Chester Springs, PA 19425

- Activities for the whole family
- Environmental demonstrations
- Sustainable products & services
- Explore our trails and connect with nature
- Food and beverages for purchase by Liberty Union Bar and Grill
- Live music by Bob Starner



More Information
upperuwchlan-pa.gov/eac