

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

May 3, 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 Yezerski, Chairman
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman
Glen Dorney, Chief, Police Department
Andrew Garger, Chief, Greenawalds Fire Department
Jay Heicklen, Chief, Cetronia Fire Department
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
David Kennedy, At Large Member
Robert Mateff, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Cetronia Ambulance Corp.
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Stuart Shmookler, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Diane Kelly

Others attending were:

Chad McCauley, Assistant Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company

Township Staff attending were:

John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Jason Grozier, Patrol Officer, Police Department
Christopher Kiskeravage, Township Fire Commissioner

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 April 5, 2021 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Chairman Yezerksi and Mr. Kennedy indicated that members of the Commission do not need to complete a Commonwealth declaration of financial interest form.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Heicklen reported that Cetronia responded to fifty-four calls for the month of April 2021.

Chief Garger reported that Greenawalds responded to thirty-nine calls for the month of April 2021.

Assistant Chief McCauley submitted the response reports for Tri-Clover for the month of April 2021 and year-to-date 2021. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to twenty-four calls for the month of April 2021 and one hundred and one calls year-to-date 2021.

Chief Search reported that Woodlawn responded to fifty-two calls for the month of April 2021.

C. Fire Commissioner Report

None.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly reported that the Dorney Park emergency plan has been distributed. Any individuals who had problems opening the information should contact him for assistance downloading the plans.

E. Police Report

Officer Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand, one hundred and thirty-eight calls for the month of April 2021 and four-thousand, six-hundred and thirty-nine calls year-to-date 2021. There is an increase in the number of calls compared to 2020 due to a new reporting system that tracks community policing activities as well as 911-generated responses.

Chief Dorney reported that Lieutenant Paul Dickenson has left the department to become Chief of the Pennridge Regional Police Department. Testing for an officer to fill the created vacancy is currently going through the approval process. The number of individuals seeking law enforcement careers has decreased in the past few years.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to two-hundred and sixty-one calls for the month of March 2021 and three-hundred and thirty two calls for the month of April 2021. Mutual aid providers covered two calls in March 2021 and three calls in April 2021. Cetronia is seeing an increase in call volume over the year 2020 due to increased public activity and a decreased hesitance to call for medical assistance.

G. Subdivision Review

None.

