

Albert Sally

From: Frank McGehee
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:25 AM
To: Joseph Alvarez; Jerry Giaimis; Jimmy DeVaul; Albert Sally; Bailey Barnett
Subject: Re: Concern from Resident - Police Scanner

GREAT News.

We'll highlight this in your report Chief.

With Gratitude

Frank McGehee
Maplewood Township Committee

From: Joseph Alvarez
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:21:08 AM
To: Frank McGehee; Jerry Giaimis; Jimmy DeVaul; Albert Sally; Bailey Barnett
Subject: RE: Concern from Resident - Police Scanner

Yes Sir it was just waiting on a part from IT and we will be up and running.

From: Frank McGehee
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:35 PM
To: Jerry Giaimis <JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us>; Jimmy DeVaul <JDeVaul@twp.maplewood.nj.us>; Albert Sally <ASally@twp.maplewood.nj.us>; Joseph Alvarez <JAlvarez@twp.maplewood.nj.us>; Bailey Barnett <BBarnett@twp.maplewood.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Concern from Resident - Police Scanner

GA!

Question heading into our Public Safety meeting this Wednesday night, has the scanner issue been put to rest/fixed?

Per Dean If we can get this done then we will never hear about it again 🤔

Please advise. I need to know where we are with this issue WELL BEFORE our meeting.

With Gratitude

Frank McGehee

From: Erin Scherzer <erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com>>

Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 12:39:26 PM

Greg,

I understand that the communications are not encrypted and can be heard on an actual scanner as this was explained when I reached out earlier this month in response to concerns raised by a resident. In the interest of transparency and recognizing the cost of a physical scanner, Town Administrator Giaimis approved on December 8, 2021 for the work to be done connect the scanner with the app as the Fire Chief said it was an easy fix, which was again confirmed on December 15, 2021. The resident reached out to Kasia and me again overnight (literally the first message I got when I turned my phone on when my red eye from California landed this morning) very upset given that an incident happened in her neighborhood and she and her neighbors had zero information that they used to get when the scanner app worked. While I don't have the tech skills to fix this issue, my email was to reconnect on something I left earlier this month with an understanding was a simple fix and would be a big win for the community, particularly for a neighborhood in Lightning Brook close to where the shooting happened in July.

Jerry and Bailey, I can't thank you enough for your attention to this matter in rapid speed given all going on with the town on many fronts. Also thank you to the MPD and MFD for all of their work to make this change possible (and figuring out the tech piece). Once the app connects to the scanner, would it be possible to have proactive press statement in the Village Green and Tap Into so residents know they have access? The police board can help on this if you would like.

Happy 2022 everyone!

Best,
Erin

On Fri, Dec 31, 2021 at 9:15 AM Greg Lembrich

<Glemblich@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:Glemblich@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:Glemblich@twp.maplewood.nj.us%3cmailto:Glemblich@twp.maplewood.nj.us>>> wrote:

Erin,
Maplewood Police radio communications are not encrypted; they can be heard by anyone who has a scanner. The issue this resident has raised is that the MPD radio feed used to be made available to Broadcastify and/or another web-based service that provides a website or scanner app that make local police, fire, EMS, etc. radio transmissions available online. The feed was made available via the Maplewood Fire Department at a time when the MPD and MFD used the same radio frequency. The MFD specifically makes its feed available publicly via online sources for safety reasons because it sometimes provides mutual aid to or receives mutual aid from jurisdictions where the fire departments or other local emergency services broadcast their communications on different frequencies. Since the MFD upgraded to new radios, they no longer use the same frequency as the MPD, so the MPD transmissions are now not included in the feed transmitted by MFD. Access was not "turned off" by MPD (nor was it ever "turned on") and remains available to the public via a scanner. To the extent that any third-party ever provided the MPD feed to online scanner services in the interim, which is certainly possible (the airwaves are public), I have no information about that.

