

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

April 5, 2021

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission was held on the above date in the virtual platform GoToMeeting.

Members attending were:

Thomas Yezerki, Chairman
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman
Glen Dorney, Chief, Police Department
Jay Heicklen, Chief, Cetronia Fire Department
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
David Kennedy, At Large Member
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Stuart Shmookler, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Diane Kelly
Michael Wolk

Others attending were:

Josh Green, Assistant Chief, Greenawalds Fire Company

Township Staff attending were:

Gregg Adams, Planner
John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Jason Grozier, Patrol Officer, Police Department
Christopher Kiskeravage, Township Fire Commissioner
Michael Sorrentino, Captain, Police Department

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 1, 2021 were approved with corrections.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Monica Hodges indicated that an acquaintance of hers recently experienced an incident with a tractor trailer at the bend on Cetronia Road near its intersection with Grammes Road. She inquired if roadway changes can be made to that area with the new warehouses being constructed nearby.

Planner Adams indicated that roadway improvements in that area were previously identified in the review of the Warehouse subdivisions. Work on the roadway is expected to commence in 2021.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Heicklen submitted the response report via email for Cetronia for the month of March 2021 and year-to-date 2021. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Cetronia responded to forty-six calls for the month of March 2021 and one hundred and eighty-three calls year-to-date 2021.

Assistant Chief Green submitted the response report via email for Greenawalds for the month of March 2021. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Greenawalds responded to thirty-eight calls for the month of March 2021.

Chief Neas submitted the response report via email for Tri-Clover for the month of March 2021 and year-to-date 2021. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to twenty-five calls for the month of March 2021 and seventy-seven calls year-to-date 2021.

Chief Search reported that Woodlawn responded to forty-seven calls for the month of March 2021.

C. Fire Commissioner Report

None.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly reported that the Township met with representatives from Dorney Park. Their Emergency Action Plan has been received and distributed to emergency services personnel. The Park will be opening for the season in 2021 following Commonwealth Covid guidelines.

There will be upcoming meetings with Luther Crest and Cedarbrook Nursing Home personnel regarding their emergency plans.

The region is currently under a fire danger warning due to dry climate conditions.

E. Police Report

Officer Grozier reported that the Police Department responded to one thousand, three-hundred, and twenty-one calls for the month of March 2021 and three-thousand, six-hundred, and eighty-nine calls year to date 2021. The number of calls has increased over 2020 due to an effort on increased community policing.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

None.

G. Subdivision Review

1. KRE Spring View II, Major Plan – 2019-107

Messer's Noah Chrismer, Tom Gough, Mark Buchvalt, and Rob Hoffman presented the plan to the Commission.

The Commission had made previous requests for the proposed retail shop subdivision. Even though the section of Broadway fronting this project is owned by the Township, PENNDOT has control of the whole intersection including this section of Broadway. After site meetings with PENNDOT,

Chief Dorney, and George Kinney, two of the previous items requested were not approved by PENNDOT.

The first item is cross hatching consistent with PENNDOT and MUTCD standards to be striped in the eastbound lane and the shoulder of Broadway, in front of the Broadway driveway, and signage to be placed at the Broadway exit indicating: "Don't block the box" or Don't block intersection." The second item is the right turn from northbound Cetronia Road to eastbound Broadway to be posted as "no turn on red during the hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm." It was understood by the developer that the entire list was to be reviewed by PENNDOT, with the review outcome to be binding and to be accepted by the Township.

PENNDOT did not approve these requests. The traffic study did not show enough traffic flow to warrant a no turn on red condition and the pavement markings are thought to confuse motorists.

To compensate, the plantings at the intersection were reduced to provide increased sight distance above the Township requirements. A sign is proposed to be installed on the north side of Broadway across from the driveway exit onto Broadway indicating "Do not block intersection." The timing of the westbound Broadway to southbound Cetronia Road left turn arrow will be increased to approximately twenty-five seconds. All of these aforementioned items were included on the plan submitted to and approved by PENNDOT.

