



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: February 16, 2023

SUBJECT: January 2023 Monthly Report

The month of January has finally given us a little breathing room as we had a decrease in call volume by 12%. This has allowed us to play catch up on some areas that lacked over the past few months due to are larger call volumes. Our members continue to strive to provide the best service to our community and ensure adequate responses.

As I mentioned in my end of year report we have brought 27 new members on last year and I am happy to say that a bulk of those members who had no firefighting experience, have officially started the Essential of Firefighting series at the York County Fire School to become trained interior firefighters. This course is typically only hosted twice a year so we are excited to start getting these new members on boarded.

One thing new that you will see in my reports this year is a staffing model. We broke down our day into three categories to show what are staffing levels are throughout varies times of the day. Now that we are one year into the SAFER Grant, I want to be able to concentrate on certain areas to better our manpower pool and responses.

Below is the January 2023 report for the February 2023 West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	12	13.64%	12
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	28	31.82%	28
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	9.09%	8
Service Call	14	15.91%	14
Good Intent Call	14	15.91%	14
False Alarm & False Call	12	13.64%	12
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	0
Special Incidents	0	0.00%	0
Totals	88	100.00%	88

- There was a total of 638 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 12.5% increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 643 personnel responded on the incidents. This is a 12.5% increase from last year.
- We are at a 12% decrease in call volume from this time last year.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES BY STATION

Station	Total Calls for Month	Year to Date
Station 502	55	55
Station 505	64	64

EMERGENCY RESPONSES & TURNOUT BY SHIFT

Shift	Emergency Responses	Total Personnel Turnout	Average Turnout Per Incident
A Shift (0700 – 1500)	37	201	5
B Shift (1500 – 2300)	38	389	10
C Shift (2300 – 0700)	13	53	4

*Total turnout and average turnout include Fire Police and Duty Officer only calls.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- We received notification that our State Fire Grant has been awarded and we received, \$28,273.86. These funds will be used to replace seven (7) sets of Firefighting Turnout Gear.
- We have applied for an Assistance to Firefighting Grant to cover the costs of new Washers and Dryers specifically designed for the washing of Firefighter Turnout Gear. Currently we are using standard commercial style washers and dryers that are over 15 years old. These types of washers and dryers are not recommended and should not be used on firefighting turnout gear as it can cause damage to the gear. The amount of the grant requested is \$49,873.01. This would equip each station with one washer and one dryer.
- Two years ago we applied for an Assistance to Firefighter grant for the purpose of replacing and upgrading the exhaust extraction system in the stations. This grant was for over \$150,000. Due to supply chain shortages the project has been on hold until they are able to get all the components to complete the project. I am happy to state that we have finally started receiving the items to complete the project and we hope the replacement project will start in about 2 – 3 weeks.
- Due to ongoing issues with 3rd Element at the Fire Stations, we have chosen to move away from 3rd Element Consulting as our IT service provider. Effective March 1st the fire department will be moving to Doceo for its IT services. Doceo has a strong reputation in the fire service and comes highly recommended by York Area United Fire and Rescue and the York County Fire School. The fire department has been using Doceo for its Copier services for the past 15 years and has had great success with those services, so we are excited for them to come on board as our IT provider.
- Lt. Emig and myself recently met with the York County 911 Radio Project Manager to go over pricing we received for bulk ordering of our portable radios. As we reported last year, in 2026 our portable radios used by the fire department and police department will be obsolete and they will no longer be supporting them or making parts for them. So, once they break, we would be out a radio. As we discussed we have been looking at ways to replace them to ensure that by 2026 we would have all radios replaced to ensure we could have support and parts for our radios should they break. I am happy to report that Harris Radio has offered a great deal for the replacement of our radios if we replace them all now. The discounted price given to replace 93 portable radios is \$255,987.84. Before the discounts the radios would have been \$651,586.59. I will be putting this on the agenda for approval out of the ARPA money that was set aside for this project.
- The departments Rescue/Apparatus Committee has been very busy working on designing the next Heavy Rescue for the Department. On February 8th we met with four (4) manufacturers (Pierce, E-One, Sutphen, and Seagrave) and we received a lot of good information from them. The committee will continue to meet until we have a Heavy Rescue designed that will be the current needs of the department now and well into the future.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

We had no new members brought into membership during the January General Business Meeting. We have 5 applications on deck however for February.

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of one (1) Community Risk & Reduction event for the month of January

- January 25th - Met with UPMC Memorial Hospital and provided a fire safety survey.