



100th Anniversary
1923 - 2023

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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: June 21, 2024

SUBJECT: May 2024 Monthly Report

As we move into the summer months, the WMTFD continues to see a significant increase in call volume. As you will see in the report, for the month of May the members responded to 115 calls for service. This is a 32% increase from May of 2023. As of this report the members have already responded to 86 calls for service, which is 4.3 calls per day. If the trend continues through the end of the month, we look to respond to approximately 126 calls for the month of June.

However, despite the significant increases, the members continue to turn out and provide outstanding service to the community. I couldn't ask for a better department!

Please find below the May report for the June West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

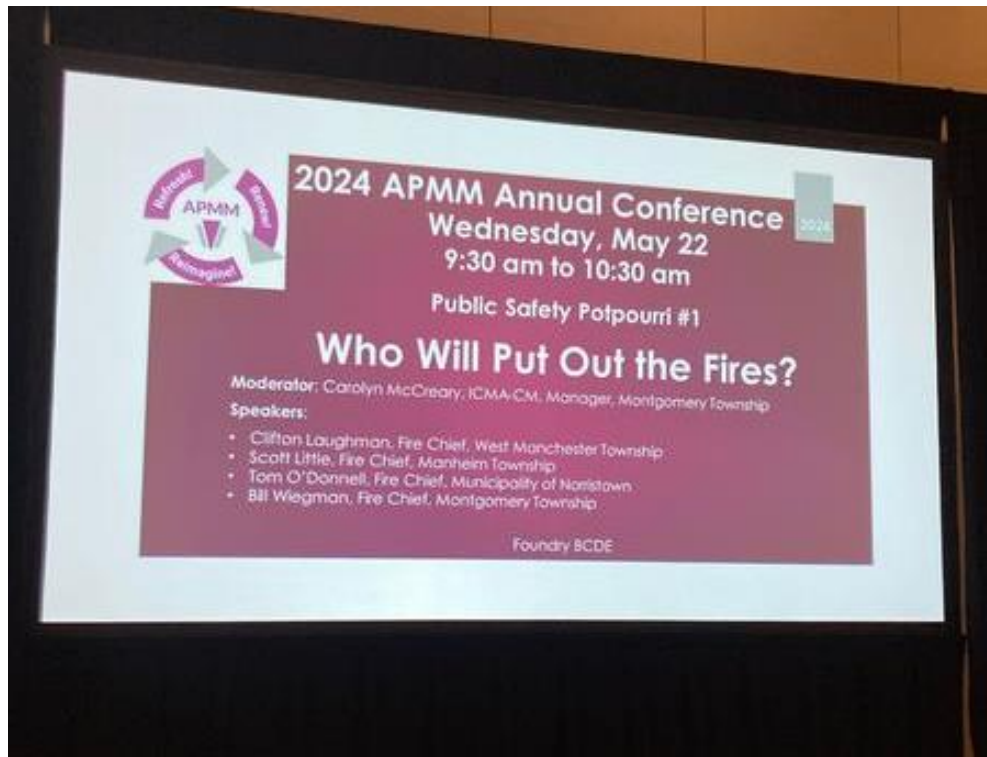
Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	8	6.96%	88
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	0	0.00%	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical	50	43.48%	170
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	10.43%	64
Service Call	15	13.04%	66
Good Intent Call	11	9.57%	40
False Alarm & False Call	18	15.65%	93
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	0
Special Incidents	1	0.87%	5
Totals	115	100.00%	496

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES CONTINUED

- There was a total of 621 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% increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 3,089 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at a 12.22% increase in call volume from last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- On May 3rd and 4th the WMTFD had the honor of displaying our newest engine at the National Fall Firefighter Memorial during the annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial weekend. It was an honor to be able to use our apparatus to help honor those firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities.
- On May 22nd I had the privilege to speak at the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management conference in Bethlehem PA. I along with 3 other Career Chiefs from across the commonwealth sat on a panel and discussed the challenges with today's Pennsylvania fire service as well as answered many questions from the audience. This was a great experience and opportunity and thank Manager Kelly Kelch for allowing me to attend.



RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

During the month of May, the WMTFD received a total of 12 membership inquiries through our social media outlets. Out of those 12 inquiries, we provided 3 membership applications, and of that we received one back to date.

Also, for the month of May, we accepted into membership three (3) new members from applications received during the month of April.

- **Kelly Gerrick** – Is the spouse of firefighter Mark Gerrick. Kelly joined to help on the social & administrative side of the department.
- **Christian Ebert** – Comes to us from Maryland. Christian recently moved into the area from Maryland and joined the WMTFD because of the good things he heard about it. Christian comes to us with several years of experience.
- **Michael Stein** – Michael is the son of Lt. Tony Pandoli and Tara Pandoli. Michael is 14 y/o and joined our junior firefighter program.

VIOLATIONS

There were no violations or warnings issued for the month of May

Community Risk & Reduction

There were a total of five (5) Community Risk & Reduction events during the month of May

- May 10th – West York High School Special Olympics Water Day
- May 14th – Girl Scout Troop visits to Licolnway Fire Station for Fire Safety presentation
- May 17th – Shiloh UCC Fun Day
- May 21st – Wallace Elementary Fun Day
- May 28th – Autism Clinic quarterly fire drill

TRAINING

During the month of May, I was able to attend the Eastern Division International Association of Fire Chief's annual conference May 10th and 11th in Mount Laurel NJ. The conference provided excellent training and networking opportunities. Some of the classes I was able to attend were:

- Aggressive Command
- Fire Dynamics
- Winning Firefighter
- Leadership on the Line
- Managing the Mayday