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Township Plans to Conduct Active Shooter Response Training *Municipal Complex Closed to the Public on Thursday, June 16th - 8 am until Noon*

Hillsborough Township Mayor Shawn Lipani advised that employees of the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building, including the Board of Education offices will be participating in an Active Shooter Response Training exercise on Thursday, June 16th. The building will be closed to the public from approximately 8 am until noon.

Hillsborough Township has been very progressive in its emergency response training. The first active shooter training exercise was held in 2014 at the Municipal Building, followed by another in 2016. In 2018 a large-scale active shooter training exercise was held at Auten Road Intermediate School during the summer, and in 2019 an exercise was held at the Department of Public Works facility.

“Training of this nature is very important for our emergency responders as well as for our employees. It is unfortunate that we even have to train and plan for such events, but given the recent occurrences in our nation, we believe in being prepared and bringing awareness in the event of this type of emergency situation,” stated Mayor Shawn Lipani.

“It is critical that our employees understand how the Police and other first responders will respond in the event of an active shooter or other similar type of threat,” added Mayor Shawn Lipani.

This exercise on June 16th will be conducted in a similar manner as the previous ones. It is a collaborative effort between the Township Administration, Hillsborough Township Police, and the Office of Emergency Management. The goal of the training exercise is to prepare employees should an active shooter enter the complex.

“We will continue to update the public to make them aware of the building closure and that this is a training exercise and not an actual event,” commented Hillsborough Township Police Chief Mike McMahon, who also reminded residents to subscribe to SwiftReach, the Emergency Alert system.

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