

LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR

**The next OEM meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6 pm
at the Police Training Room.**

The following meetings are as follows:

Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 6 pm

Wednesday July 26, 2017 at 6 pm

Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 6 pm

Happy New Years!! I hope that everyone had a very safe Holiday. The weather has been very kind to us however we need to still prepare for the inclement weather. My thoughts are that in the next couple of months winter will definitely let us know that it is here.

In the upcoming New Year I would like to remind all of our volunteers to work on any outstanding courses that you may need to complete. The office is here if you need assistance with these classes some of them can be difficult to take on line with no instruction. The new meeting schedule has been created and will be posted on the website in the next couple of days. OEM volunteers are reminded of the required attendance to a minimum of 2 meetings per year as well as participation in at least 2 events during the year in order to remain active with our organization. Events will be posted on the Website and the monthly newsletter.

I am currently working on a training schedule which I will discuss at our meeting in January. If you have not already received a OEM Shirt and/or have not picked up your jacket please contact the office. Everyone be safe and I will see everyone at the meeting at the end of the month.

The Borough of Fort Lee has many new platforms in which residents may find out about activities. Fort Lee On Demand You tube channel, Fort Lee On Demand Facebook as well as the Borough's website. Please take some time and visit and subscribe to these different venues.

Sincerely,

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OEM Coordinator

"Plans are nothing; planning is everything"
General Dwight D. Eisenhower

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NATIONAL SEASONAL PREPAREDNESS MESSAGING CALENDAR

WINTER	 DECEMBER National Influenza Vaccination Week Holiday Safety	JANUARY MLK Day of Service 	 FEBRUARY Winter Storm Extreme Cold
SPRING	 MARCH American Red Cross Month Severe Weather Preparedness	APRIL Financial Literacy Month National Volunteer Week 	MAY Wildfire Community Preparedness Day  National Small Business Week National Hurricane Preparedness Week National Police Week National EMS Week National Building Safety Month National Dam Safety Awareness Day
SUMMER	 JUNE Pet Preparedness Month Extreme Heat National CPR/AED Awareness Month	 JULY Parks and Recreation Month	 AUGUST National Night Out Back to School
FALL	SEPTEMBER National Preparedness Month 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance 	OCTOBER National Crime Prevention Month Cybersecurity Awareness Month Fire Prevention Week Great ShakeOut 	NOVEMBER Critical Infrastructure Preparedness Month Military Family Month 

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TIPS FOR SHOVELING SNOW SAFELY

Shoveling snow is hard work, stay safe

1. Keep up with the storm
2. Push don't lift
3. Wear breathable layers
4. Wear good boots
5. Stay hydrated

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PROFESSIONAL SNOW MANAGEMENT AT WWW.SIMA.ORG



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Winter shoveling tips

- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Do not throw snow back into the street. This makes roads harder for drivers as well as creates more work for the DPW. Instead consider throwing the snow back onto property in areas such as front lawn.
- Check on your elderly neighbors. Make sure that they are ok and do not require any assistance,.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.

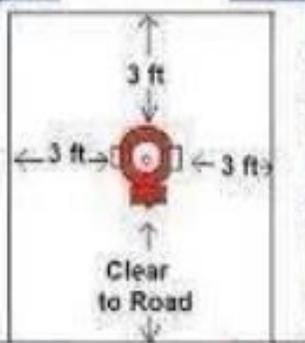
HELP US HELP YOU!

"Adopt-A-Hydrant"

The snow is on the ground which means winter is officially upon us. The arrival of cold weather means that firefighters will be in a constant battle with slippery roads, hidden hydrants, and frozen hose lines. Do your part to help keep your neighborhood safe by clearing hydrants of snow. A clear path on all four sides makes hydrants easier to locate and operate in an emergency.

Also, in snowy weather, please utilize off-street parking whenever possible. This allows better access for emergency vehicles and also allows the Department of Public Works to clear the roads more efficiently.

And never shovel snow into the street!





MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to equality, social justice, economic advancement, and opportunity for all. He challenged us to build a more perfect union and taught us that everyone has a role to play in making America what it ought to be. By making service part of our daily lives, we can help realize Dr. King's dream. Together, we can create and sustain opportunities for Americans to strengthen their own and other's economic opportunity, ensure that more young people graduate from high school, support our military families and veterans, and help communities prepare for and recover from disasters. Together, we demonstrate what it means to be citizens.

What is the MLK Day of Service?

After a long struggle, legislation was signed in 1983 to mark the birthday of Dr. King as a federal holiday. Americans first observed the holiday in 1986. In 1994, Congress designated the holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) with leading this effort. Taking place each third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a “day on, not a day off.” This day of service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, addresses social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a “Beloved Community.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR VOLUNTEERS
DECEMBER 2016 BIRTHDAYS

28th - Luis Acevedo
29th - Arlene Hoffman

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