



WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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“Preparing for the Future, while preserving the past.”

TO: West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors
Kelly Kelch, Township Manager

FROM: Clifton Laughman, Fire Chief

DATE: April 16, 2021

SUBJECT: April 2021 Monthly Report

The WMTFD has started off the first quarter of the year busy and strong. I am super proud of the work our members do day in and day out to support the department and the service to the community.

Below is the March 2021 report for the April 2021 Board of Supervisor’s Meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	24	24.00%	38
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	16	16.00%	54
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	15	15.00%	37
Service Call	18	18.00%	32
Good Intent Call	19	19.00%	41
False Alarm & False Call	7	7.00%	38
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	0
Special Incidents	1	1.00%	1
Totals	100	100.00%	241

- There was a total of 678 personnel that responded on the incidents with an average of 9 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 10.00% decrease from last month.
- Year to date, a total 1,714 personnel responded on the incidents with an average of 9 per incident. This is a 12.5% increase from this time last year.
- We are at a 14.76% increase in call volume from last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

After many months of research, testing, and then subsequently waiting once ordered, the WMTFD finally received their new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This project was funded by a grant through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). We reported back in November that the WMTFD received a grant in the amount of \$261,000. With the grant we were able to replace all of our 15-year-old SCBA. The WMTFD is very thankful for the Support of our Township Supervisors, State Representatives, and FEMA in helping acquire this grant.



Also, during the month of March, the WMTFD held its annual Appreciation Banquet. The members of the WMTFD want to thank the Board of Supervisors and Senior Management for all of their support of Emergency Services. We truly missed having you at our annual event and hope that next year we will no longer be in a pandemic and you will once again be able to join us.

During the event, the following members were recognized for their outstanding service and support to the WMTFD and community:

- **Lincolnway Presidents Award** – James Schroyer
- **Shiloh Presidents Award** – Bryan Metzger
- **Lincolnway Volunteer of the Year** – Greta Plappert
- **Shiloh Volunteer of the Year** – Nathan Fosmore
- **Fire Chief's Award** – Tony Pandoli
- **Township Rookie of the Year** – Samuel Flemmens
- **Township Firefighter of the Year** – Greta Plappert
- **WMTFD Lifetime Achievement Award** – John Marting (50 Years of Service)

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

During the March General Business meeting of the department, two (2) members were voted into membership.

Catherine Grove – Catherine comes to us from New Mexico. She recently moved into Spring Garden Township and has been looking for a department to volunteer with. Catherine was big into volunteering with a Fire Department in New Mexico and comes to us with a lot of experience.

Justin Dillon – Justin Dillon comes to us from the Dallastown area. He was looking for a department that he could spend time out and possible do overnight staffing.

VIOLATIONS

There were no warnings or violations sent for False Fire Alarms or Illegal Burning in the month of March.

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was one (1) Community Risk & Reduction events for the month of March.

Back in December we reported we received a grant from FM Global to help start a smoke/CO detector program. Thanks to our Facebook page and the Township Newsletter, we were able to get the word out about this program. We have been receiving calls from residents in need of smoke/CO detectors. One March 25th, we installed (3) smoke/CO detectors for a resident who didn't have any in her home. When doing this, we install one in each area of the home that requires a smoke detector to ensure the safety of the resident. In this case we installed one outside of her bedrooms, one in the living room, and one in the basement.

MAINTENANCE

During the month of March, the following maintenance was performed:

- March 1st – Rescue 505 annual inspection and preventative maintenance. Out of service for 3 days.
- March 2nd – Service 50 annual inspection and preventative maintenance. Out of service for 8 hours.