

PS COMMITTEE #2
December 6, 2012

MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2012

TO: Public Safety Committee

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SUBJECT: After-action Discussion of Hurricane Sandy

Today the Committee will hold a discussion on departmental planning and response to Hurricane Sandy. Those expected to brief the Committee:

Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Chris Voss, Director, Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS)
Art Wallenstein, Director, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR)
Acting Chief Tony DeVaul, Park Police
Darren Popkin, Sheriff
Anthony Alexiou, Deputy Director OEMHS
Robert Green, Warden (DOCR)
Lt. Phillip Raum, Police Department Homeland Security

BACKGROUND

Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast in late October 2012. As states were preparing for impact, Hurricane Sandy grew to become the largest hurricane ever to hit the east coast, measuring over 1,100 miles in diameter. The hurricane ultimately made landfall in Atlantic City, NJ, with New Jersey and New York suffering some of the most severe damage.

Today the Committee will discuss departmental planning for the storm including any issues that may have come to light, as well as any that may still be unresolved from prior weather events. Departmental representatives were asked not to bring materials or presentations. Instead, today's meeting will function as a discussion among representatives to provide an overview of the weather event.