While we have been advised that MFD could resume making the MPD radio communications available via the online scanner services/websites/apps, it would require the purchase and installation of additional equipment by the Township. It is not simply a matter of pushing a button or flipping a switch. The Township Committee will need to make a policy and budget decision regarding whether it wishes to move forward with such a plan. I note, however, my understanding that

the town has no legal obligation to provide its radio communications to online scanner services, websites, or apps. As I mentioned, the communications are not encrypted or blocked in any way, but broadcast over public airwaves. The Fire Chief has stated that MFD can provide the MPD feed to online services if provided the proper equipment by the Township, and the Police Chief has stated no objection to doing so. The TC can decide how to proceed on this matter in 2022.

Greg

From: Erin Scherzer
<erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com%3cmaito:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 7:34:21 AM

Good Morning,

A resident reached out as there was an incident overnight in her neighborhood. Since the police scanner was still down, she and her neighbors were without information on something impacting their neighborhood. It is unsettling to have something happen in your neighborhood and you don't know what is actually happening, not to mention the importance of transparency. I am concerned the scanner hasn't been fixed yet. What is the latest with the repair and the eta on completion?

Residents have been raising this for years, and so fixing this scanner needs to happen.

Best,
Erin

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM Jerry Giaimis
<JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us%3cmaito:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us>>> wrote:

I did authorize him to proceed. I will follow up

From: Dean Dafis
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:24 AM

According the the email thread, yes apparently Chief Alvarez said that it's an easy fix, but I'm not sure if he was tasked accordingly by Jerry.

If we can get this done then we will never hear about it again 🤔

From: Bailey Barnett
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:07:46 AM

Good Morning,

I believe there was a discussion where Chief Alvarez said he would be taking this on--can someone please confirm?

From: Erin Scherzer

<erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com%3cmaito:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com>>>

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 7:48:51 AM

Hi Jerry,

I want to bump this email up. The resident has been trying to address this issue with the town for a while and keeps getting the run around (before your time) - I believe patience is understandably waning with this resident. What would be next steps to fix the scanner?

Erin

On Sat, Dec 11, 2021 at 11:29 AM Erin Scherzer

<erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com<mailto:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com%3cmaito:erinscherzer07040@gmail.com>>> wrote:

Jerry,

Thank you for explaining this. Members of the public are very upset about the lack of access and that this hasn't been resolved. I am also concened too as people need the transparency.

How and when can it be resolved? Who from PD and FD will make sure these 3rd party apps can connect with MPD too? The public is understandably growing upset on this as it has been going on for years. Traditional scanners are pricey.

On Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 10:35 AM Jerry Giaimis

<JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us%3cmaito:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us>>> wrote:

I spoke with the Chief, and he advises that the scanner is not "being intentionally turned off." Anyone with a traditional Police Scanner can hear anything available on the Maplewood Police channel. Although they were aware 3rd party organizations (Broadcastify/Radio Reference) were distributing the feed, they never played any role in providing the information to do so. Therefore, they never did anything to "turn it off."

What happened was this: The FD always provided those third-party apps the necessary information to broadcast the Police and Fire feed (something Chief DeVaul was completely unaware of). They were able to do this simultaneously when they had similar systems. When FD upgraded to a new system, they could no longer distribute both. The system's changing is the only reason it stopped; this was about two or three years ago. Because the PD was never involved in assisting the 3rd party apps, they were not aware the feed was removed, and when they found out it was, they knew they did nothing to further it, so they assumed it was a 3rd party app issue. The PD has no aversion to helping the apps; they just never helped them when it was up, so there was some confusion on how the information was even getting out in the first place.

That said, I spoke with Chief Alvarez, an expert in these issues, and he advises that it's an easy lift to get the PD on to these apps. I have no problem with this, as a traditional scanner can be expensive. The cost of the equipment needed to do this is minimal, and we may already have it

I hope this provides some clarification on the issue.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:08 PM

Through a 3rd party app.

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 11:12 AM Jerry Giaimis
<JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us<mailto:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us%3cmaito:JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us>>> wrote:

Will do. For clarification, are people referring to listening to the feed on actual police scanners or through one of the third-party websites like Broadcastify?

From: Dean Dafis
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:07 AM

JERRY - please address and report back. Thanks in advance. I don't understand how one can be out and the other online as I thought they were linked.

Appreciate your insight.

