



# **WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2026**

A comprehensive overview of emergency response, staffing, training, and community service in West Manchester Township.

Prepared for the West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, and the Residents of West Manchester Township.

## Executive Summary

During July 2026, West Manchester Township Fire Department continued to deliver reliable and professional emergency services to West Manchester Township and our mutual aid partners while managing sustained growth in call volume and operational demand.

The department responded to 106 incidents in July, a slight decrease from June with 116 incidents. Year-to-date, West Manchester Township handled 704 incidents, compared to 692 during the same period in 2025, reflecting a continued upward trend in service demand across our response area.

Incident activity remains diverse, with the largest categories including non-emergencies, medical emergencies, hazardous situations, and fire incidents, reinforcing the all-hazards nature of our service delivery. Crews managed 16 overlapping incidents during the month, demonstrating the increasing complexity of operations and the importance of consistent staffing and resource availability.

The majority of incidents (61 calls for service) occurred within West Manchester Township, with additional response supporting neighboring municipalities through mutual aid. The department participated in 45 mutual aid incidents, providing assistance while also receiving support on 10 incidents when needed.

Staffing improved in operational performance during the month of July. This is greatly due to the hiring of 15 part-time staff members to assist with daytime coverage during the weekday from 7am – 5pm.

Training and professional development remain a priority, with members completing 1,102 training hours year-to-date across a wide range of disciplines, including company training, certifications, and hazardous materials. These efforts ensure operational readiness and maintain a high professional standard.

Community risk and reduction efforts also remained strong, with personnel conducting outreach events and completing smoke and carbon monoxide detector checks and installations to improve life safety throughout the community.

Overall, July reflects continued growth in demand for services, coupled with strong operational performance. We look forward to continuing working with our paid staff and volunteer duty crew as work to better our staffing and response during the daytime hours.

## Significant Incidents & Department News

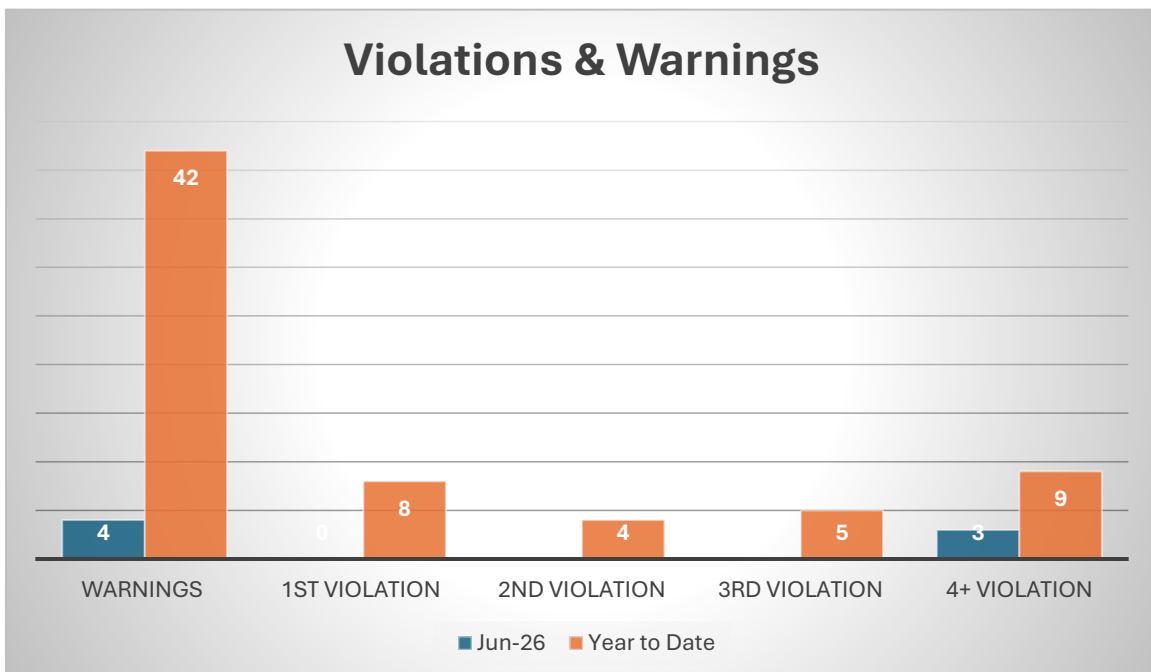
The West Manchester Township Fire Department had no significant incidents during the month of July.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> we welcomed our new Part-Time staff. We are excited to have them as part of this new program, and the experience they bring to the department. We look forward to working with them and growing our department to strengthen our service delivery and continue to provide the highest level of emergency service to our residents and community.



