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

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## Minutes

## Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Edward Tencza at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 10, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made by James Kownacki and was seconded by Jim DeForte to approve the minutes as written. All were in favor.

## Public Participation

Sylwia Kobus- Question about the Fire Study. When will be the next report?

Christopher Bobbitt- Still waiting to hear back from the consultant.

## Old Business

Fire Study- Christopher Longo not present, no new update.

## New Business

Keith Levine- Keeping an eye of FIFA, inflex of people coming into New Jersey. In touch with partners in North Jersey and the County. Received an inquiry about Hanta Virus which is rare in New Jersey. One strain spread by human to human. No cases in New Jersey. There are 2 contact cases being monitored but they are not in Lawrence Township. Risk to public is low. Ebola is another virus people are showing concern over. WHO issued a notice to heightened awareness. No Cases in USA confirmed.

## Edward Tencza- Emergency Fire Apparatus Reports

Edward Tencza- No Fire Chiefs present. Tower 203 out of service. EMS is good.

## Edward Tencza-Public Safety Committee Media Article

LT RJ Laird- Will release an article on fireworks safety.

Edward Tencza- Also will release an article on firework burns and grill safety.

## Plan Review

Jim DeForte- 3131 Princeton Pike- Currently doing a courtesy review as they are still not the owners. Looking at around 212 apartments with business' underneath one building. Potential buyers are getting the financing in place and were advised that the Fire Department would like to do training before the buildings are razed. Looking to start construction in the beginning of September. Texas Avenue- Well underway and looking to finalize 2 apartment buildings in late fall. Spruce Street- Have not heard anything new about the condos. They're trying to find out where the contamination is coming from.

Edward Tencza- Fire Department is currently training on Texas Avenue. Did a walkthrough with property manager. That is why they are out today.

Jim DeForte- Going to be online next week.

## Other Business/Correspondence

Edward Tencza- 4th of July Fireworks on for July 01, 2026 with a rain date of July 2nd.

## Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. by Ed Tencza.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kania