From: Erin Scherzer
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Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 8:08:55 AM

Good Morning Greg and Dean,

A resident has reached out again regarding the scanner that Kasia and I raised last week when it was brought to our attention. There is a suggestion from a resident that the scanner is being intentionally turned off as the fire scanner is still up. I don't understand the technology here, but I do feel the Board needs to raise this concern from a resident as transparency is key for better community-police relations.

I recognize that you are both volunteers too, so if I can help in any way (even with my limited tech knowledge), I am happy to do so.

I know you addressed this before (thank you, thank you) so hopefully this is an easy fix too.

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Maplewood Community Board on Police Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Public meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Roll Call (7:30-7:35)

2. Approval of Minutes (January) (7:30-7:35)

3. Key Topic Areas (7:35-8:25)

a. 2022 Areas of Focus

**i. Civilian Complaint Function (Erin, Ayo, Blue)
(7:35-7:40)**

**ii. Community Outreach: Non-Emergency 9-11 Calls PR
Campaign & Traffic (Kasia, Piper, Stephanie, Janelle)
(7:40-7:45)**

iii. Training (Roberto, Erin, Stephanie) (7:45-7:50)

iv. Social Work (Blue, Piper, Ayo) (7:50-7:55)

**b. Public Safety Meeting Updates/Discussion (Erin - January)
(7:55-8:00)**

c. Police Scanner Access (Erin & Kasia) (8:00-8:05)

4. New Business

a. Annual Review - March 15 TC Meeting (Kasia) (8:05-8:15)

b. Other New Business (8:15-8:25)

5. Public Comment & Announcements (8:25-8:35)



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Public Safety Committee

February 9, 2022 7:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendance: Chair, Committee Member Frank McGehee
Mayor Dean Dafis
Committee Member Jamaine Cripe
Township Administrator Jerry Giaimis
Assistant Township Administrator Bailey Barnett
Fire Chief Joseph Alvarez
Police Chief Jimmy DeVaul
Sergeant Scott Reeves
Officer Byron Lewin
Community Board on Police Representative Erin Scherzer

Agenda:

Open Session

Police

- Community Board on Police Report - CBOP representative Erin Scherzer
 - Training group has done research on PD trainings re: working with juveniles
 - Received a demo/pricing, trying to find ways to get that
 - Conversation surrounding the police scanner is ongoing, led to conversation surrounding general public notifications on major crimes/need for communication
 - The computer needed to reinstall the PD scanner arrived today; **Chief Alvarez and Chief DeVaul to coordinate launch for next week**
 - Board seat is open, application going live soon
 - Deadline will be mid-March, allowing interested applicants time to attend the March Board on Police meeting (March 2)
 - MCBOP to conduct their annual report at March Township Committee meeting
- Recent Crime Discussion /January 2022 UCR Report - Chief DeVaul
 - String of robberies targeting women walking alone near the borders of Maplewood, neighboring towns also impacted
 - A similar incident happened earlier to students walking home from CHS
 - PDs throughout the area are collaborating on the continued investigation, are working to up police presence in the area in order to deter crime
 - Similar incidents have been ongoing, but thankfully none in Maplewood
 - **Residents/business owners sharing info has been helpful in deterring crime**
 - **Residents should pay attention to their surroundings when walking through town, avoid looking down at their phones. Additionally, residents should not struggle or attempt to stop the assailants if robbed.**
 - It's important to note that the victims thus far have done nothing wrong.
- Community Service Bureau Presentation - Chief DeVaul/MPD
 - **Digital PSA on crime prevention and safety is forthcoming**