Part-Time Staff Pictured Above: Brandon Schnur, Lyle Cosner, Joseph Folk, Matthew Barnes, Jared Slagel, Michael Rebert, Matthew Brown, Jered Fitzkee, Nicholas Shaffer, Nathan Gentzler, Matthew Johnson, Garrett Strouse, Chad Arnold, and Brandon Martin. Not Pictured: Vincent Penecale.

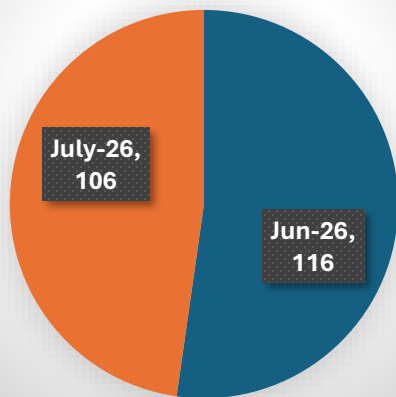
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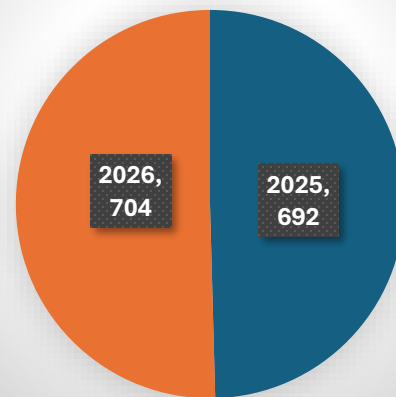
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – 2251 Willow Rd -Shiloh UCC – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – 3177 W. Market St. – Fadley’s Auto – 1<sup>st</sup> Warning

## Incident Volume & Trends

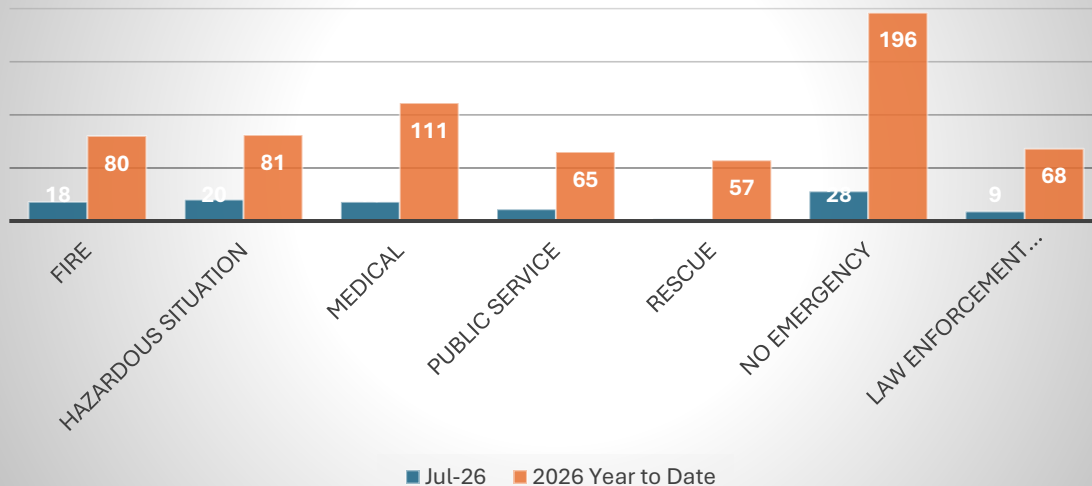
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### Previous Year to Date Comparison

