LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
2207 Lawrence Road
Lawrence Township, New Jersey 08648

Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Members Present:	Christopher Bobbit, Mayor/Council Liaison Christopher Longo, Deputy Municipal Manager/Public Safety Director Edward Tencza, Fire Marshal Kevin Reading, Interim Chief of Police Christopher Laird, Community Representative Charles Sista, Community Representative Kenneth Kiernan, Community Representative Martin Burch, Community Representative
Members Absent:	Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Levine, Health Officer Jim DeForte, Construction Official Christina Vincent, Emergency Management Chief Raymond Nagy, Lawrenceville Fire Company Michael Oakley, Slackwood Fire Company David Moore, Lawrence Road Fire Company James Kownacki, Community Representative Ron Dziminski, Community Representative Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative
Public Attendee:	Sylwia & Peter Kobus

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Edward Tencza at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the Committee and approved.

Public Participation

Sylwia Kobus- Question about the location of new Emergency Center?

Christopher Longo- The whole Township is under consideration for the location of the Center, based on the upcoming studies of calls for service, traffic, etc., the recommendation will be given at the end of April/May.

Old Business

Fire Study- Christopher Longo-Update on new fire study should be available by mid-summer.

New Business

Edward Tencza- Introduced new committee members, Martin Burch and Kenneth Kiernan and Mayor Christopher Bobbit as the new Council Liaison.

Keith Levine- Absent from the meeting but provided a written Health update statement read by Edward Tencza- We have seen an increase in Lawrence of dead and dying birds due to Avian Influenza. The health dept would like to remind the public to report any sick or dead large birds to the Lawrence animal control officer at (609) 844-7092 or to NJDEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife at 1-877-WARNDEP. Any small birds found dead can be bagged and disposed of in the regular trash, please remember to wear a mask and gloves when handling a dead animal. Although there have been cases of H5N1 bird flu among humans in the US, the risk to the general public remains low at this time and no human cases have been reported in NJ. Please also do not allow your pets to come into contact with sick or dead animals, especially birds.

Edward Tencza- Emergency Fire Apparatus Reports

Edward Tencza- All Fire Chiefs out on a fire call. Tower 203 out of service.

Edward Tencza-Public Safety Committee Media Article

Chief Kevin Reading- There was a Press Release out in February about an arrest for burglaries on Lawrence Road.

Elmwood Dasher has started as the Mental Health Officer and Ny'Air Campbell has started as the community officer. Transmission is going very well.

Shoplifting at mall back up-especially in Sephora at QBM.

Expecting car thefts to go back up with warmer weather on the way.

Conflict in Iran-have been in touch with houses of worship to reach out to us if they need any assistance.

There was a teen takeover incident at the Sky Zone and then the Wawa in Hamilton. Social media had hinted on that meet-up to happen at the Urban Air in the Lawrence Shopping Center. We had extra patrol presence that had deterred it from happening here.

Upcoming events are the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday the 28th, Coloring with Cops at the Mall on April 4th, and the Lawrence Little League Parade on April 11th.

Plan Review

No new reviews have been brought up.

Other Business/Correspondence

No other business or correspondence brought up for discussion.

Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. by Ed Tencza.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kania