- **Bilingual officers working to translate PSA into multiple languages**
 - Previous PSAs for businesses around town have already been distributed
- The Community Service Bureau is re-starting their partnership with AAA
 - Car Fit for seniors with AAA scheduled for June
- Share the Keys program has been reinstated (safe driving program for high school students with an emphasis on prom)
- Coffee with a Cop to resume mid-March, first location is Starbucks
 - Looking to work with other businesses in town
- Working to rebuild their partnership with the Essex County Special Olympics
- Cub Scout tours have been reinstated
- Working with local businesses, SAP to discuss crime prevention strategies
 - **PD to work with business owners and the Juvenile Restorative Justice Initiative to encourage use of the program to address shoplifting**
- Recently presentation at Winchester Gardens on scamming, scam avoidance
- Aiming to revive National Night
- Working to develop partnerships with Nextdoor and Ring apps
- Police Metrics - Chief DeVaul
 - December 2021 Monthly Report
 - Theft was up in December, which tends to be the trend
 - 11 auto thefts, all with keys left in the car
 - Theft of vehicles and packages common during December
 - Theft for 2021 overall was down 10% from 2020
 - Maplewood PD is continuing their training from the AG on use of force
 - 1 DV arrest in December, involving aggravated assault
 - Mid-afternoon robbery on Midland Blvd.
 - Overtime hours and costs YOY report for January 2022
 - Most measures are down overall for the month
 - Overall salaries, wages, and OT up due to an extra pay period in the month
 - PD was hit hard with Omicron, increasing OT; numbers are stabilizing
- Public Comment (Police matters only)
 - Allyson Murphy - South Orange resident, Seth Boyden PTA executive board
 - Concerned with recent traffic incidents, near-misses near the school
 - Speaking with other PTAs, there is greater PD presence at other schools
 - **Requesting an increase in PD presence to help children cross safety. Is there a way to schedule additional Officers around Crossing Guard absences?**
 - **An officer has been assigned to Springfield and Burnett intersection from here onward.**
 - **Where should residents call to request additional police presence? (973) 762-1234.**
 - This issue impacts more than just the elementary students—Maplewood Middle and CHS students walking to/from school, Springfield Avenue patrons, etc.
 - Requests also placed with Engineering and Public Works for additional safety infrastructure at the intersections
 - Elizabeth Leonard
 - **Request that Maplewood PD increase enforcement in the School Zone, create repercussions for drivers**
 - Erin Scherzer
 - **Would it be possible to redo the traffic pattern around Seth Boyden similar to that done near Tuscan School?**
 - Heather Saslovsky

- **Request that Nixle alerts be used more regularly to notify residents of dangers within the area**
- **Incident last month recorded on her Ring, has video evidence available but there has been no follow-up**
- **Request for public campaign promoting Juvenile Restorative Justice program within the community as a whole**

Fire

- Fire Metrics - Chief Alvarez
 - December Monthly
 - 300+ responses to call for service
 - 100+ calls for EMS
 - 30+ outsourced for mutual aid EMS
 - Received automatic aid from South Orange 2 times, reciprocated 1 time
 - January Overtime
 - OT down from December, though COVID cases were high in both months
- Public reminders:
 - Call FD for assistance if you carbon monoxide goes off, better safe than sorry
 - During snowstorms, ensure that you are not shoveling snow on top of any fire hydrants
- Maplewood's Fire House now a certified training facility, CEUs and incident management can be conducted in-house
- EMS Billing update - Chief Alvarez / DC DeMartini
 - **Tabled until March**
- Consolidation update - Mr. McGehee
 - Elected officials from both towns gathered earlier this week to work through issues surrounding fire protection, costs, EMS, capital expenses, mutual aid moving forward
 - **Group to reconvene with Administrators and Attorneys next week to finalize all discussed so far; Resolution formalizing work thus far slated for March Township Committee meeting agenda**
- Public Comment (Fire matters only)
 - No public comment

Closed Session

Open Session

Adjourn

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(8:05-8:10)**

c. Leadership Meeting Update (Kasia, Ayo) (8:10-8:15)

d. Department Visits (Kasia) (8:15-8:25)

**e. Annual Report & Township Committee Presentation (Kasia)
(8:25-8:30)**

f. Police Scanner Access (Jerry) (8:30-8:35)

g. Talking to Other Boards (Janelle) (8:35-8:40)



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Police Chief Jimmy DeVaul
Sergeant Scott Reeves
Officer Byron Lewin
Community Board on Police Representative Piper Davenport

Agenda:

Fire

- Police scanner is now up and running
- Fire Metrics - Chief Alvarez
 - Overtime costs dropped from January, lowest since July 2021
 - 298 alarms run in the month of February
 - Received Automatic Aid once (structural fire)
 - Gave Automatic Aid once (structural fire)
 - 135 EMS calls (45%)
- Consolidation Update - Chairman McGehee
 - Steering committee met last week
 - In the final stages of ironing out the agency agreement
 - **Maplewood's subcommittee to meet tomorrow, 3/10**
 - **Township Committee to discuss draft of agreement at 3/15 Township Committee meeting**
 - **Resolution to move forward with the Agreement to be voted on at 4/5 Township Committee meeting**
 - **EMS billing to be discussed at April Public Safety Committee meeting**
- Public Comment (Fire matters only)
 - Carl Patterson: Several issues at the Maplewood Wawa, was threatened by another driver yesterday
 - Request for armed security or Maplewood PD presence at this location
 - **Township and PD are aware, working with Wawa to address issues**

Police

- Community Board on Police Report - CBOP representative Piper Davenport
 - Police scanner restoration is good news, as this has been an issue raised by community members
 - The Board on Police are looking into additional trainings to recommend for the Maplewood PD

- Internal Affairs subgroup of the Board have completed their training with the County Prosecutor's Office
- Maplewood has hired a Crisis Intervention Social Worker through the Health Department
- **Community Board on Police Annual Report will take place at the 3/15 Township Committee meeting**
- Police Metrics - Chief DeVaul
 - January UCR
 - Investigation of armed robberies remains active
 - As of today, a suspect has been charged regarding the incident this past weekend. Maplewood PD looking into potential connections between this incident and others.
 - One aggravated assault at CHS--criminal charges for three individuals, handled through the PD.
 - Vehicle theft is picking up, theft of items from unlocked cars
 - Nine stolen cars, all left running and/or with keys inside
 - Crime is up from 2021, primarily due to quarantines last year
 - Increase in crime sprees in 2022 are atypical, more difficult to address
 - Monthly Activity Report
 - In 2021, Use of Force Training was mandated to coincide with a new Use of Force policy. Deadline for compliance is in April 2022, Maplewood has already met compliance standards.
 - Overtime is down overall after a spike in early 2022 due to Omicron
 - Auto Thefts Analysis Takeaways - Chief DeVaul
 - Report from NJ Attorney General
 - Issue is statewide, county-level task forces under consideration
 - Maplewood is within an area of high car theft activity
 - **Please lock your cars, take your keys with you, and don't leave your car running!**
- Crossing Guard Resources Update - Chief DeVaul
 - Springfield Ave. and Burnett Avenue is the most dangerous intersection within Maplewood, PD officers have been assigned to traffic control at this location
 - Guard at Tuscan location has been re-trained and provided additional equipment
 - **Maplewood PD will be meeting with all guards for additional training**
 - Re-training includes addressing false assumptions that vehicles will stop at intersections just because a guard is present
 - Traffic cones have been placed to limit parking, increase visibility at intersections
 - Until staffing is improved, the primary goal is to ensure that Guards are supported and performing their work to the best of their ability
 - **Application review, onboarding is underway**
 - Potential incentives for Crossing Guards to improve recruitment?
 - Other municipalities have privatized these roles, goal of Maplewood is to maintain local guards/community relationships if possible
 - Chairman McGehee: Is a hybrid model possible? Crossing Guards are unionized, so uncertain whether this model would work.
 - **Discussion to be continued at April Public Safety Meeting.**
 - Is there a way to help individuals realize that Springfield & Burnett is part of a School Zone?
 - Is there any way to extend the timing on the light at certain times of day?
 - Is there a potential to update striping, signage at the intersection?
 - Would it be possible to turn the intersection into a two-way stop?

