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

FROM: Clifton Laughman, Fire Chief

DATE: July 18, 2025

SUBJECT: June 2025 Monthly Report

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

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD	2024
Fire	12	11.65%	76	84
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	1	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	32	31.07%	175	217
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	5.83%	54	79
Service Call	15	14.56%	80	77
Good Intent Call	6	5.83%	56	44
False Alarm & False Call	30	29.13%	128	126
Severe Weather	1	0.97%	1	0
Special Incidents	1	0.97%	1	8
Totals	103	100.00%	572	635

- There was a total of 613 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 9.73 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls).
- Year to date, a total of 3,484 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at a 9.92% decrease in call volume from this time last year.



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DEPARTMENT NEWS

- On Thursday, June 12th Chief Laughman attended an awards ceremony hosted by the VFW. During the awards ceremony, members of the VFW presented Chief Roy Gentzler with the Pennsylvania VFW Firefighter of the Year award. Nominations are made by department chief's from all over the commonwealth and then once the recipient is selected by the VFW committee. We are extremely proud of Chief Gentzler and happy he received just an award.
- On July 1st myself along with Manager Kelch met with Manheim Township Manager Rick Kane to discuss taking a Fire Department from Volunteer to staffing with P/T Paid Personnel. Rick Kane was Manheim Townships first Fire Chief prior to becoming the Township Manager, and Rick has firsthand experience with this process. When Rick was hired as the first Chief he was hired to manage a full volunteer department with the understanding, he would need to take it to the next step. I look forward to meeting with the supervisors to share the knowledge and tips he provided us should we choose to move to having P/T paid staff.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

This month three (3) new members were brought into membership. This brings a total of nine (9) new members since January 1st of this year. Of those nine, four (4) were for senior firefighters, two (2) were for Junior Firefighters, one (1) was for Fire Police, and two (2) were for support.

- Matthew Smith** – Matt comes to use with lots of previous experience and knowledge. He most recently volunteered with Wellsville, however the WMTFD is closer to home and he is looking to fun with a more busier department.
- Colton Smith** – Colton is matt Smith's son who is just starting his Firefighting Career. Colton is 16 years old and has already started the essentials of firefighting modules. He is super excited to be running with the WMTFD and running calls with his dad.
- Sandra Bird** – Sandra lives here in the Township and is looking to help out the department as a Social Member. We are excited to add another support person to our staff.



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VIOLATIONS

There were a total of (6) warning/violations given during the month of June for False Fire Alarms.

- June 1, 2025 – 3553 Gillespie Drive – Frito Lay – 6th Violation
- June 4, 2025 – 1100 Bairs Rd – BAE – 3rd Violation
- June 17, 2025 – 3553 Gillespie Drive – Frito Lay – 5th Violation
- June 19, 2025 – 1700 Bannister St. – West York Middle School – 1st Violation
- June 19, 2025 – 1700 Bannister St. – West York Middle School – 2nd Warning
- June 25, 2025 – 2179 White St. – Mavis Tire – 1st Warning

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of five (5) community risk & reduction events during the month of June.

- June 5, 2025 – Fire Extinguisher Training with the residents of Manchester Heights.
- June 18, 2025 – Smoke Detector Install – 1770 Ashland Drive
- June 18, 2025 – Smoke Detector Install – 2470 Baker Rd
- June 24, 2025 – Smoke Detector Install – 4370 Zimmerman Drive
- June 25, 2025 – Red, White, & Blue Parade

MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance was performed during the month of June:

- June 3, 2025 - Upfit of the new Car 50 – All month
- June 9, 2025 – Truck 50 to Glick for fabrication Changs for updated equipment – Out of Service for 10 days.
- June 16, 2025 – Utility 505 to Quality Service Center for Annual Inspections and PM's – Out of Service for 8 hours.
- June 17, 2025 – Car 50 to Quality Service Center for a minor part replacement due to wearing out. – Out of service for 4 hours.