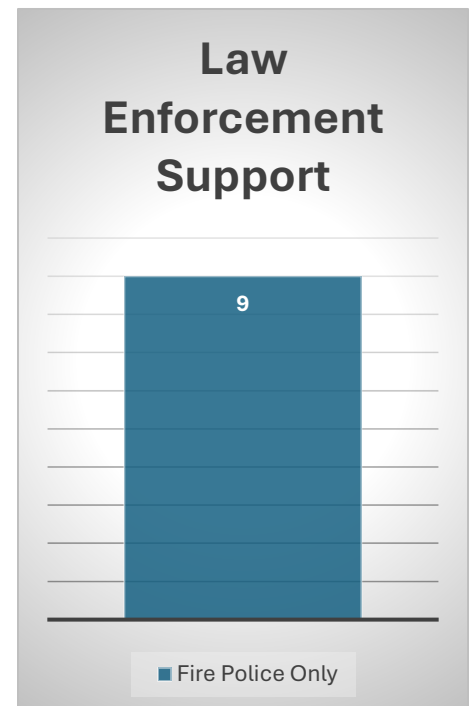
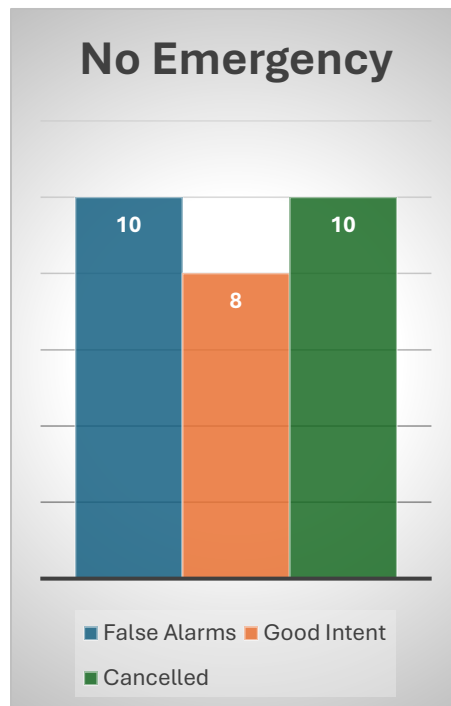
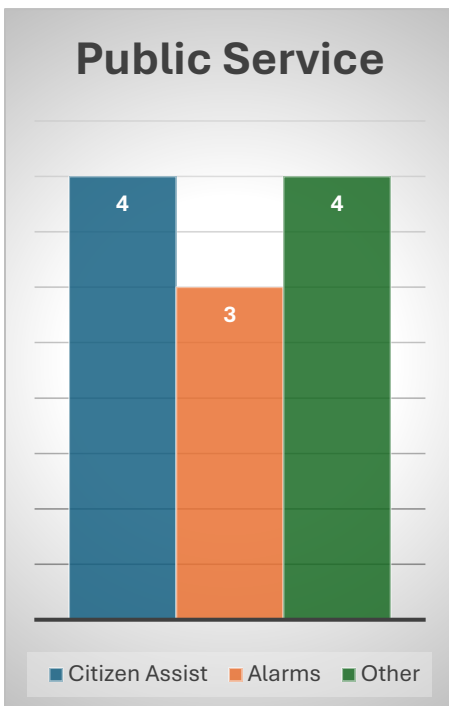
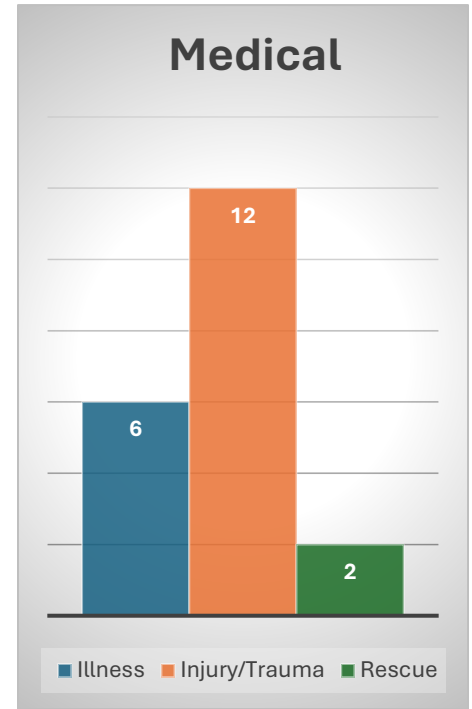
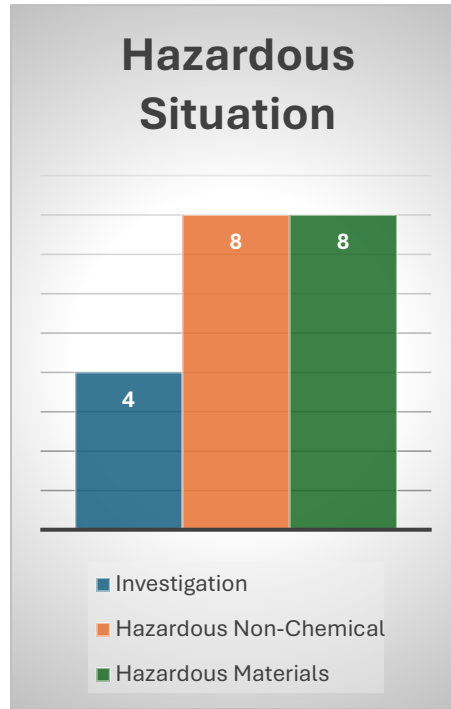
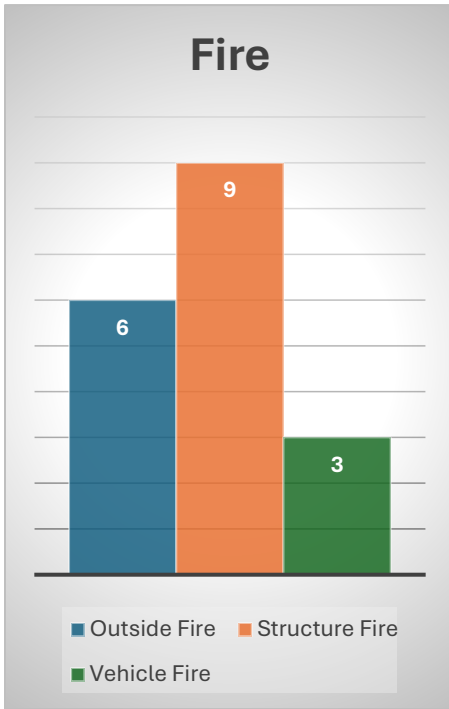