- PD has been working with Crossing Guards to move them to a more visible portion of the intersection
 - **To be discussed further with Engineering**
- Sgt. Reeves & Officer Lewin - Community Service Bureau
 - April is Distracted Driving Month, applied for two grants to assist with Distracted Driving campaigns
 - Working to host program at CHS with AAA to address distracted driving, drinking and driving, etc. prior to prom season
 - Pedestrian safety program for children with AAA: Otto the Auto
 - Working with Engineering to address safety, quality of life issues associated with speeding
 - New signs to be placed in affected areas and moved regularly to maintain drivers' attention
 - Officers to be placed in crosswalks
 - Recently partnered with Ring doorbells, new tool for investigations and community notifications
 - As part of the PD's updated 9-1-1 system, RapidSOS is being implemented
 - Emergency response data platform, quickly links first responders with critical medical data
 - Maplewood PD to promote at Winchester Gardens during their 4/19 Town Hall, partnering with Senior Program Supervisor Wesley on additional future lunch & learns
 - Maplewood PD prepared for text-to-911 to arrive at the local level (currently only for NJPD)
 - Working on public service announcements for gun safety, smart phone safety features, emergency files
- Public Comment (Police matters only)
 - Kasia Piekarz: supports changing the crosswalk on Springfield; request for a single public meeting (including Engineering, PD, Crossing Guards, and Public Safety Committee) on crosswalk safety within Maplewood for ease of resident attendance, participation, brainstorming.
 - What ideas do current and former Crossing Guards have?
 - **JC and FM to look into holding a public meeting in near future**
 - John Sullivan: support for PSAs from the Maplewood PD, praise for upgrade of 911 system and restoration of Police Scanner service

Adjourn

Albert Sally

From: Dean Dafis
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:57 PM
To: Dennis Kearney
Cc: Erin Scherzer; TownshipCommittee; Jerry Giaimis; Joseph Alvarez; Michael DeMartini; Jimmy DeVaul; Albert Sally
Subject: Re: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

Thanks, Dennis.

Jerry - please look into this and report back your findings. Something's not right / doesn't add up.

Dean Dafis (*he, him*)

Mayor

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A representative democracy is one in which all persons are represented.

From: Dennis Kearney <kearneyd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:25:09 PM
To: Dean Dafis
Cc: Erin Scherzer; TownshipCommittee; Jerry Giaimis
Subject: Re: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

Thanks, Mayor Dafis. It unusual because Maplewood Fire, and all surrounding municipalities are broadcasting without issue, so a technical issue at broadcastify seems unlikely.

Livingston Fire and EMS Fire and EMS Dispatch for Livingston, NJ. This includes Fire Dept Fire Ground.	6 Listeners
Maplewood Fire	1 Listeners
Maplewood Police	Offline
Montclair Fire Dispatch	1 Listeners
New Jersey State Police Troop B Troop "B" has the responsibility of providing full time coverage to 29	13 Listeners

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2022, at 1:55 PM, Dean Dafis <DDafis@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Dennis, Erin -

FYI.

Dean Dafis (*he, him*)

Mayor

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From: Michael DeMartini
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 1:50 PM
To: Dean Dafis; Jimmy DeVaul
Cc: Joseph Alvarez; Jerry Giaimis
Subject: RE: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

Mayor Dafis,

I checked the scanner, computer and power supply. All seem to be functioning normally.

If the feed is not being broadcasted over the internet, I would say it would be a technical issue on the Broadcastify end.

Please let me know if there are still issues.

Thank you.

Michael W. DeMartini
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Executive Officer/Operations
EMS Coordinator
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Thanks, Chief.

Chief Alvarez, is it an issue on our end, again?

On Apr 24, 2022, at 10:29 PM, Jimmy DeVaul <JDeVaul@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Mayor,

The Fd has the program at station 2 I believe.

Hopefully Chief can confirm this.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Dean Dafis <DDafis@twp.maplewood.nj.us>

Date: 4/24/22 21:51 (GMT-05:00)

To: Dennis Kearney <kearneyd@gmail.com>, Victor DeLuca <V.DeLuca@twp.maplewood.nj.us>, Nancy Adams <Nadams@twp.maplewood.nj.us>, Jamaine Cripe <JCripe@twp.maplewood.nj.us>, Frank McGehee <FMcGehee@twp.maplewood.nj.us>

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From: Dennis Kearney <kearneyd@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 8:00:42 PM

To: Dean Dafis; Victor DeLuca; Nancy Adams; Jamaine Cripe; Frank McGehee

Subject: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

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Dennis Kearney

13 Highland Avenue

Albert Sally

From: Erin Scherzer <erinscherzer07040@gmail.com> on behalf of Erin Scherzer
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Dean Dafis
Cc: Albert Sally; Dennis Kearney; Jerry Giaimis; Jimmy DeVaul; Joseph Alvarez; Michael DeMartini; TownshipCommittee
Subject: Re: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

Quick Update - I am just hearing from a resident who lives near location of nixel that just went out who doesn't know if household can leave their home. Having the scanner helps people know what is going on and creates efficiencies. Otherwise we are going to have people calling the non-emergency number for an all clear.

