



100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1923 - 2023

# WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1948 - 2023

*“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:** August 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** July 2024 Monthly Report

As the summer winds down, the members continue to maintain an average of 8 personnel per call. The members are to be commended for maintaining this average during the summer months when a lot of people are on vacation.

During the month of August, several of our members had the opportunity to participate in the annual West Manchester Township Police Department golf tournament. While the WMTFD teams couldn't defeat Manager Kelch's team, the members still had an excellent time. They will be spending the next 12 months practicing so that they can defeat Manager Kelch's team in 2025.

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

## TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	10	10.42%	139
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	31	32.29%	282
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	7.29%	94
Service Call	12	12.50%	102
Good Intent Call	9	9.38%	68
False Alarm & False Call	24	25.00%	168
Severe Weather	2	2.08%	2
Special Incidents	1	1.04%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>824</b>

## **TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES CONTINUED**

- There was a total of 573 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 8 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 14.28% increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 5,155 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at an 4.97% increase in call volume from this time last year.

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

- On August 16<sup>th</sup> members of the WMTFD participated in the West Manchester Township Police Association annual golf Tournament. The WMTFD had two teams in the tournament. While neither team took the top 3 spots, members had a great time networking with other Township employees and police officers. It was a great time had by all and the WMTFD would like to thank the WMTPA for allowing them to participate.



**Pictured from Left to Right:** Lieutenant Tony Pandoli, Lieutenant Dan Santoemma, FF Chad Deardorff, Captain Mike Kauffman, Captain Nick Mann, Deputy Chief David Markle, FF Tech Joe Mann, and District Chief Roy Gentzler

- On August 17<sup>th</sup> members participated in the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual York County Firefighters Association convention parade. This year the event was hosted by SAFER which is made up of Dallastown, Yoe, and Yorkana Fire Departments. The event was special to SAFER because it marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yoe Fire Department. I am excited to report that the WMTFD took 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Best Appearing Engine 201-2024, 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Best Appearing FD Marching Group, Judges Award for the Antique Mack Engine 5-2, and the traveling Trophy. Great job to all of those that made this possible.



**Pictured from Left to Right:** Alieah Gentzler, Laura Metzger, FF Tech Bryan Metzger, Cadet FF Bradon Hovis, Gwen Givens, Tracey Woodward, Annabelle Gentzler, Larry Gentzler, Lisa Gentzler, Thad Gentzler, District Roy Gentzler, District Chief Bob Sells, FF Christian Ebert, FF Derek Dunn, FF Frank Quintin.

**Not Pictured:** Tyra Rorke, Grace Rorke, Kelci Santoemma, Daniel Santoemma, Phillip Santoemma

- On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Chief Laughman was able to have a meeting with the Dover Township Fire Chief. This was at the request of the new chief, as the Chief from earlier this year stepped down. It was a great conversation, and the Dover Township Chief pledged to work with the WMTFD and work on some of the issues that were discussed as well as Chief Laughman agreed to work on issues that he was presented with. There was also some discussion of sharing of personnel when Dover Township would need paid staff.
- On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Chief Laughman met with West York Boro Fire Chief to discuss some issues with their Fire Police Personnel. Chief Laughman advised of an issue that happened on Route 30 and stressed the importance of Safety on all roadways within the Township but especially Route 30. There was also some discussion on personnel hiring requirements and processes.

## **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

- During the month of August, we received no inquires for membership.
- A total of two (2) applications were received for membership. Of those two applications one application was withdrawn because he advised he would not be able to perform the duties of Fire Police at this time due to a medical condition. He later requested that we reconsider his application as a social member.
- One application was brought up and approved for membership during the August membership meeting.
  - **William Kiefer** – William is currently still in high school and attends Central York High School. He wanted to join the WMTFD because he wanted to volunteer and give back to the community and feels this is the best way he can do that.

## **VIOLATIONS**

A total of six (6) warnings and seven (7) violations were given for false fire alarms.

- August 2, 2024 – Giant Food Stores – 1255 Carlisle Rd – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning
- August 2, 2024 – Giant Food Stores – 1255 Carlisle Rd – 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning
- August 5, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 4<sup>th</sup> Violation
- August 6, 2024 – 1580 Trolley Rd – Winters Performance – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning
- August 6, 2024 – 2250 York Crossing Dr – BJ's Wholesale Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation
- August 7, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 5<sup>th</sup> Violation
- August 9, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 6<sup>th</sup> Violation
- August 13, 2024 – 2250 York Crossing Dr – BJ's Wholesale Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Violation
- August 13, 2024 – 2250 York Crossing Dr - BJ's Wholesale Club – 4<sup>th</sup> Violation
- August 13, 2024 – 2740 Roosevelt Ave – Calvery Baptist Church – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning
- August 20, 2024 – 215 N Zarfoss Dr – Gordons Recycling – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning
- August 21, 2024 – 1580 Trolley Rd – Winters Performance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning
- August 27, 2024 – 300 S Salem Church Rd – DHL Supply Company – 1<sup>st</sup> Violation

## **COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION**

There was a total of one (1) Community Risk & Reduction event during the month of August.

- August 6, 2024 – National Night Out

## **MAINTENANCE**

During the month of August, the following maintenance was performed.

- August 5, 2024 – Car 50 motor PM. Out of service for 8 hours.
- August 6, 2024 – Car 502 annual inspection and motor PM. Out of service for 8 hours.
- August 13, 2024 – Rescue 505 oil leak repairs. Out of service for 8 days.
- August 26, 2024 – Annual inspection of Fire Alarm at the Lincolnway Station.
- August 28, 2024 – Utility 505 check engine light investigation. Replacement of bad sensors. Out of service for 8 hours.
- August 30, 2024 – Annual inspection of Sprinkler System at the Lincolnway Station.