



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: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: April 2026 Monthly Report

April slowed down a little and the members were able to catch a slight break. However, they continued to turn out and provide stellar service to the township.

As we moved through April, we continued to work through the hiring process for our new Part-Time Firefighters. Of the 35 applications we received, we interviewed 27 candidates. Of those 27 we provided 15 conditional offers. As of this report 12 of the conditional offers have completed all the pre-employment process and have been offered official positions with the West Manchester Township Fire Department. Right now, we are in the process of ordering uniforms and finalizing the orientation process. The first official day for our Part-Time staff will be Orientation Day on July 18th & 19th.

Lastly, the new Rescue has been delivered and will be available for viewing during the executive session. The members of the WMTFD thank the Township Board of Supervisors and Manager Kelly Kelch for your support of emergency services.

Please find on the next page the April 2026 report for the West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors May 2026 meeting.



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TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD	2025
Fire	17	20.48%	49	
Hazardous Situation	9	10.84%	46	
Medical	13	15.66%	66	
Public Service	11	13.25%	41	
Rescue	0	0.00%	3	
No Emergency	25	30.12%	137	
Law Enforcement Support	8	9.64%	44	
Totals	83	100.00%	382	381

- There was a total of 570 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 8.38 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls).
- Year to date, a total of 2,213 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at an 0.26% Increase in call volume from this time last year.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES BY STATION

Station	Total Calls for Month	Year to Date	2025
Station 502	47	230	240
Station 505	59	267	261



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DEPARTMENT NEWS

- I had the opportunity to attend the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chief’s Conference in Lancaster, PA. During the conference we heard from many great speakers and discussed ways we can approve the US Fire Service. I also had the opportunity to be represented in the Conference Program and provide the invocation prior to the Chief’s Ball meal.
- I along with Chief Nick Mann, Chief Roy Gentzler, Captain Mike Kauffman, and Lieutenant Joe Mann traveled to Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin where we completed the final inspection of the new Rescue. We had a small punch list of very minor items, and we are happy with how it turned out. We are excited to get it in service. We hope to have it in service by the end of the summer early fall.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

- No new members were brought into membership during the May General Business Meeting.

VIOLATIONS

There was a total of nine (9) warnings/violations given during the month of April for False Fire Alarms.

- April 1, 2026 – 1770 Barley Rd – Manor Care North – 2nd Warning
- April 4, 2026 – 300 S. Salem Church Rd – DHL Logistics – 6th Violation
- April 11, 2026 – 1920 Trolley Rd – Country Meadows – 2nd Violation
- April 14, 2026 – 1920 Trolley Rd – Country Meadows – 3rd Violation
- April 14, 2026 – 1601 Kenneth Rd – First Capital Federal Credit Union – 1st Warning
- April 17, 2026 – 1900 Barley Rd – Manchester Heights – 3rd Violation
- April 22, 2026 – 1900 Barley Rd – Manchester Heights – 4th Violation
- April 22, 2026 – 1850 Normandie Drive – Encompass Health – 1st Warning
- April 30, 2026 – 380 East Berlin Rd – West Manchester Township – 1st Warning



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COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of four (4) Community Risk & Reduction Events during the month of April

- April 8, 2026 – Full Scale Evacuation Drill – Lincolnway Elementary
- April 9, 2026 – Smoke Detector Install – 2488 Seneca Drive
- April 13, 2026 – Fire Safety Review – BLM Construction
- April 28, 2026 – BAE Pre-Plan

MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance items were performed during the month of April:

- Spring HVAC PM at both Fire Stations
- Rescue 50 continues to be out of service due to suspension issues. As of this report, parts have finally been received from Ireland and repairs are underway.