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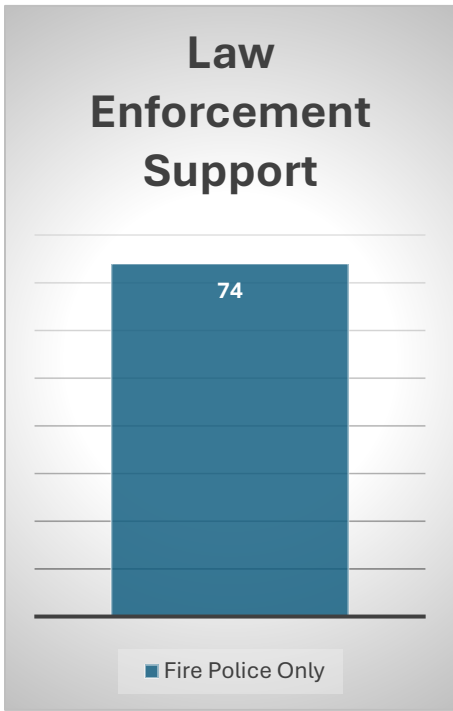
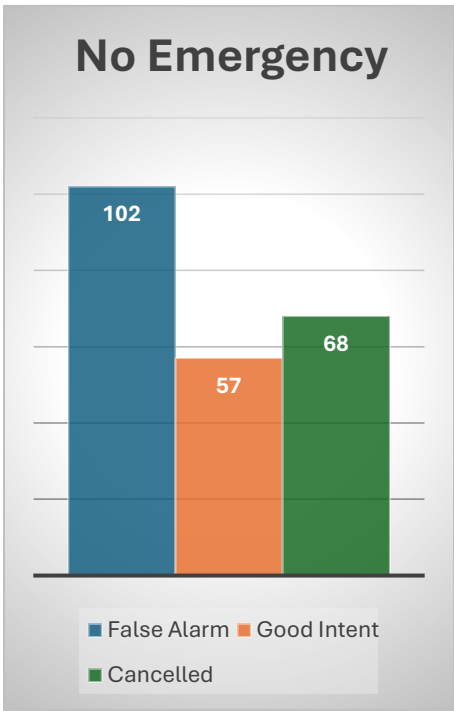
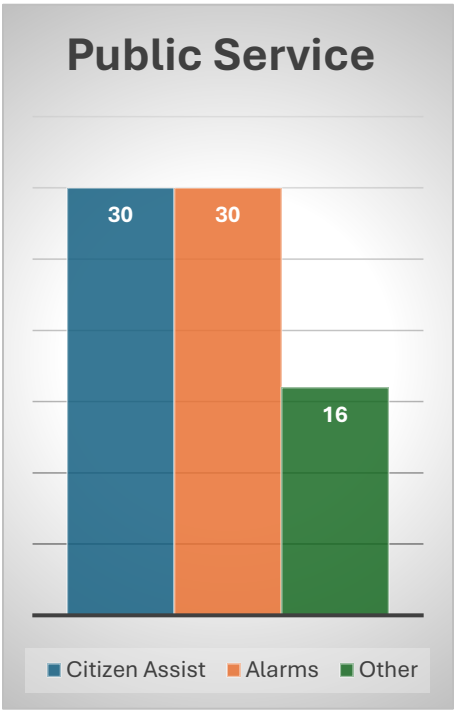
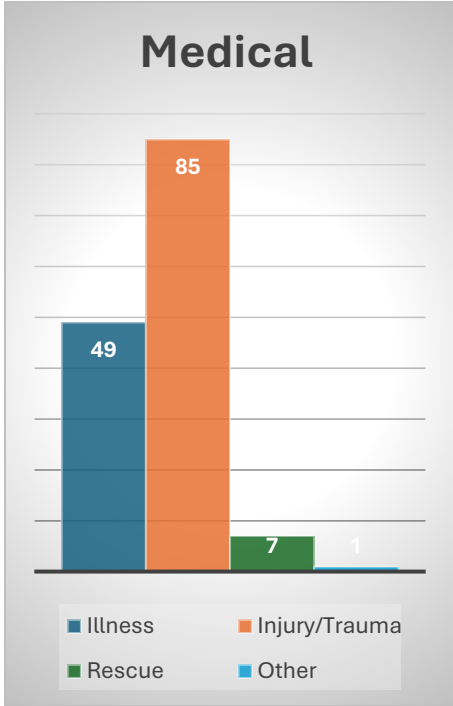
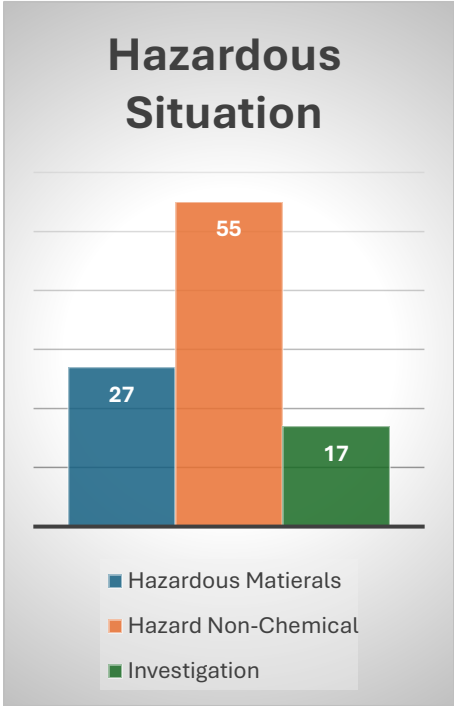
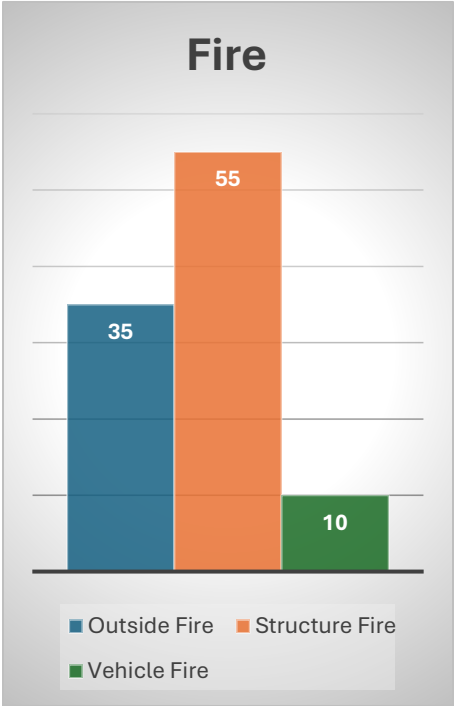


