



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 13, 2022

SUBJECT: August 2022 Monthly Report

As we start to move into the autumn and cooler months, we start thinking about turning on our furnaces, firing up our fireplaces, and looking for ways to keep our families warm. As such, it is also time to start thinking about fire safety.

Next month, is the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Month. Fire prevention month was started because of the Great Chicago Fire that started in 1871 that took the lives of over 300 people. This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape!" The department has been diligently working with our daycares, pre-schools, and school district to provide fire safety presentations to all our young children and students. Currently we have 30 fire safety presentations on the calendar for the month of October. We look forward to another fun fire prevention month of teaching fire safety!!

Thank you to all our members who have helped put these presentations together and who has signed up to help teach these very important safety lessons.

Please find below the August report for the September West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	13	13.00%	89
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	1	1.00%	3
Rescue & Emergency Medical	23	23.00%	243
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	1.00%	50
Service Call	23	23.00%	109
Good Intent Call	13	13.00%	123
False Alarm & False Call	25	25.00%	130
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	1
Special Incidents	1	1.00%	6
Totals	100	100.00%	754

- There was a total of 460 personnel that responded on the incidents with an average of 6 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls).
- Year to date, a total 4,504 personnel responded on the incidents.
- We are at a 1.34% increase in call volume from last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- The annual State Fire Commissioners Grant application period has opened. We once again applied for the maximum amount allowed of \$30,000. This year the grant was written for the purchase of new turnout gear for our firefighters. As our membership grows, we find ourselves having to outfit our firefighters with non-compliant turnout gear. Turnout gear becomes non-compliant once it reaches an age of older than 10 years. A new set (Coat, Pants, Helmet, & Boots) of turnout gear costs over \$4,000. This grant will allow us to purchase 7 sets of gear. As always, we will work with our vendor who will put our order together with multiple other departments ordering turnout gear to get us the best price.
- I recently met with Dr. Davies, the Superintendent of West York Schools to talk about offering Tax Credits to our Firefighters. He was excited about this opportunity and stated he really wants to do something for our volunteers. He and I will work together to talk to our school board about the importance of our volunteer's. During our meeting we also discussed about offering fire programs to our high school students. He was thrilled that the department wants to come into the High School and work with the students. We will be looking at different programs and curriculums to offer the students starting with the 2nd Semester of this school year or at the beginning of next school year. I will continue to keep the board updated on the progress of this exciting project.

- There were recently some sample ordinances released by the Pennsylvania Municipal League regarding fireworks based on the new fireworks laws. These were forwarded onto our Township Manager and Township Solicitor for review as we continue to look at updating fireworks ordinance.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

During our August General Membership meeting we welcomed five (5) new members into the department.

- **Julius Guyer** – Julius comes to us as a Cadet Firefighter. He always wanted to help his community and feels this is how he can do it.
- **Derek Dunn** – Derek is a seasoned firefighter who comes to us from the West York Fire Department. He feels he has better opportunities for advancement and growing his knowledge of the fire service by being with our department.
- **Bryce Rhoades** – Bryce comes to us, also with firefighting background. He was a firefighter in Lancaster County and recently came to this area and heard great things about our department.
- **Steven Glatfelter** – Steven comes to us as a new firefighter. He also always wanted to help his community and recently saw our marketing adds and feels this is the way he can best serve his community.
- **Blaise Groff** – Blaise comes to us as a Live-In firefighter. He most recently ran with East Prospect but wanted to experience being a Live-In firefighter.

We are super excited with the growth of our department. Several applications are on deck for our September meeting as well as several applications on deck for our October meeting. It is our hope and goal that we will hit 100 members by the end of the year.

VIOLATIONS

There were nine (9) warning/violation letters sent during the month of August for false fire alarms.

- August 1, 2022 – 3001 West Market St. – 1st Warning
- August 4, 2022 – 1900 Trolley Rd – Country Meadows – 4th Violation
- August 4, 2022 – 1930 Kenneth Rd – Springfield Apartments – 1st Warning
- August 24, 2022 – 1930 Kenneth Rd – Springfield Apartment – 2nd Warning
- August 24, 2022 – 2000 Loucks Rd – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 1st Violation
- August 26, 2022 – 325 S. Salem Church Rd – GENCO – 1st Violation
- August 29, 2022 – 425 East Berlin Rd – Weldon Solutions – 1st Warning
- August 30, 2022 – 2000 Loucks Rd – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2nd Violation
- August 31, 2022 – 2000 Loucks Rd – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 3rd Violation

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

During the month of March, members participated in five (5) Community Risk & Reduction Events.

- August 2nd – National Night Out – Sunset Lane Park
- August 4th – Smoke Detector Install – 105 Stonegate Court
- August 10th – Fire Safety Walkthrough – Magnesita
- August 12th – Staff Fire Safety Training – Rainbow Junction
- August 17th – Office of Emergency Management West Side Meet N' Greet – York Fair Grounds

MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance was performed during the month of August:

- August 1st – Engine 501 sent to Glick Fire Equipment for annual inspections and preventative maintenance. – Out of Service for 4 Days
- August 15th – Car 50 sent to Quality Service Center for Preventative Maintenance – Out of service for 1 day.
- August 16th – Engine 502 returned from the body shop after being sent back in April and immediately sent to Glick Fire Equipment for annual inspections and preventative maintenance. Engine finally returned to service on August 25th after being out of service for 209 days.
- August 31st – Rescue 505 sent to Glick for minor repairs. Out of service for 2 days.