Something is wrong with the scanner if other systems are working and not this one.

Erin

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 3:57 PM Dean Dafis <DDafis@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Thanks, Dennis.

Jerry - please look into this and report back your findings. Something's not right / doesn't add up.

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Cc: Erin Scherzer; TownshipCommittee; Jerry Giaimis
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Thanks, Mayor Dafis. It unusual because Maplewood Fire, and all surrounding municipalities are broadcasting without issue, so a technical issue at broadcastify seems unlikely.

Livingston Fire and EMS

Fire and EMS Dispatch for Livingston, NJ. This includes Fire Dept Fire Ground.

6 Listeners

Maplewood Fire

1 Listeners

Maplewood Police

Offline

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1 Listeners

New Jersey State Police Troop B

Troop "B" has the responsibility of providing full time coverage to 29

13 Listeners

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2022, at 1:55 PM, Dean Dafis <DDafis@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Dennis, Erin -

FYI.

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Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 1:50 PM
To: Dean Dafis; Jimmy DeVaul
Cc: Joseph Alvarez; Jerry Giaimis
Subject: RE: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

Mayor Dafis,

I checked the scanner, computer and power supply. All seem to be functioning normally.

If the feed is not being broadcasted over the internet, I would say it would be a technical issue on the Broadcastify end.

Please let me know if there are still issues.

Thank you.

Michael W. DeMartini

Deputy Chief

Excutive Officer/Operations

EMS Coordinator

[105 Dunnell Road](#)

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ph.973-762-6500 ex.7012

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Subject: Re: Maplewood Police Scanner Offline

Thanks, Chief.

Chief Alvarez, is it an issue on our end, again?

On Apr 24, 2022, at 10:29 PM, Jimmy DeVaul <JDeVaul@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Mayor,

The Fd has the program at station 2 I believe.

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Adding your colleagues.

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Public Safety Committee

October 12, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Chair, Committeeman Frank McGehee (FM)
Mayor Dean Dafis (DD)
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Chief of Police Jimmy DeVaul (JD)
Community Board on Police Representative Blue Chevigny (BC)

Minutes:

1. Chairman's Statement

1. Police scanner – JD has requested the scanner be moved from Fire to Police Headquarters at 1618 Springfield Avenue for easier access/maintenance
 1. **IT staff has been notified and will be providing updates to JD and BB**
2. The Township has received several complaints about speeding as of late
 1. All complaints are shared with Maplewood PD and are being disseminated from Captain Malloy to Watch Commanders on a daily basis

2. Community Board on Police Report

1. Annual Board Retreat held October 1
 1. Overview of previous year, priority-setting and planning for year ahead
 2. Focus of 2022 meeting on schools- SOMA Schools leadership, Township Officials, and Maplewood PD were all in attendance

3. Chief's Narrative/Report

1. In light of recent crime reports/trends, residents are advised to:
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 2. Install safes and alarm systems within their homes to minimize risk/loss
 3. Be mindful of package delivery locations/times; ensure packages aren't left unattended for long periods to minimize risk/loss
 4. Do not leave vehicles unlocked and unattended, or with keys inside
 5. Do not leave valuables in cars

4. Police Metrics

1. August UCR/Monthly Activity Report
 1. **3 robberies:** 2 similar in nature (at night, gunpoint, vehicles circled the area for victims prior), 1 with limited information (involved parties appear to know one another)
 2. **2 aggravated assaults:** both domestic violence, resulted in arrests
 3. **2 burglaries:** 1 residential and 1 business, with no alarm systems in place