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## Primary Incident Breakdown



# 2026 Year to Date Incident Breakdown

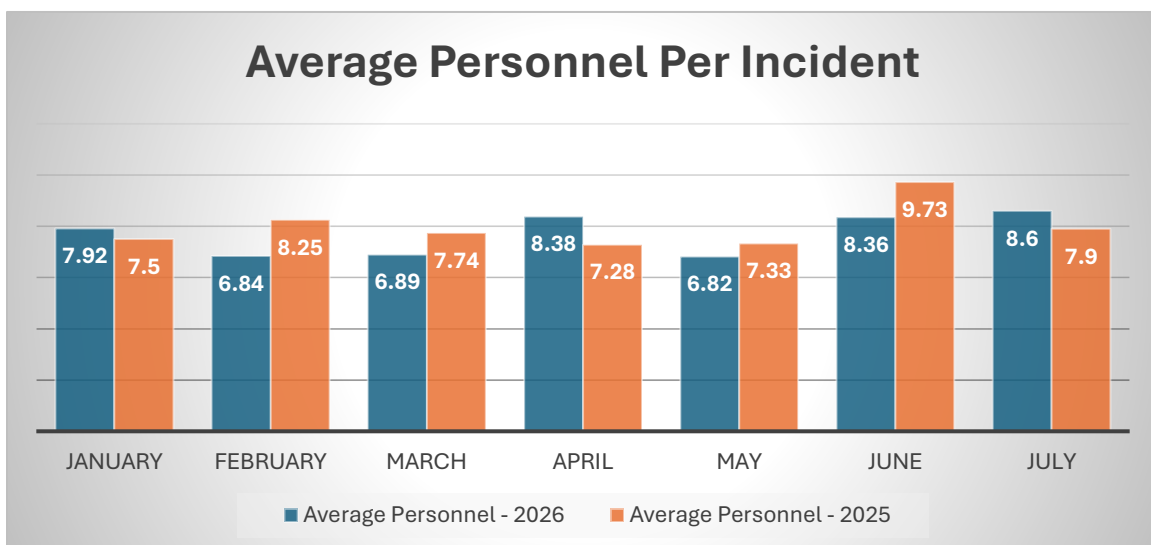
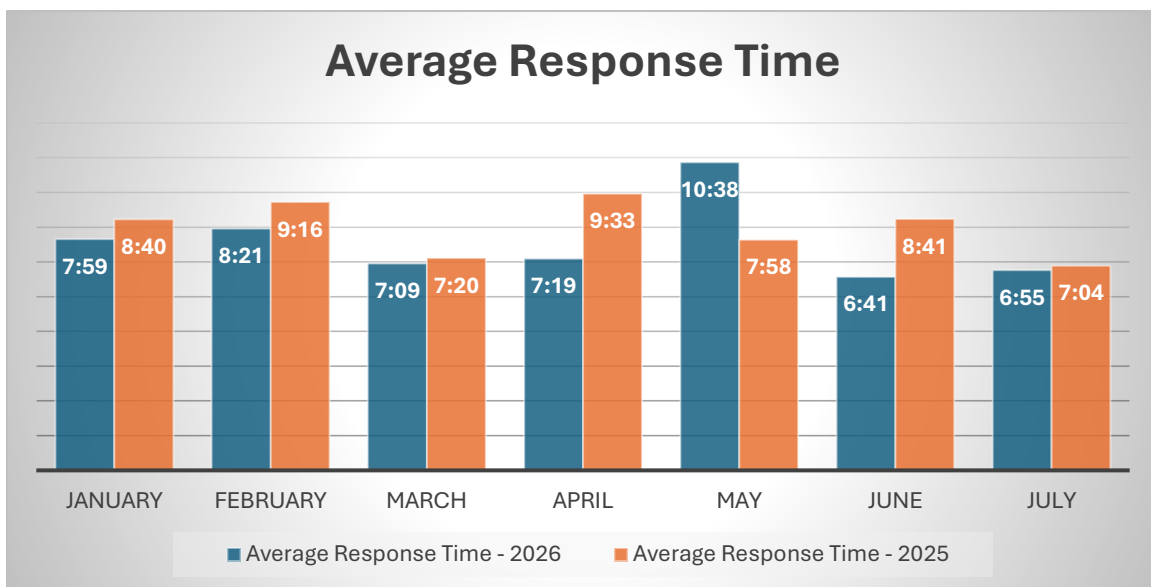


## Emergency Response & Service Delivery

Average response times measure the time from dispatch to unit arrival on scene, providing a clear indicator of how quickly West Manchester Township is delivering service across the township. This metric is particularly important as it reflects the impact of staffing, station locations, and unit availability.

