TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

September 13, 2021

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

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, Chief Executive Officer, Cetronia Ambulance Corp.
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

None.

Others attending were:

None.

Township Staff attending were:

Randy Cope, Interim Township Manager Gregg Adams, Planner John Frantz, Fire Marshal Jason Grozier, Sergeant, 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 August 2, 2021 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Yezerski updated the status of the truck traffic prohibition on Crackersport Road west of the exit from 5185 Crackersport Road. He and Mr. Frantz indicated that the bridge weight limit sign is in place on Crackersport Road at the exit from the warehouse property and is visible from the stop sign.

The power line safety during wind storm events has been given to Sergeant Grozier and will be posted on social media.

Mr. Snyder inquired about the status of the fire department box assignments updates.

Chief Dorney indicated that he will be contacting Lehigh County Communication Center staff concerning the issue. The center had been going through upgrades to their system which had delayed entry of the updated information.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

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

The fire departments responded with the Township and Allentown police departments to a search for a mentally challenged individual in the Dorneyville area. After three hours, the individual was located by a Cetronia Ambulance unit.

Chief Heicklen commended Coordinator Kelly and Chief Garger for their planning and execution of the September 11 twenty year remembrance.

Chief Garger reported that Greenawalds responded to sixty calls for the month of August 2021.

Chief Neas submitted the response report via email for Tri-Clover for the month of August 2021 and year-to-date 2021. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to thirty calls for the month of August 2021 and two-hundred and seventeen calls year-to-date.

Chief Search submitted the response report for Woodlawn for the month of August 2021. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Woodlawn responded to sixty-nine calls for the month of August 2021.

C. Fire Commissioner Report

None.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly reported that the Emergency Operations Center was opened during Tropical Storm Ida. Eleven homes in the Township received flood damage, mainly from flooding of the Jordan Creek.

E. Police Report

Sergeant Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand, one hundred and sixty-seven calls for the month of August 2021.

Chief Dorney reported that the police investigated a threat that was made to the Parkland School District via social media. They worked with the Pennsylvania State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation during the investigation. Police presence was increased in response to the threat. The School District provided excellent coordination in the event. The threat was later found to have originated in North Carolina. While it was difficult to gather information from social media, the Safe2Say program was beneficial with the threat.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to four-hundred and twenty calls for the month of August 2021. Three of those calls were handled by a mutual aid provider. Covid-19 responses continue to be low, with fewer than ten for the month of August.

G. Subdivision Review

1. Dunkin Allentown Drive-Thru – Major Plan 2021-105

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan represents a proposed drive-thru to the end of existing strip-building.

The Commission expressed that the plan does not provide a safe situation for the public and emergency services for many reasons. The concerns include issues with poor overall site traffic flow, lack of adequate space for vehicle queuing, impaired clear-sight distances, traffic congestion impacting Tilghman Street, and restrictions to access of the rear of the building.

2. Long's Water Technology - Major Plan 2021-106

Mr. Frantz indicated that this plan had previously been submitted in 2006, but was never constructed.

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

3. Ridge Farm – Major Plan 2017-101

Mr. Jason Englehardt, Langan Engineering, presented the plan to the Commission.

Mr. Englehardt indicated that there are three separate areas proposed that will include emergency vehicle access; Guth Road at Huckleberry Road, both ends of the mobility easement, and Dawes Street.

He inquired as to what form of barrier could be used to limit access to regular traffic while providing access for emergency vehicles. He provided the members with manufacturer information for collapsible bollards. The bollards can be disabled using a hydrant wrench of by breaking free via vehicle impact.

Mr. Snyder inquired as to what entity would be responsible for maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the bollards after their installation.

The Commission made the recommendation that the emergency access to Guth Road from Huckleberry Road, both ends of the mobility easement, and access from Dawes Street be provided with collapsible bollard and that the maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the

bollards after installation not be the responsibility of the Township. Mr. Kennedy abstained from the vote on the recommendations.

Planner Adams requested clarification from the Commission regarding the Guth Road and Buchman Street section of the subdivision. As proposed, there areas do not comply with the requirements for cul-desacs for a maximum of four-hundred feet length and a maximum of fifteen dwelling units. These requirements are designed to provide adequate access to homes when an incident occurs and blocks access to the cul-de-sacs.

