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Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

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- I. **Action To Be Considered By The Board:** Adoption of a resolution to formally adopt the 2017 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- II. **Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** Montgomery County has updated its 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan. By law, each municipality in the County must formally adopt the plan to continue to be eligible for hazard mitigation grants and funding programs.
- III. **Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):** This request is consistent with past practice and policy.
- IV. **Other Relevant Background Information:** This plan addresses the local government planning responsibilities established by the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C. S. Section 101), which require state and local governments to develop and adopt an approved mitigation plan as a condition for receiving federal disaster grants and loans.

This plan revises and updates the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared in 2012 and adopted by nearly all 62 municipalities in the county. The plan provides a single source of information about the threat from various natural and human-caused hazards to Montgomery County and various strategies to take to reduce the threat. It complements other emergency management planning documents used regularly by county and state officials. This plan has become the source of comprehensive information about hazards in the county. Since 1955, there have been 50 emergency declarations proclaimed in Pennsylvania that have impacted Montgomery County. Sixteen of these also resulted in Presidential Declarations.
- V. **Impact On Township Finances:** Passage of this resolution has no impact on Township Finances. Failure to pass this resolution would result in the Township being ineligible for hazard mitigation grants and funding.
- VI. **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the adoption of this resolution.