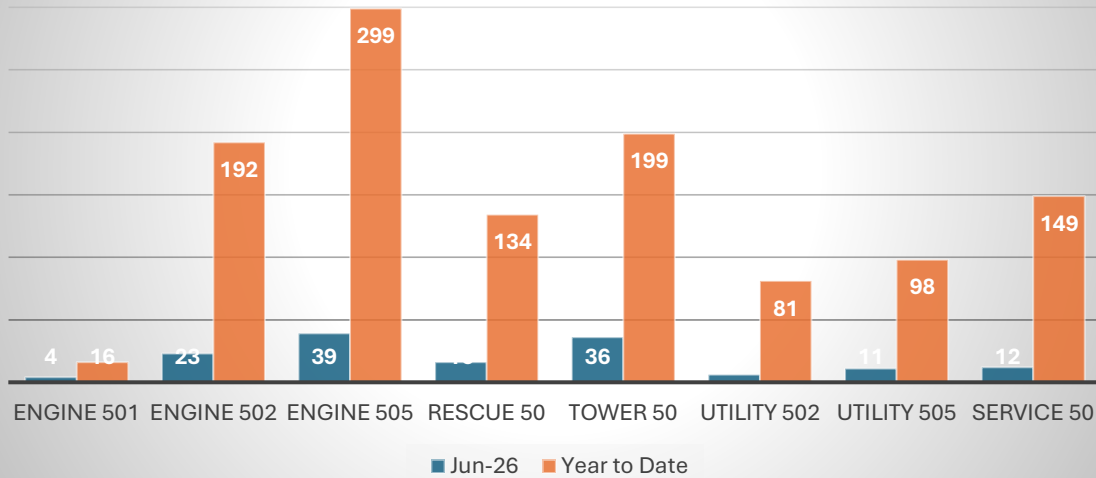
While average response time is useful for identifying trends and assessing system performance, it has limitations. It does not fully capture factors such as call complexity, simultaneous incidents, or variations in staffing levels. Most importantly, it does not show where gaps occur when units are not staffed in-station.

West Manchester Township considers a response time of 6 to 8 minutes acceptable under current conditions. As average response times approach 8 minutes, it becomes a concern and often indicates reduced in-station staffing or increased reliance on volunteers responding from home. Sustained averages of 8 minutes or more are considered unacceptable, as they can negatively affect incident outcomes and indicate system strain.

