



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: July 22, 2022

SUBJECT: June 2022 Monthly Report

As we head into the summer months, the members of the WMTFD have been diligently working on recruitment of new members, preparing for various township events, as well as the York State Fair. The members continue to impress me with their enthusiasm and dedication for the department and the community. I couldn't ask for a better team to provide safety to the citizens of West Manchester Township.

Please find below the June report for the July West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	10	10.99%	63
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	1	1.10%	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical	26	28.57%	184
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	6.59%	45
Service Call	14	15.38%	74
Good Intent Call	14	15.38%	95
False Alarm & False Call	19	20.88%	99
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	1
Special Incidents	1	1.10%	5
Totals	91	100.00%	567

- There was a total of 569 personnel that responded on the incidents with an average of 7 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 14.29% increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total 3,619 personnel responded on the incidents with an average of 8 per incident. This is a 0.00% increase from this time last year.
- We are at a 12.72% increase in call volume from last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Over the past month, there has been a lot of talk about tax breaks for volunteer firefighters. Recently State Legislation (Act 91) has allowed local taxing authorities to offer up to 100% real estate tax credits to volunteer fire and EMS who meet certain criteria.

One municipality in York County has already acted on this. Shrewsbury Borough has adopted a 100% real estate tax credit for their volunteer firefighters who meet the criteria that they and the officers of the Shrewsbury Fire Department set.

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners they have adopted an ordinance that volunteer fire and EMS members can get up to a \$250 real estate tax credit. Again, this is providing they meet certain criteria that is set.

During the July meeting I will present information and ask the Board to approve to move forward with drafting and later adopting a similar ordinance to that of Shrewsbury Borough and Cumberland County. The West Manchester Township Fire Department has been a 100% volunteer department since its inspection and has deep roots, pride, and history because of it being 100% volunteer. We need to continue to explore ways to keep it a volunteer fire service for as long as we can to ensure our residents get the lowest tax rates possible.

I look forward to sharing the research that I have done with you during the July meeting.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

There were no new members brought into membership during the June General Membership meeting.

Our marketing firm did provide a "Talk the Talk" presentation during our June meeting. This presentation taught our members ways to talk to the public to help recruit new members. It also went over how to run our new recruitment booths.

I am excited to say that since our membership meeting on July 11th we have received 4 membership applications which will be discussed and voted on during the August membership meeting.

VIOLATIONS

There was a total of seven (7) violations/warnings issues for false fire alarms during the month of June:

- June 1, 2022 – 325 S. Salem Church Rd – GENCO – 2nd Warning
- June 3, 2022 – 215 N. Zarfoss Drive – Gordon Recycling – 1st Warning
- June 16, 2022 – 2000 Loucks Rd – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 1st Warning
- June 21, 2022 – 1700 Normandie Drive – Normandie Ridge – 1st Violation
- June 28, 2022 – 2080 Bank Lane – Leber Funeral Home – 1st Warning
- June 28, 2022 – 2175 White St. – Hoss's – 1st Warning
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COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of eleven (11) Community Risk & Reduction events for the month of June.

- June 2, 2022 – Stand-by for BAE for the testing of their new amphibious vehicle.
- June 7, 2022 – Emergency and Security Planning meeting for the 2022 York State Fair.
- June 8, 2022 – Fire Safety presentation to the Residents of Manchester Heights Community.
- June 9, 2022 – Walkthrough and Fire Safety Survey for 3001 W. Market St.
- June 13, 2022 – Smoke Detector install for Resident at 61 Ridgeway Drive
- June 15, 2022 – Additional smoke detectors installed for Resident at 61 Ridgeway Drive
- June 16, 2022 – Fire Extinguisher Training for the Staff at Bell Socialization
- June 18, 2022 – Provide a Flag Raise for the participants of the Relay for Life event at the York Fairgrounds.
- June 29, 2022 – Provide assistance for an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course for new employees of First Capital EMS.
- June 29, 2022 – Red, White, & Blue parade with the Park & Rec. Department
- June 30, 2022 – Fire Extinguisher Training for the Facilities Staff of West York School District.

MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance was performed during the month of June:

- June 20, 2022 – Radio repairs to Engine 501. Out of Service for 2 hours.
- June 21, 2022 – Utility 505 annual inspections and maintenance. Out of service for 8 hours.
- June 21, 2022 – 3rd Element performed a review of equipment and made recommendations for upgrades/replacements.