



100th Anniversary
1923 - 2023

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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75th Anniversary
1948 - 2023

“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 18, 2024

SUBJECT: March 2024 Monthly Report

The month of March is always an exciting time for the WMTFD. March is when we always hold our annual Appreciation Banquet to recognize all of our members for the outstanding work they do for the department and the Township. I am extremely proud of all the work they do and couldn't ask for a better team.

This year we recognized the following members for their extraordinary efforts throughout 2023:

President's Award – Karen Waltmire & Michael Kauffman

Chief's Award – Paul Irwin

Rookie of the Year – Frankie Quintin III

Junior Firefighter of the Year – Braydon Hovis

Officer of the Year – Nicholas Mann

Volunteer of the Year – Derek Dunn

Firefighter of the Year – Derek Dunn

Below is the March 2024 report for the April 2024 West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	15	15.79%	67
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	38	40.00%	93
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	12.63%	39
Service Call	13	13.68%	40
Good Intent Call	4	4.21%	21
False Alarm & False Call	13	13.68%	53
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	0
Special Incidents	1	1.1%	2
Totals	95	100.00%	285

- There was a total of 550 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 8 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 27% decrease from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 1,886 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at a 12.65% increase in call volume from this time last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- The WMTFD is honored to have been selected to participate in the National Fallen Firefighter weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg MD. We have been asked to display our new engine on the stage during the ceremonies for the event. This is an extreme honor for our department, and we are excited to be able to be a part of it.
- As you know the Police and Fire Departments purchased new portable radios and placed them in service several months ago. The old radios were given to York County Control however, we kept 10 portables and chargers and have now created a cache of radios to use within the Township should we ever have a need for more radios than what we already have on hand. These can be used by not only Police and Fire by Township employees as well.

- At the end of 2022 the Township adopted an ordinance for the Volunteer Emergency Service Tax Credit. The 2023 tax year was the first the fire department members were able to claim that tax credit/refund. A total of 28 members completed applications for the Township Tax credit. Of those 28, 23 elected the property tax refund and the remaining 5 elected the EIT tax credit. The total amount refund from the property tax was \$5,698.66.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

We had one (1) new member brought into membership during the March General Business Meeting of the Fire Department.

- **Kevin O'Connell** – Kevin comes to us from North Carolina. He recently purchased a home here in the Township as he is currently in the process of retiring. Kevin is looking to help as a Fire Police Officer. Kevin has significant experience in traffic management and emergency management.

VIOLATIONS

There were no warnings/Violations for false fire alarms for the month of March.

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

- March 8th – UPMC Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting
- March 17th – Easter Bunny Tour
- March 21st – Smoke Detector Installation

MAINTENANCE

- March 1st – Semi-Annual Kitchen Fire Suppression at Shiloh
- March 4th – Annual PM's and minor maintenance for Rescue 505. Out of Service for 9 days
- March 15th – Fire Alarm Repairs at Shiloh
- March 20th – Annual Aerial and Ladder Inspections
- March 25th – Annual PM's and Inspection of Utility 502. Out of Service for 1 Day
- March 26th – Spring PM's of HVAC System at Lincolnway