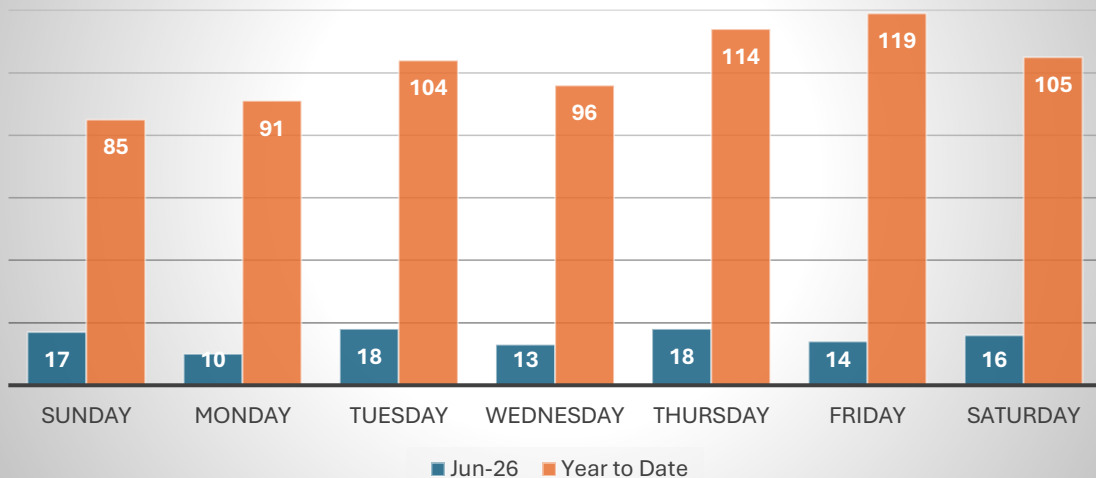


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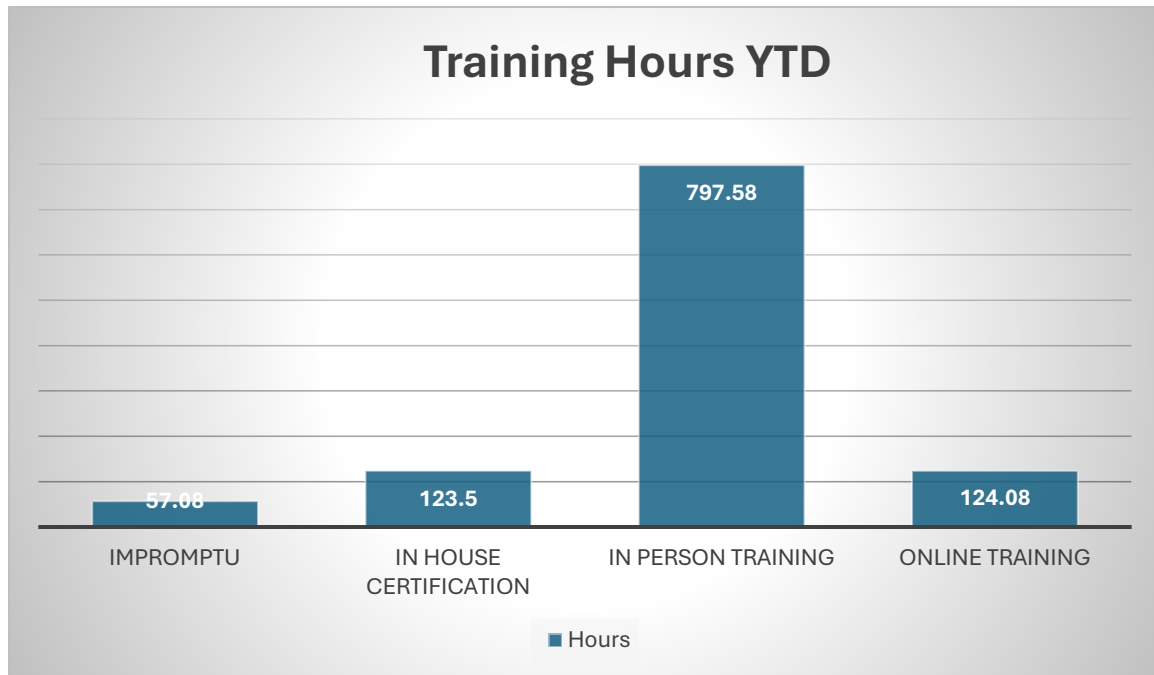
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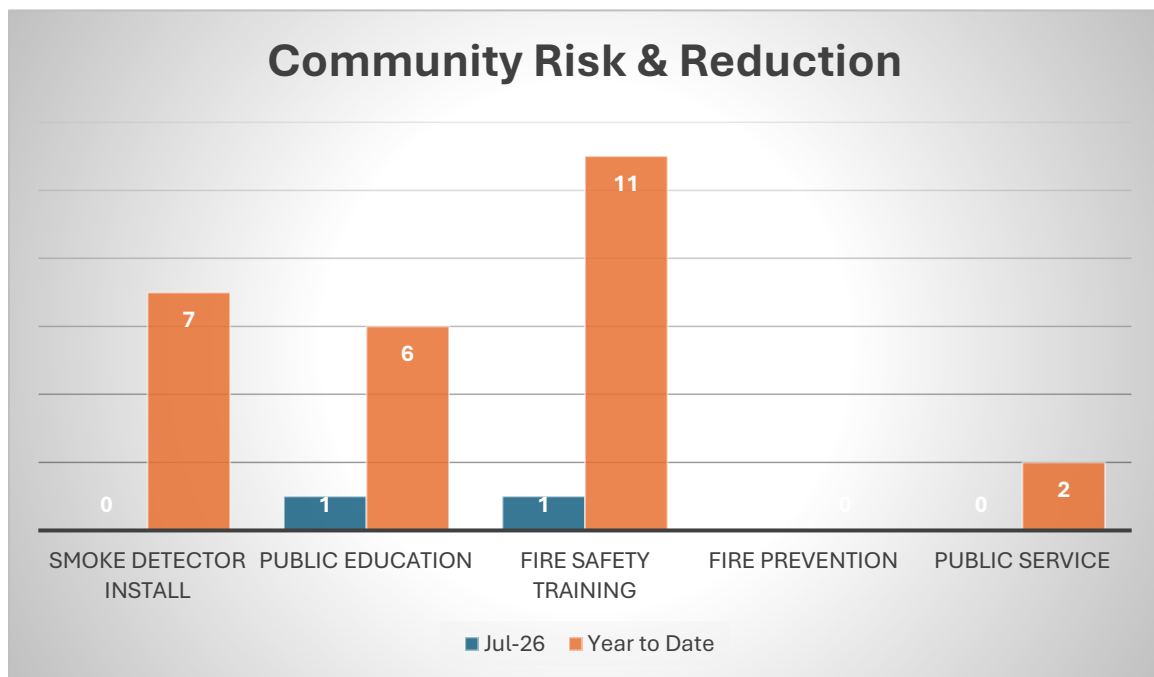
### Incidents by Day of the Week



## Training & Professional Development



## Community Outreach



- July 8<sup>th</sup> – Station Tour for Home School Group
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – Fire Safety Walkthrough with Voith Hydro

# Personnel Report