Members of the Commission expressed their concerns with the ability to make a left turn out of the driveway onto westbound Broadway due to the stacking of vehicles waiting in the left turn lane. It was suggested that left turns out of the driveway on westbound Broadway be prohibited.

The developer indicated that they felt that the prohibition of left turns out of the Broadway driveway would cause illegal left turns out of both the Broadway driveway and the Cetronia Road driveway as there would be no direct way to leave the property and head south on Cetronia Road.

A motion was made to prohibit left turns out of the Broadway driveway onto westbound Broadway. The motion was not seconded.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Snyder to proceed with the plan as submitted, but with the Township to appeal to PENNDOT about instituting a no turn on red condition from northbound Cetronia Road to eastbound Broadway. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. A roll call vote

was called, with Vice Chairman Snyder, Assistant Chief Green, Mr. Kennedy, and Chairman Yezerski voting yea; Mr. Shmookler, Coordinator Kelly, and Chief Heicklen voting nay; and Chief Dorney abstaining. The motion was approved 4-3, with one abstention.

2. Ridge Farms, Major Plan – 2017-101

Mr. Jason Englehardt presented the plan to the Commission.

A change to the plan for the cul-de-sac design near roads H, I, and N was presented. The Commission had previously reviewed these changes and had no comments or recommendations.

Traffic calming measures were added to Chalmette Road after discussions with staff from the Township Engineer. A stop sign currently exists at the intersection of Chalmette Road and Redwood Court, adjacent to a public park. It is proposed to add accessible curb cuts, high visibility crosswalks, and road signage at this intersection. The Commission agreed with these added measures.

The proposed mobility easement between roads A and E/F was discussed. Currently a twenty foot wide mobility easement with access controls at both ends is proposed.

Planner Adams indicated that the Township Planning Commission has expressed interest in making this mobility easement into a local roadway. Their thought is that this roadway will take local traffic between the top and bottom of the subdivision off of a route along Huckleberry Road/Cedar Crest Boulevard/Walbert Avenue thus providing better connectivity between the two sections of the development. The local road would have a fifty foot right-of-way, thirty-two foot cart way, would not have any houses along its length, and would have a grade of approximately nine and one-half to ten percent.

A discussion ensued concerning whether the road would be classified as a local road or a collector road. This has an impact on the maximum permitted grade, between seven percent and six percent. The proposed grade of nine and one-half to ten percent would be in excess of either requirement.

The Commission made the recommendation that the proposed mobility easement with the nine and one-half to ten percent grade is acceptable. If a roadway is provided, it would have to meet the SALDO standards for

grade and address the October 2, 2018 comment letter from the 2018 Conditional Use Plan.

3. Parkway Elementary Driveway Improvements, Waiver From Land Development – 2021-701

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan represents a relocation of the driveway access to the main entrance of the school. The current driveway does not provide adequate vehicle queuing area. This results in vehicles queuing on both the northbound and southbound driving lanes of Parkway Road during student pick-up/drop-off. The proposed driveway would provide additional vehicle queuing off of Parkway Road and would also relocate the driveway entrance to the intersection of Parkway Road and Hampshire Court. The driveway accessing the north parking lot of the school would remain unchanged.

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan. Mr. Kennedy abstained from the final vote to accept the plan.

4. Robert Rhue, Minor Plan – 2013-201

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan had been revised concerning two previous recommendations of the Commission.

The driveway for lot 1 has been relocated from Huckleberry Road access to access from the private cul-de-sac. The width of the driveway has been increased to twenty-feet.

The fire hydrant has been relocated to the entrance to the bulb of the cul-de-sac.

The Commission found the two revisions acceptable and provided no new recommendations to the plan.

5. Nestle Purina Wastewater Treatment Upgrades, Major Plan – 2021-102

Mr. Frantz indicated that this plan provides for a new building related to the sewer treatment portion of the facility. The new building is part of facility upgrades designed to reduce odors from the sewer treatment process.

