



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: March 13, 2026

SUBJECT: February 2026 Monthly Report

The WMTFD continues to see an increase in call volume from the prior year. However, despite the increase in calls and the weather-related events, the members continue to turnout to get the apparatus out the door and assist our members of the community.

I am extremely proud of the job they do and couldn't have asked for a better team.

Below is the February 2026 Report for the March 2026 meeting of the West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

| Type of Response | Total | Percentage | YTD | 2025 |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Fire | 8 | 13.64% | 22 | |
| Hazardous Situation | 10 | 11.36% | 25 | |
| Medical | 15 | 17.05% | 37 | |
| Public Service | 7 | 7.95% | 20 | |
| Rescue | 1 | 1.14% | 2 | |
| No Emergency | 36 | 40.91% | 73 | |
| Law Enforcement Support | 7 | 7.95% | 24 | |
| Totals | 84 | 100.00% | 199 | 182 |

- There was a total of 493 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 6.84 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls).
- Year to date, a total of 1,167 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at an 8.54% Increase in call volume from this time last year.



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EMERGENCY RESPONSES BY STATION

| Station | Total Calls for Month | Year to Date | 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|------|
| Station 502 | 56 | 70 | 126 |
| Station 505 | 67 | 78 | 145 |

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Rescue 50 continues to progress through production. As of last report, the body has been painted, the chassis has been constructed, and they were starting to put the interiors of the cab together. As of right now final inspection is estimated to be the week of May 11th.
- The process to start hiring part-time firefighters continues to progress. The application period opened this past Monday, on March 9th and will remain open until April 1st. As of this report we have received 3 applications with several inquiries. Right now, the only advertising we have done for the position is social media. Next week we will look at other avenues of advertising.
- The WMTFD hosted its annual Appreciation Banquet this past weekend on March 7th. Thank you to the Township Supervisors who attended to help honor are award recipients.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

During the March meeting we welcomed one (1) new member into the department. This puts us at two new members for 2026.

- **Gavyn Gotwalt** – Gavin comes to us as a Junior Firefighter. He currently resides in York Township and heard a lot of good things about the WMTFD and wanted to be part of our Junior/Cadet program.

VIOLATIONS

During the month of February, there was a total of fifteen (15) warnings/violations given for false fire alarms.

- February 2, 2026 – 760 E. Berlin Rd – Voith Hydro – 1st Warning
- February 2, 2026 – 1301 Kenneth Rd – Smokey Bones – 1st Warning
- February 5, 2026 – 1100 Bairs Rd – BAE Systems – 2nd Warning



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- February 7, 2026 – 400 S. Salem Church Rd – Mobile Climate Control – 1st Warning
- February 8, 2026 – 1301 Kenneth Rd – Smokey Bones – 2nd Warning
- February 9, 2026 – 400 S. Salem Church Rd – Mobile Climate Control – 2nd Warning
- February 9, 2026 – 1700 Normandie Dr – Normandie Ridge – 2nd Warning
- February 9, 2026 – 1750 Loucks Rd – Old Giant – 1st Warning
- February 10, 2026 – 1100 Bairs Rd – BAE Systems – 1st Violation
- February 11, 2026 – 300 S. Salem Church Rd – Goodyear Rubber & Tire – 1st Violation
- February 12, 2026 – 300 S. Salem Church Rd – Goodyear Rubber & Tire – 2nd Violation
- February 14, 2026 – 300 S. Salem Church Rd – Goodyear Rubber & Tire – 3rd Violation
- February 23, 2026 – 1930 Kenneth Rd – York Housing Authority – 1st Warning
- February 24, 2026 – 1930 Kenneth Rd – York Housing Authority – 2nd Warning
- February 24, 2026 – 1930 Kenneth Rd – York Housing Authority – 1st Violation

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There were two Community Risk & Reduction Event for the month of February:

- February 6th - York County Full Scale Evacuation Drill Planning
- February 20th – York County Full Scale Evacuation Drill Planning

MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance was performed during the month of February:

- 5-Year internal sprinkler inspection at the Shiloh Station
- Marquee Repairs at the Shiloh Station
- Car 501 annual maintenance, inspection, and misc. repairs. Out of Service for 8 hours.
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