



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: November 4, 2024
SUBJECT: October 2024 Monthly Report

The month of October was an extremely busy month for the members of the WTMFD. With October being Fire Prevention month, the members spent the entire month providing presentations to Daycares, Pre-Schools, and Elementary Schools. This year’s theme was “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!”. We provided 23 presentations throughout the month visiting 1,739 children and 289 adults. We also provided fire extinguisher training to 183 employees at various businesses within the township this month. This was all done while still responding to 111 calls for service.

I am extremely proud of the men and women of the WTMFD who give their time and talents to ensure we provide a safe and educational program for all of our residents and guests of West Manchester Township.

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

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Response	Total	Percentage	YTD
Fire	28	25.33%	149
Over Pressure, Rupture, Explosion	1	0.90%	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical	34	30.63%	346
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	7.21%	115
Service Call	10	9.01%	133
Good Intent Call	7	6.31%	82
False Alarm & False Call	22	19.82%	212
Severe Weather	0	0.00%	2
Special Incidents	1	0.90%	12
Totals	111	100.00%	1053

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY RESPONSES CONTINUED

- There was a total of 542 personnel that responded to the incidents with an average of 7 per incident. (Average does not include Duty Officer & Fire Police Only Calls). This is a 16.00% increase from last month.
- Year to date, a total of 6,299 personnel responded to the incidents.
- We are at a 6.04% increase in call volume from this time last year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- The WMTFD applied for the PA State Fire Commissioners grant in the amount of \$40,000.00. We are happy to report that the department has been approved for the grant and are currently waiting for the final dollar amount that we have been awarded. Awards should be released sometime in December or January.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

- For the month of October, we received a total of three (3) inquiries for membership.
- There were no physical meetings for membership during the month of October, however there were two (2) meetings via phone.
- There was a total of three (3) applications received for membership during October which will be voted on during the November meeting.

VIOLATIONS

There was a total of nine (9) warnings/violations given during the month of October for false fire alarms.

- October 2, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 7th Violation
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- October 2, 2024 – BJ's Wholesale Club – 2250 York Crossing Dr – 10th Violation
- October 3, 2024 – Frito Lay – 3553 Gillespie Dr. – 1st Warning
- October 7, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 9th Violation
- October 15, 2024 – BJ's Wholesale Club – 2250 York Crossing Dr – 11th Violation
- October 16, 2024 – BAE Systems – 1100 Bairs Rd – 10th Violation
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- October 21, 2024 – Wyndham Garden Hotel – 2000 Loucks Rd – 10th Violation

Due to the number of violations for BAE Systems, BJ's Wholesale Club, and Wyndham Garden; letters were sent to the corporate office to the attention of the President and CEO to make them aware of what's going on at their stores and asking for assistance with getting the issues resolved. We had positive responses from BAE and BJ's but as of this report no response from Wyndham. Thank you to Andy Harrold for assistance with drafting the letters.

COMMUNITY RISK & REDUCTION

There was a total of thirty-four (34) Community Risk & Reduction events during the month of October.

- October 1, 2024 – Shiloh UCC – Fire Prevention (2 Presentations)
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- October 3, 2024 – Shiloh UCC – Fire Prevention (2 Presentations)

- October 4, 2024 – Kids First Daycare – Fire Prevention
- October 5, 2024 – Truck Touch – Fire Prevention
- October 7, 2024 – Kindercare – Fire Prevention
- October 8, 2024 – Little Bulldog Academy – Fire Prevention
- October 9, 2024 – Wallace Elementary School – Fire Prevention (2 Presentations)
- October 10, 2024 – Rainbow Junction – Fire Prevention
- October 11, 2024 – Rainbow Junction – Fire Prevention
- October 11, 2024 – York Wallcoverings – Fire Extinguishers Training
- October 12, 2024 – Lowes – Children Fire Prevention Woodworking Workshop
- October 15, 2024 – Center for Young Children – Fire Prevention
- October 15, 2024 – Little Bulldog Academy Staff – Fire Safety Training
- October 16, 2024 – Lincolnway Elementary School – Fire Prevention (2 Presentations)
- October 16, 2024 – Lincolnway Elementary School – Fire Drill
- October 17, 2024 – Educational Building Blocks – Fire Prevention
- October 18, 2024 – Kings Country Kids – Fire Prevention
- October 18, 2024 – York Wall Coverings – Fire Extinguisher Training
- October 21, 2024 – Kids First Daycare Staff – Fire Safety Training
- October 22, 2024 – Shiloh Lutheran – Fire Prevention
- October 22, 2024 – Trimmer Elementary School – Fire Drill
- October 23, 2024 – Shiloh Lutheran – Fire Prevention
- October 24, 2024 – Trimmer Elementary School – Fire Prevention (2 Presentations)
- October 25, 2024 – Mission Autism Clinic – Fire Prevention
- October 29, 2024 – Weldon Solutions – Fire Extinguisher Training
- October 30, 2024 – Educational Building Blocks Staff – Fire Safety Training
- October 31, 2024 – Truck-or-Treat

MAINTENANCE

During the month of October, the following maintenance was performed:

- October 15, 2024 – Rescue 505 motor repairs due to an oil leak. It was found that the head, gaskets, and head bolts all needed to be replaced. The board authorized the expenditure of up to \$20,000.00 due to not being in the 2024 budget. After all repairs were made the final cost of the repairs was \$17,433.54. The rescue was out of service for 15 days for the repairs. The members of the WMTFD thank Township Manager Kelly Kelch and the Board of Supervisors for their continue support of the WMTFD and helping us maintain a top notch fleet.