The new building is proposed to be built in an existing lagoon. The building is indicated as being suppressed with a fire sprinkler system and

a fire hydrant has been proposed. Water for both is provided from the facility water system and fire pump. The turning radius to and from the building meets Township standards.

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

H. Address Assignments

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

Cetronia Fire Dept.

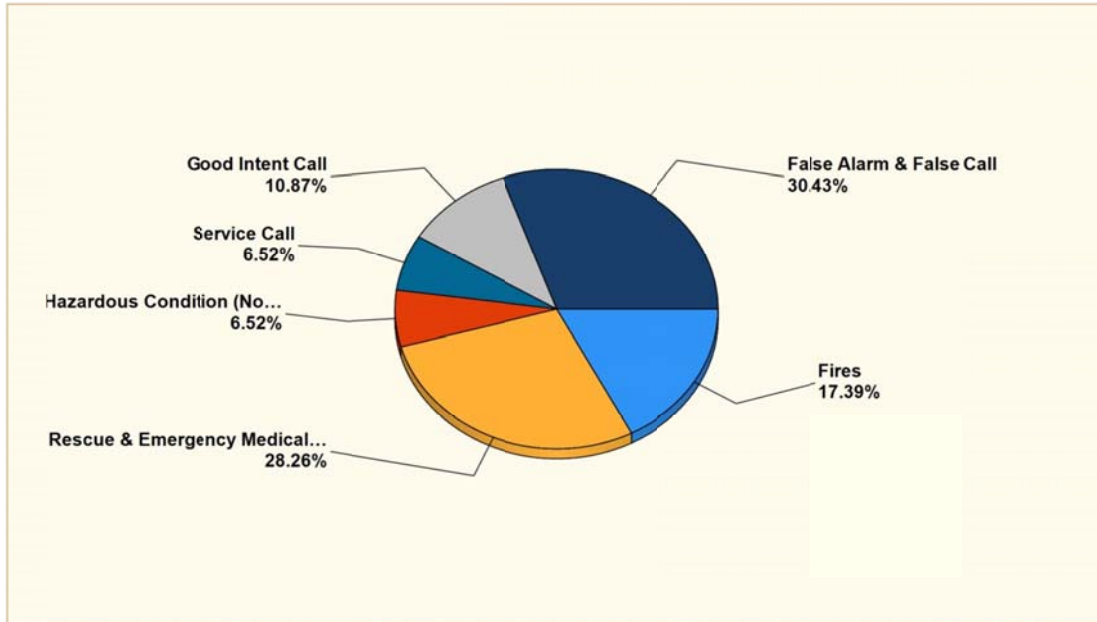
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 03/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	8	17.39%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	13	28.26%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	6.52%
Service Call	3	6.52%
Good Intent Call	5	10.87%
False Alarm & False Call	14	30.43%
TOTAL	46	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	1	2.17%
111 - Building fire	3	6.52%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	3	6.52%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	2.17%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	10.87%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5	10.87%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	2.17%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	4.35%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	4.35%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	2.17%
512 - Ring or jewelry removal	1	2.17%
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1	2.17%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	2.17%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	2.17%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	6.52%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	2.17%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	2.17%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	8.7%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.17%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	7	15.22%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.17%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	46	100%

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Greenawalds Fire Company

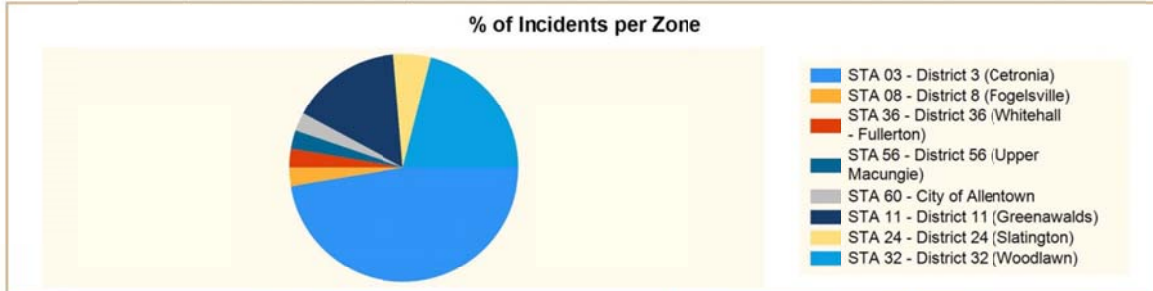
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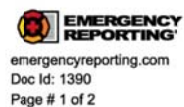
Count of Incidents by Incident Type per Zone

