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From Chief David A. Faust

During the past week, the Emmaus Police Department, Public Works Department, Fire and Ambulance Corps responded to varied calls for service as a result of Hurricane Sandy. On October 26, 2012 prior to the storm, the Borough Manager called a Staff Meeting, which was attended by all department heads and command staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss preparedness and strategies for the storm.

One day prior to the storm, the Emmaus Public Works Department cleaned storm drains throughout the Borough to prepare for the impending heavy rains. Public works, police, fire and ambulance crews were assigned around the clock to deal with utility issues, emergencies and downed trees during the hurricane. Both the Emmaus Fire Department and the Emmaus Ambulance Corps staffed additional personnel and crews to handle such issues as medical emergencies, residential and business flooding as well as fire prevention resulting from downed wires. In addition, the Emmaus Fire Department and Emmaus Ambulance Corps prepared food and fed all Borough personnel during the storm.

During the storm period, the police department responded to a variety of calls for service, which included but were not limited to: (25) alarms, (19) EMS ambulance assists, (7) accidents including a hit and run, (23) hazardous conditions, (3) fire calls, (8) check person(s) welfare, (9) suspicious person/vehicles or activities, (5) disturbances, (8) thefts and (11) information assists. During the storm period from October 29, through November 4, 2012, the police department responded to a total of (173) calls for service. The Emmaus Fire Department responded to (45) emergencies. The Emmaus Ambulance Corps responded to (71) emergencies as well as checked the welfare of countless residents.

On the day following the storm, department heads and the Borough Manager spent the day assessing the storm damage and responding to the immediate needs of the community. "Despite power being out in the region, all things considered, Emmaus didn't fair too badly. There were numerous trees down affecting properties, businesses and roadways. We lost one pavilion at Emmaus Community Park; however, it could have been much worse. We are not aware of any deaths related to this storm."

"On behalf of the leadership of the Borough as well as the Mayor, Borough Council and Department Heads; we would like to thank the residents, business owners and visitors for their tolerance and understanding during this difficult storm."

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