



WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

FROM: Clifton Laughman, Fire Chief

DATE: August 4, 2025

SUBJECT: July 2025 Monthly Report

July was an extremely busy month with 120 calls for service. Within that our members responded to multiple working fires. As of this report, our members have responded to 34 working structure fires so far this year which is more than they responded to all of last year. I am extremely proud of the work the men and women do for the WMTFD. I continually get compliments from our neighboring departments of the work they do and how they enjoy having our members assisting them on their calls.

Below is the July 2025 Report for the August 2025 meeting of the West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD	2024
Fire	16	13.33%	92	99
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	1	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	40	33.33%	215	241
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	10	8.33%	64	87
Service Call	14	11.67%	94	90
Good Intent Call	16	13.33%	72	59
False Alarm & False Call	23	19.17%	151	144
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	1	0
Special Incidents	1	0.83%	2	8
Totals	120	100.00%	692	728



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- There was a total of 707 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 7.9 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls).
- Year to date, a total of 4,191 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at a 5.05% decrease in call volume from this time last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Back in May the board approved to purchase a new reporting software due to the current software being obsolete at the end of this year and will not meet the requirements of United States Fire Administrations new reporting requirements. We have officially started rolling out the software and are currently in the stages of configuring the software to meet the needs of our department as well as transferring the data from the current software to the new software. We hope to go live with portions of the software October 1st with a full live date of January 1, 2026.
- As reported at the beginning of my report I noted that we have had a large number of working structures fires. Just within the last month, the Township experienced 3 within the Township. While the men and women of the WMTFD did an excellent job with extinguishing the fires and saving as much property as they could there is one part that I am extremely upset with and that is the solicitation of Restoration Companies. More and more when a house fire breaks out within the county flocks of restoration companies are coming to the incidents soliciting business from the residents. On the three fires that the Township experienced over the past month, each time 3-4 restorations companies showed up uninvited soliciting to the residents for business. This is very disturbing that businesses are trying to gain business of our residents when they are in a vulnerable state and before they even have a chance to talk to their insurance companies. I reached out to Andy Herrold to see if this falls under our solicitation ordinance and it does. He has drafted letters that will be sent to each restoration company advising of our ordinance. A copy of the letter is included with this report.



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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

This month two (2) new members were brought into membership. This brings a total of eleven (11) new members since January 1st of this year. Of those eleven, five (5) were for senior firefighters, two (2) were for Junior Firefighters, one (1) was for Fire Police, and three (3) were for support.

- **Kaden Laughman** – Kaden comes to us wanting to follow in his fathers footsteps. Kadens Father Nick Laughman was a member of Shiloh Fire Company prior to the merger. Nick was also a long time employee of West York Ambulance. Nick passed in 2022 and Kaden looks forward to continuing his fathers passion as a Firefighter.
- **Edward Bird** – Edward is the husband of Sandra Bird who was brought into membership last month. He wants to make assisting the fire company a family thing and looks forward to assisting us as a social member.

VIOLATIONS

There were a total of ten (10) warning/violations given during the month of July for Fals Fire Alarms.

- July 13th – 3553 Gillespie Drive – Frito Lay – 6th Violation
- July 14th – 1920 Trolley Rd – Country Meadows – 2nd Warning
- July 15th – 1275 Carlisle Rd – Ross Dress Barn – 1st Warning
- July 16th – 1175 Carlisle Rd – Lowes – 2nd Warning
- July 17th – 4585 W. Market St. – Smokers Outlet – 1st Warning
- July 20th – 1850 Normandie Drive – Encompass Health – 1st Violation
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- July 20th – 1920 Trolley Rd – Country Meadows – 1st Violation
- July 24th – 1770 Barley Rd – Manor Care – 1st Warning
- July 30th – 1750 Loucks Rd – Park Slope Development (Old Giant) – 1st Warning

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of seven (7) Community Risk & Reduction events during the month of July.

- July 2nd – Smoke Detector Install
- July 3rd – Fire Extinguisher Training with West York School District
- July 9th – Smoke Detector Install
- July 11th – Water Day with Park & Rec at Loman Park
- July 15th – Old Time Carnival
- July 24th – Water Day with Park & Rec at Bennet Williams Park
- July 25th – Water Day with Park & Rec at Sunset Ln Park