Incident Status: All | Start Date: 03/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
STA 03 - District 3 (Cetronia)		
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	2.63%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	2.63%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	3	7.89%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	13	34.21%
Zone: STA 03 - District 3 (Cetronia) Total Incident:	18	47.37%
STA 08 - District 8 (Fogelsville)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.63%
Zone: STA 08 - District 8 (Fogelsville) Total Incident:	1	2.63%
STA 11 - District 11 (Greenawalds)		
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	2.63%
444 - Power line down	1	2.63%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	2.63%
500 - Service Call, other	1	2.63%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	2.63%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.63%
Zone: STA 11 - District 11 (Greenawalds) Total Incident:	6	15.79%
STA 24 - District 24 (Slatington)		
111 - Building fire	2	5.26%
Zone: STA 24 - District 24 (Slatington) Total Incident:	2	5.26%
STA 32 - District 32 (Woodlawn)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.63%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7	18.42%
Zone: STA 32 - District 32 (Woodlawn) Total Incident:	8	21.05%
STA 36 - District 36 (Whitehall - Fullerton)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.63%
Zone: STA 36 - District 36 (Whitehall - Fullerton) Total Incident:	1	2.63%

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
STA 56 - District 56 (Upper Macungie)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.63%
Zone: STA 56 - District 56 (Upper Macungie) Total Incident:	1	2.63%
STA 60 - City of Allentown		
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	2.63%
Zone: STA 60 - City of Allentown Total Incident:	1	2.63%
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR ALL ZONES:	38	100%

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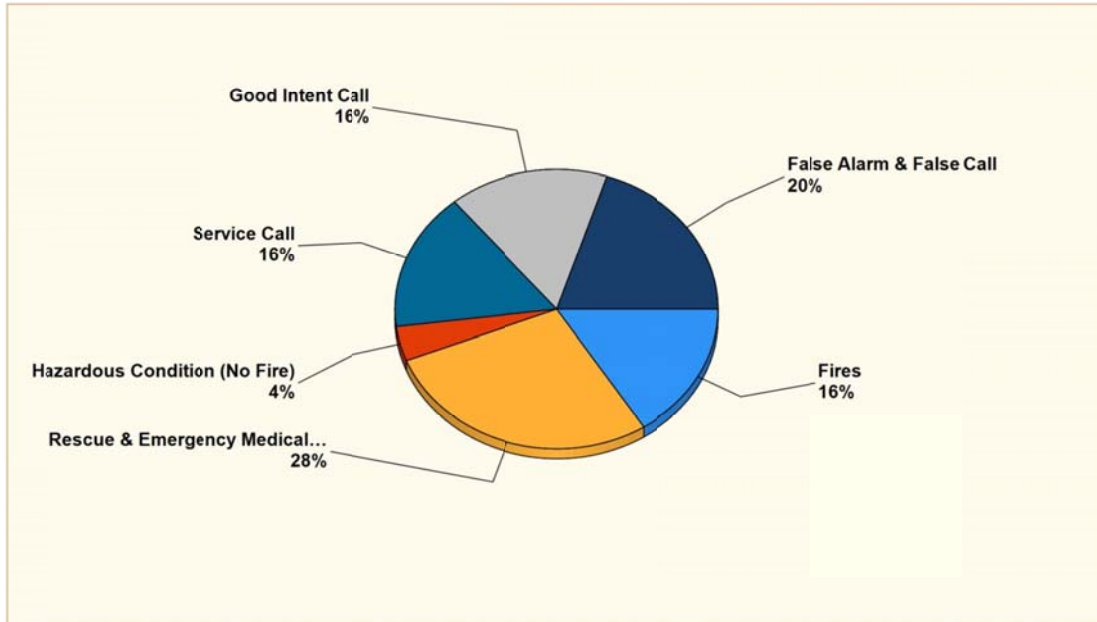
Tri Clover Fire Company

