



100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1923 - 2023

# WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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75<sup>th</sup> 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:** August 16, 2023

**SUBJECT:** July 2023 Monthly Report

The month of July continued to be an extremely busy month of the members of the WMTFD. With planning of the 111<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Association Convention in its final stages of planning to running 117 calls for service. I am extremely proud of the men and women of the WMTFD who continue to give their time and talents to the department and the community to make us one of the best departments in the county.

Below is the July report for the August meeting of the West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors.

## TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	10	8.55%	87
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	2
Rescue & Emergency Medical	42	35.9%	237
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	9	7.69%	47
Service Call	23	19.66%	103
Good Intent Call	10	8.55%	81
False Alarm & False Call	23	19.66%	112
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	0
Special Incidents	0	0.00%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>674</b>

- There was a total of 770 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 8.5 persons per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 6.25 % increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 3,927 personnel responded to the incidents. This is a 6.25% increase from last year.
- We are at a 3.06% increase in call volume from this time last year.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

- On August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, the members of the WMTFD hosted the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighters Association of York County Convention at the York Expo Center. The convention started out with a dinner on Friday evening prepared by Chief Laughman and other members of the department. We hosted 148 members of the Firefighters Association with special guests Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill and Jerry Ozog, Executive Director of the PA Emergency Services Institute. After the dinner concluded, members got a good night sleep and started bright and early on Saturday. The day started off with a parade that had 122 registrants. After the parade, we moved into the fairgrounds where we had live entertainment, bounce houses, firefighter challenges, food trucks and much more. We heard a lot of positive comments about the event we hosted many being that this was the best convention in many years. Words cannot express how proud I am of this department and all of the work they did to make this such a spectacular event.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup> I received a preliminary email from FEMA that we have been awarded the Fire Prevention Grant. This grant was applied to help purchase smoke detectors and Knox boxes for residents and businesses based on the proposed new fire code ordinance. I am hoping that the final award letter will be received by the meeting so I can announce how much we have been awarded. We applied for \$100,100.00 so keeping our fingers crossed we get the whole award.

## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

There was one (1) new member brought into membership during the July General Business Meeting.

- **Hunter Lewis** – Hunter comes to us with no fire background however has EMS background. Hunter currently works for Health Transport Partners and wanted to learn more about the fire side.

## VIOLATIONS

There was a total of eight (8) violation/warning letters sent in the month of July for False Fire Alarms.

- July 6, 2023 – Rabbit Transit – 415 N Zarfoss Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning
- July 15, 2023 – Rabbit Transit – 415 N Zarfoss Drive – 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning
- July 16, 2023 – Rabbit Transit – 415 N Zarfoss Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Violation
- July 16, 2023 – Rabbit Transit – 415 N Zarfoss Drive – 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation
- July 20, 2023 – Goodyear – 300 S. Salem Church Rd – 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning
- July 24, 2023 – BJ's Wholesale Club – 2250 York Crossing Drive – 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning
- July 24, 2023 – BJ's Wholesale Club – 2250 York Crossing Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Violation
- July 28, 2023 – BJ's Wholesale Club – 2250 York Crossing Drive – 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation

## COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of five (5) Community Risk & Reduction events during the month of July.

- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Fire Extinguisher Training with staff of Eyes of York
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – Building walkthrough with Richland Ave Storage
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Five Finger Death Punch Pyro Technic Inspection
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Fire Safety presentation during Lunch & Learn at West York Middle School Lunch Program
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – Fire Safety Presentation during Water Day at Bennet Williams Park program

## **MAINTENANCE**

The following maintenance was performed during the month of July:

- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Rescue 505 front suspension and ball joint repairs – Out of service for 4 Days.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Rescue 505 tires replaced – Out of service for 4 hours.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Engine 505 annual inspections and PM's – Out of service for 8 days.