



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: September 14, 2021

SUBJECT: September 2021 Monthly Report

The WMTFD has been experiencing an extremely busy few months with running more than 100 calls for service each month. They continue to do an outstanding job serving the community and I couldn't be prouder of them for the work they do.

Below is the August 2021 report for the September 2021 Board of Supervisor's Meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	10	8.20%	98
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical	28	22.95%	187
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	5.74%	83
Service Call	30	24.59%	132
Good Intent Call	20	16.39%	109
False Alarm & False Call	26	21.31%	127
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	4
Special Incidents	1	0.82%	3
Totals	122	100.00%	744

- There was a total of 769 personnel that responded on the incidents with an average of 8 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 0.00% change from last month.
- Year to date, a total 4,927 personnel responded on the incidents with an average of 8 per incident. This is a 0.00% change from this time last year.
- We are at a 24.83% increase in call volume from last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The WMTFD recently received word that we have been awarded the 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of \$462,030.00.

This grant will provide funding for recruitment and retention efforts over the next 4 years. The breakdown of the grant is as follows:

Category	Amount	Years	Description
Tuition Costs	\$40,000	1,2,3,4	This will provide tuition reimbursement of \$1,000 for up to five (5) students given out twice yearly (one for fall semester and one for spring semester.) This incentive will be emphasized in recruitment marketing that targets local college students.
Remodeling	\$10,000	1	With marketing to college students, we need to make sure we have reasonable housing accommodations. Currently some of our dorms are outdated and dingy. With these funds we will be able to provide new carpet, fresh paint, new beds and mattresses and desks for students to work on schoolwork.
New Members	\$34,520	1,2,3,4	To ensure the safety and fitness for duty of new members, this funding will provide a complete NFPA 1582-compliant physical prior to beginning training. Currently we do offer this, but this will allow the current funds we use to be moved to other areas of the department and provide additional funding to allow our current members to receive ongoing physicals.
Marketing	\$65,710	1,2,3,4	We will send out RFP's for a marketing firm and once one is obtained, funds will be used to create new branding and logos. We will then use those new brands and logos to market through facebook, Instagram, direct mail, videos, signs, etc. We will also do photo shoots of our own members to be used on marketing media.
Recruitment	\$27,800	1,2	We will use these funds to set up marketing booths at the local schools (High Schools and Colleges) as well as the York Fair to try and recruit new members.
Duty Shifts	\$160,000	1,2,3,4	These funds will be used to enhance our current program that provides gift cards to our members. We will set up duty crews, and when members do that, this will put some extra funds in their pockets for fulfilling a duty crew shift.

Personal Protective Equipment	\$124,000	1,2,3,4	These funds will equip all new members with a complete set of new tailored turnout gear. Currently new members are given used turnout gear until such time funds are available to purchase them a new set. This will allow us to purchase a new set from the beginning.
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This grant is also a very competitive grant and not easy to obtain. We would not have been able to obtain this without the help of our Grant Consultant, Firehouse Grants LLC. This makes the 4th large grant they have helped us obtain. In the past 3 years that we have used their assistance we have secured more than \$911,230.00. Their costs for consulting over the past 3 years has only been \$21,750.00 so we have seen a very large return on our investment in using their services.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

There were no new members brought up for membership during the month of August.

VIOLATIONS

There were no warnings or violations for the month of August.

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

We completed five (5) Community Risk and Reduction events for the month of August.

- August 3rd – Smoke Detector Installation for a Resident
- August 4th – Fire Extinguisher Training for the Staff of West York School District Facilities
- August 5th – Smoke Detector Install for a Resident
- August 11th – Fire Extinguisher Training for the Staff of Colony Papers
- August 23rd – Smoke Detector Install for a Resident

MAINTENANCE

- Truck 502 – Annual inspections and preventative maintenance. Out of service for 4 days.
- Engine 502 – Annual inspections and preventative maintenance. Out of service for 4 days.
- Car 50 – Oil change and preventative maintenance. Out of service for 1 day.
- Car 502 – Annual inspections and preventative maintenance. Out of service for 1 day.