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 03/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	16%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	7	28%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	4%
Service Call	4	16%
Good Intent Call	4	16%
False Alarm & False Call	5	20%
TOTAL	25	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	3	12%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	4%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	20%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	4%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	4%
444 - Power line down	1	4%
542 - Animal rescue	1	4%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	4%
561 - Unauthorized burning	1	4%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	4%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	12%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	4%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	8%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	4%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	8%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	25	100%

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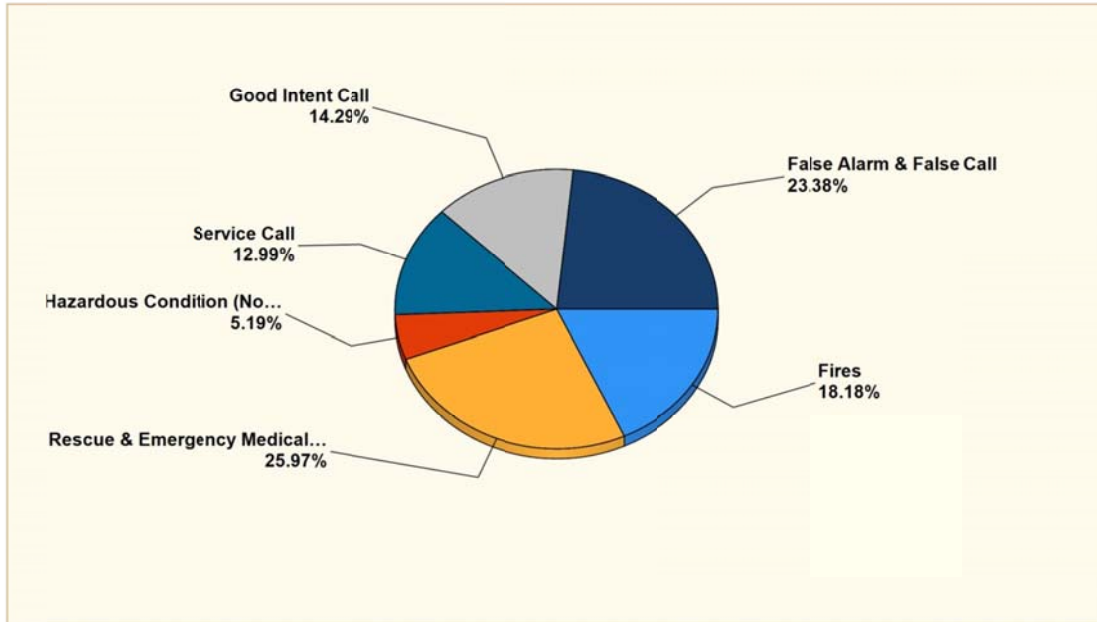
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	14	18.18%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	20	25.97%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4	5.19%
Service Call	10	12.99%
Good Intent Call	11	14.29%
False Alarm & False Call	18	23.38%
TOTAL	77	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	9	11.69%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	1.3%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2	2.6%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	1.3%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	1.3%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	2	2.6%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	10	12.99%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	1.3%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5	6.49%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	1.3%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.3%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.3%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	1.3%
444 - Power line down	2	2.6%
511 - Lock-out	1	1.3%
542 - Animal rescue	1	1.3%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	6	7.79%
561 - Unauthorized burning	1	1.3%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	1.3%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	1.3%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9	11.69%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	1.3%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	6.49%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.3%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.3%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	11	14.29%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	77	100%

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