H. Address Assignments

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

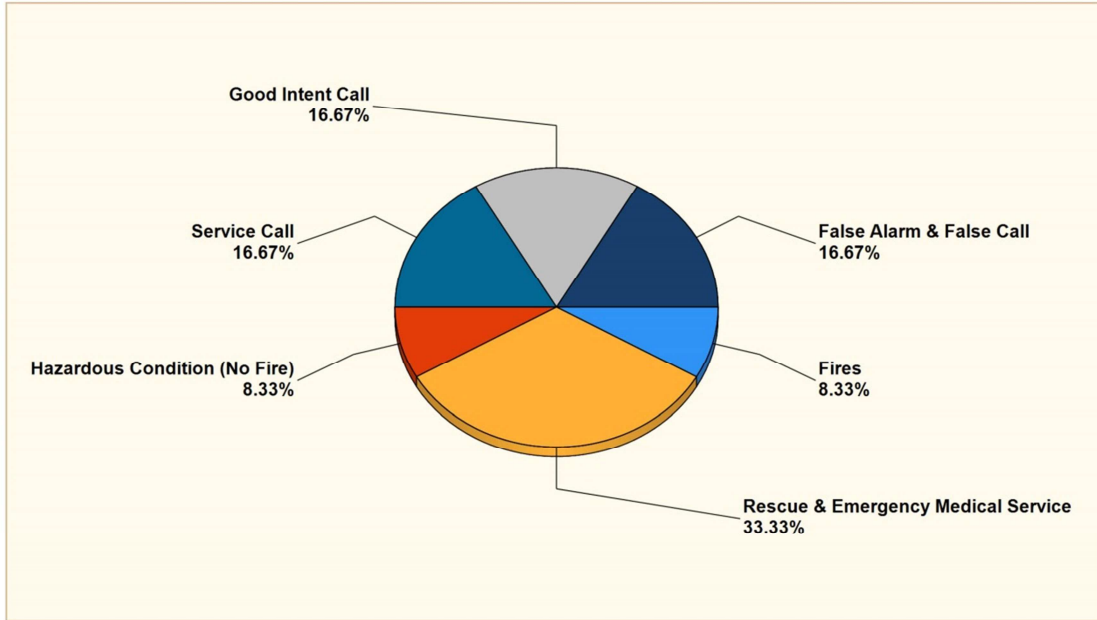
Tri Clover Fire Company

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 04/01/2021 | End Date: 04/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	2	8.33%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	8	33.33%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	8.33%
Service Call	4	16.67%
Good Intent Call	4	16.67%
False Alarm & False Call	4	16.67%
TOTAL	24	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
111 - Building fire	2	8.33%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	4.17%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	4.17%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	3	12.5%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	8.33%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	4.17%
444 - Power line down	1	4.17%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	4.17%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	4.17%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2	8.33%
561 - Unauthorized burning	1	4.17%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	4.17%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	8.33%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	4.17%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	4.17%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	12.5%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	24	100%

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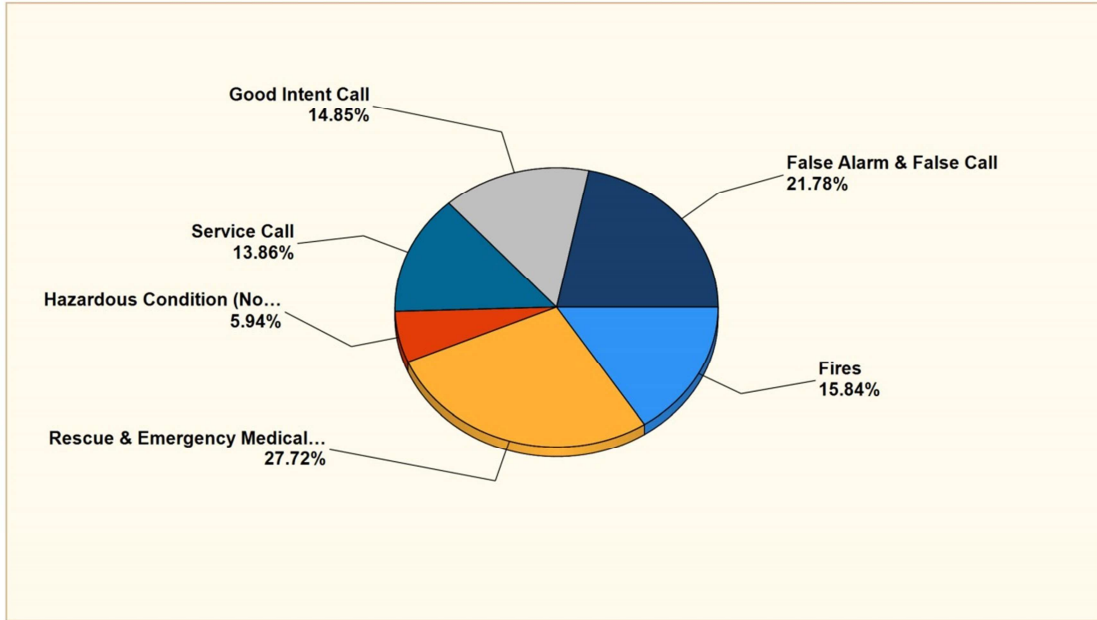
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

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



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	16	15.84%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	28	27.72%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	5.94%
Service Call	14	13.86%
Good Intent Call	15	14.85%
False Alarm & False Call	22	21.78%
TOTAL	101	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	11	10.89%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.99%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2	1.98%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.99%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.99%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	3	2.97%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	11	10.89%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	4	3.96%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	7	6.93%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.99%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	0.99%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.99%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.99%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.99%
444 - Power line down	3	2.97%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.99%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.99%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.99%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.99%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	8	7.92%
561 - Unauthorized burning	2	1.98%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.99%
600 - Good intent call, other	2	1.98%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	11	10.89%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2	1.98%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	4.95%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.99%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.99%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.99%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	14	13.86%
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