



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: November 2, 2022

SUBJECT: October 2022 Monthly Report

The WMTFD had a very busy October. With October being Fire Prevention Month, the members performed twenty-six (26) Fire Safety Presentations and three (3) Community Events all while responding to ninety (90) calls for service.

I can not express how proud I am of the members for all the time and commitment they have been giving to ensure we provide top-notch fire safety presentations to the community. In talking with other Chief's, it appears that the WMTFD is one of the few if not the only department in the area that provides this many fire safety presentations during fire prevention month. This truly goes to show the dedication and passion our members have for the department and the community. Each event performed, averaged eight (8) members. This is huge!! This also means that our members spent on average of 4.7 hours doing work for the department every day during the month of October. This time doesn't include attending meetings, trainings, or work details.

I personally want to thank all our members for everything they do, day in and day out for our community. As Police Chief Art Smith always said about the WMTPD, I have to say the same for the WMTFD. Our department is second to none!!

Please find below the October report for the November West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	9	10.00%	108
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	1	1.11%	4
Rescue & Emergency Medical	34	37.78%	311
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	13.33%	68
Service Call	7	7.78%	124
Good Intent Call	10	11.11%	146
False Alarm & False Call	17	18.89%	168
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	1
Special Incidents	0	0.00%	7
Totals	90	100.00%	937

- There was a total of 681 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 28% increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 5,751 personnel responded on the incidents.
- We are at a 0.32% decrease in call volume from this time last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- On October 17th, the WMTFD hosted the monthly County Fire Chief's meeting at Station 502 (Shiloh). Chief Laughman along with the assistance of some of the WMTFD members prepared and served a meal (Baked Chicken Potpie, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, and assorted desserts) prior to the meeting.
- On October 18th I had the privilege to attend the West York Area School District Voting Board Meeting. During this meeting I presented the idea of tax credits to volunteer firefighters. The board was very receptive and eager to provide some sort of credit for our firefighters. I will keep the WMT Board updated as this continues to progress.
- On October 20th Chief Laughman met with Supervisor Ruman and discussed various aspects of the department and how some of the department operates. We also discussed what all goes into an ISO rating for the township.
- On October 28th Chief Laughman along with Dennis Reigart from West York Ambulance met with the mother of Justin Snyder. Justin was killed in a motor vehicle accident in 2018 in front of the old Mary Janes Restaurant on Route 30. Since the accident Ms.

Snyder raised awareness and funds for Justin that was then used to provide scholarships to students at Central York High School. Ms. Snyder decided to take the last of the remaining funds and provide them to West York EMS and WMTFD as a thank you for everything they did for her son and family. A donation was made to the WMTFD in the amount of \$1,512.84 in her son's name. She asked that the funds be used to help better our departments either through training or the purchase of equipment.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

During the October General Membership meeting, we welcomed six (6) new members into the department. To date this brings us to a total of twenty-three (23) new members for the year.

- **Kenneth Bouhl** – Ken recently moved to the area after retiring and wish to be a social member. Ken as extensive history within emergency services and while he wishes not to be an operational member, he wishes to continue to service his community by being a social member.
- **Trent Dayley** – Trent is new to emergency services. Trent was recently hired as a 911 dispatcher with York County 911 and wanted to expand his knowledge of emergency services so decided to join the WMTFD to learn this side of the radio.
- **Frank Quinton III** – Frank (Frankie) is joining us as a Cadet Firefighter. He is 17 years old and thought it would be interesting to become a firefighter.
- **Mark Geric** – Mark was a member of the WMTFD a number of years ago, and after some persuasion from some other members that came back to the WMTFD after taking some leave and he decided to become an operational member again.
- **Alexandra Wagner** - Alexandra is new to emergency services. She currently works in healthcare and wanted to find other ways of helping people in her community.
- **Corey Beaverson** – Corey is no stranger to firefighting. He was recruited by one of our newer members and was recently a member of East Prospect Fire Department.

VIOLATIONS

There were eight (8) warning/violation letters send during the month of October for false fire alarms.

- October 15th – 1700 Normandie Drive – Normandie Ridge – 2nd Violation
- October 19th – 1701 Innovation Drive – UPMC Memorial Hospital – 1st Violation
- October 20th – 1255 Carlisle Rd – Giant Food Stores – 2nd Warning
- October 20th – 415 N Zarfoss Dr – Rabbit Transit – 1st Warning
- October 21st – 1550 Rodney Rd – Partners in Family Health – 1st Warning
- October 22nd – 2000 Loucks Rd – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 4th Violation
- October 23rd – 1550 Rodney Rd – Partners in Family Health – 2nd Warning
- October 23rd – 2000 Loucks Rd – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 5th Violation

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

During the month of October, members participated in thirty-one (31) Community Risk & Reduction events

- October 1st – WMTFD Open House
- October 3rd – Fire Prevention Presentation – Educational Building Blocks
- October 4th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Shiloh UCC (2 Sessions)
- October 5th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Shiloh UCC (2 Sessions)
- October 6th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Shiloh UCC (2 Sessions)
- October 8th – Community Day – Lowes
- October 10th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Center for Young Children
- October 11th – Fire Safety Walk through – Frito Lay
- October 11th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Shiloh Lutheran (2 Sessions)
- October 12th – Fire Prevention Presentation – Shiloh Lutheran (2 Sessions)
- October 13th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Aa-Zz Pre-School
- October 14th – Fire Drill – West York High School
- October 14th – Fire Drill – Wallace Elementary School
- October 17th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Wallace Elementary School (2 Sessions)
- October 17th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Kids First Daycare
- October 19th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Trimmer Elementary School (2 Sessions)
- October 20th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Rainbow Junction
- October 21st - Fire Prevention Presentation – Rainbow Junction
- October 24th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Cub Pack 97
- October 25th – Fire Prevention Presentation – Lincolnway Elementary School (2 Sessions)
- October 25th – Fire Safety Inspection – Gordon Food Show at York Fair Grounds
- October 27th - Fire Prevention Presentation – Little Bulldog Academy
- October 31st – Truck-or-Treat – Loman Park

MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance was performed during the month of October:

- October 10th – Annual sprinkler inspection for Station 502 (Shiloh)