



100th Anniversary
1923 - 2023

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Clifton Laughman
Township Fire Chief

David Markle
Deputy Chief

Roy Gentzler
District Chief

Robert Sells
District Chief



75th 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: December 11, 2024

SUBJECT: December 2024 Monthly Report

As we wind down the year, I can't thank our members enough for the outstanding work that they do! As you have seen for the past several months, we have exceeded 100 calls per month. November was no different with having 119 calls for service. The members continue to turn out for calls for service even during the busy holiday season leaving their families and friends to help our Township residents and guests and I can't thank them enough for what they do.

I want to thank the Township Board of Supervisors and Kelly Kelch for your continued support of emergency services. Without your support we would not be where we are today. I look forward to 2025 and what exciting things we have instore for the department.

On behalf of the men and women of the WMTFD, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	13	10.92%	162
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical	47	39.50%	393
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	6.72%	123
Service Call	14	11.76%	147
Good Intent Call	10	8.40%	92
False Alarm & False Call	25	21.01%	237
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	2
Special Incidents	2	1.68%	14
Totals	119	100.00%	1172

- There was a total of 743 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 7.5 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls).
- Year to date, a total of 7,042 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at a 6.4% increase in call volume from this time last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- I would like to congratulate the operational line officers that have been appointed for 2025 – 2026. We will have a swearing in of the newest officers during the December Board of Supervisors meeting.
 - Deputy Chief – David Markle
 - District Chief – Nicholas Mann*
 - District Chief – Roy Gentzler
 - Captain Benjamin Bolden*
 - Captain Michael Kauffman
 - Lieutenant Daniel Santoemma
 - Lieutenant Chad Deardorff*
 - Lieutenant Anthony Pandoli
 - Lieutenant Joseph Mann*

DEPARTMENT NEWS CONTINUED...

- I would like to recognize Chief Robert Sells for his 20+ years as an officer with the West Manchester Township Fire Department. Chief Sells joined the department in July of 1999 and quickly rose through the ranks with the department. Chief Sells will be retiring as an officer at the end of this year, however has vowed to remain a firefighter for several more years and continue to assist with training and officer coverage when needed. We thank him for his many years of service as an officer and wish him well as he starts to transition into this next stage in his firefighting career.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

- For the month of November, we received a total of fifteen (15) inquiries for membership.
- Two spoke with Vice President Chandler via phone and were sent applications. One scheduled to meet with Vice President Chandler on December 7th
- Three (3) applications were received, all were not part of the original inquiries.
- The following members were brought into membership during the November General Business Meeting
 - **Allie Mann** – Allie is the daughter of Firefighter Technician Chris Mann. She recently turned 14 years old and wanted to become a Cadet Firefighter to follow in her father's footsteps.
 - **Jenna Sheeler** – Jenna joined the department as a social member as she wanted to help the community in a non-firefighting capacity.

VIOLATIONS

There was a total of thirteen (13) warnings/violations given during the month of November for false fire alarms.

- November 5, 2024 – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2000 Loucks Rd – 14th Violation
- November 7, 2024 – West Manchester Town Center – 415 Town Center Drive – 1st Warning
- November 7, 2024 – Springfield Apartments – 1930 Kenneth Rd – 1st Warning
- November 9, 2024 – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2000 Loucks Rd – 15th Violation
- November 9, 2024 – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2000 Loucks Rd – 16th Violation
- November 9, 2024 – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2000 Loucks Rd – 17th Violation
- November 9, 2024 – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2000 Loucks Rd – 18th Violation
- November 10, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 11th Violation
- November 18, 2024 – Encompass Health – 1850 Normandie Dr – 5th Violation
- November 18, 2024 – FPI Industrial – 3151 W. Market St – 1st Violation
- November 21, 2024 – FPI Industrial – 3151 W. Market St - 2nd Violation
- November 24, 2024 – UPMC Memorial – 1701 Innovation Dr. – 2nd Warning
- November 27, 2024 – Covenant Insurance – 1940 Carlisle Rd – 1st Warning

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There were a total of four (4) Community Risk & Reduction events during the month of November.

- November 1, 2024 – Wellspan Westgate Lab – Fire Drill
- November 4, 2024 – West York High School – Fire Drill
- November 13, 2024 – West York Middle School – Fire Drill
- November 18, 2024 – Wallace Elementary School – Fire Drill

MAINTENANCE

During the month of November the following maintenance was performed:

- November 25, 2024 - Annual sprinkler system inspection at the Shiloh station.