4. **33 reports of theft:** several instances of shoplifting, several reports of stolen packages, and 9 reports of auto thefts (all of which involved unsecure vehicles with keys inside, all recovered)
5. **0 referrals to restorative justice:** while there has been an increase in juvenile arrests post-COVID, recent arrests have not qualified for restorative justice due to the severity of the crimes committed
2. Overtime
 1. Decrease in Police and Dispatch O/T, increase in Watch Commanders O/T
 2. Maplewood PD continues to address staffing, further decrease use of O/T
5. **Discussion Items**
 1. Parking at MMS for teachers and staff
 1. MMS did not receive permits in time for beginning-of-year enforcement
 2. **Issue to be rectified by MPD and MMS over the coming days**
6. **Public Comment**
 1. Allyson Murphy (Seth Boyden parent) –intersections not attended by crossing guards (apparent miscommunications within MPD), increase in pedestrians at certain locations due to new school transportation protocol, cars parking illegally near school zones
 1. **DD, JD, and FM shared contact info and will be following up**

Adjourn

Albert Sally

From: Dean Dafis
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Albert Sally; Gregg Schuster; Bailey Barnett; Joey Alvarez
Subject: Fwd: Scanner, again

Chief Sally, please advise so we can communicate with the resident.

Also, Gregg, please be aware of ongoing issue regarding the police scanner. Chief DeVaul had it recently brought back from Fire headquarters where it was being housed and monitored by Chief Alvarez. I think he had Officer Matt Jones take ownership of it, but please follow up.

Finally, there were no nixles last night about police activity as we've adopted recently. This could be because all of these things were being sent to / come from Chief DeVaul directly.

Thanks!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Heather Saslovsky <hjslas@gmail.com>
Date: October 17, 2022 at 8:58:30 AM EDT
To: Jimmy DeVaul <JDeVaul@maplewoodnj.gov>
Cc: Dean Dafis <DDafis@maplewoodnj.gov>, Jamaine Cripe <JCripe@maplewoodnj.gov>, jalvarez@southessexfd.org, Mary Barr Mann <villagegreennj@gmail.com>, Nancy Adams <Nadams@maplewoodnj.gov>, Erin Scherzer <erinscherzer07040@gmail.com>, Kasia Piekarz <kasia.piekarz.maplewood@gmail.com>, Ayoola Akinnuoye <ayoolaa@gmail.com>
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Since the TC et al has been substantively unresponsive, my neighbors have asked me the following and I am requesting a response:

1. Why was someone arrested at DeHart Park yesterday?
2. What happened in Lightning Brook in the 4 am hour last night?

I am also formally alerting you of my request for preservation of all recordings and documents from 9/30/22 to the present.

Best,
Heather

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Bueller?

On Wed, Oct 12, 2022, 11:53 AM Jimmy DeVaul <JDeVaul@maplewoodnj.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

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Thank you,

Chief

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Still down. Still no explanation (other than PD's "not me").

On Wed, Oct 5, 2022, 11:06 AM Heather Saslovsky <hjslas@gmail.com> wrote:

For clarity as the Mayor brought in FD, I am only referring to PD. (Fire scanner was removed quite some time ago and seemingly permanently as part of the merger.)

On Tue, Oct 4, 2022, 9:45 PM Dean Dafis <DDafis@maplewoodnj.gov> wrote:

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[jalvarez](mailto:jalvarez@twp.maplewood.nj.us) wasn't found at [twp.maplewood.nj.us](mailto:jalvarez@twp.maplewood.nj.us).

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Office 365

jalvarez

Action Required

Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
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If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.

More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.10

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address hosted by Office 365 but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

The email address exists and is correct - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

Synchronize your directories - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

Errant forwarding rule - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

Recipient has a valid license - Make sure the recipient has an Office 365 license assigned to them. The recipient's email admin can use the Office 365 admin center to assign a license (Users > Active Users > select the recipient > Assigned License > Edit).

Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.10 in Office 365](#).

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Created Date: 10/17/2022 1:46:35 PM
Sender Address: Asally@maplewoodnj.gov
Recipient Address: jalvarez@twp.maplewood.nj.us
Subject: RE: Scanner, again

Error Details

Reported error: 550 5.1.10 RESOLVER.ADR.RecipientNotFound; Recipient jalvarez@twp.maplewood.nj.us not found by SMTP address lookup
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