He inquired if the Commission agrees that the emergency access provided to Guth Road at Huckleberry Road and from Dawes Street to the Buchman Street section are adequate to address safety issues relate to access to the cul-de-sacs.

The Commission agreed that the proposed addition of emergency access to Guth Road at Huckleberry Road and from Dawes Street to the Buchman Street section provides adequate alternate emergency access to the cul-de-sacs. Mr. Kennedy abstained from the vote on this issue.

4. 3645 Orefield Road Driveway - Consultation 2020-406

Mr. David Lear, Lehigh Engineering, presented the plan to the Commission.

The driveway for the property is currently being designed to have a maximum ten percent slope on a portion of the driveway. The property is along Orefield Road, which is designated as an arterial street. SALDO permits a maximum of seven percent slope for a driveway on an arterial street. However, SALDO does permit a maximum driveway slope of ten percent for a driveway on a collector street. The PENNDOT specification for grade transition of the driveway will be followed at the change near Orefield Road from the four percent portion to the ten percent portion. Storm water runoff from the driveway area is being controlled and directed away from the driveway.

The Commission made the recommendation to approve the plan as it does not appear to compromise safety.

H. Address Assignments

1. Lime Kiln Road – Minor Plan 2020-203

The Commission agreed with the Township Engineer's assignment of 3926 Lime Kiln Road for lot one, 3896 Lime Kiln Road for lot two, and 3838 Orefield Road for lot three.

2. 4750 Tilghman Street

The Commission agreed with the Speedwell Design Sheet A002 dated 08/16/21 addresses of 4700, 4740, 4750, 4760, 4770, and 4780 for the property.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:	
ATTEST:	
Secretary	
Chairman	

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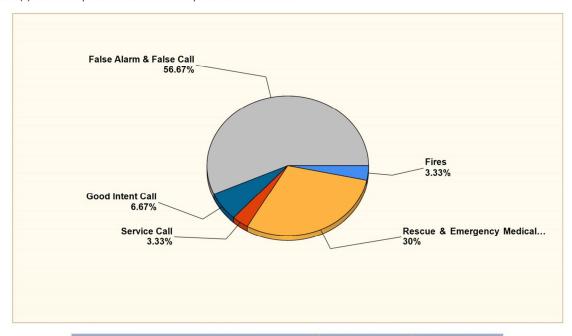
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	1	3.33%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	9	30%
Service Call	1	3.33%
Good Intent Call	2	6.67%
False Alarm & False Call	17	56.67%
TOTAL	30	100%



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type				
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL		
111 - Building fire	1	3.33%		
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3	10%		
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2	6.67%		
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3	10%		
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	3.33%		
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	3.33%		
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	6.67%		
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	3.33%		
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	13.33%		
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	3.33%		
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	11	36.67%		
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	30	100%		



Tri Clover Fire Company

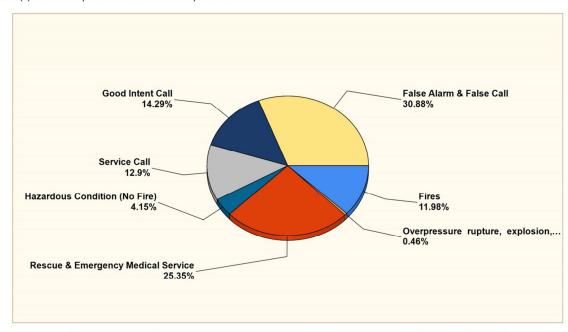
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

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MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	26	11.98%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	1	0.46%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	55	25.35%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	9	4.15%
Service Call	28	12.9%
Good Intent Call	31	14.29%
False Alarm & False Call	67	30.88%
TOTAL	217	100%



INCIDENT TYPE # INCIDENTS % of TOTAL					
111 - Building fire	15	6.91%			
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	15	0.46%			
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2	0.46%			
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.92%			
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	0.46%			
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	5				
•	•	2.3%			
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.46%			
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.46%			
800 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	4	1.84%			
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	19	8.76%			
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	11	5.07%			
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	16	7.37%			
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0.46%			
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.46%			
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	0.46%			
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.46%			
363 - Swift water rescue	1	0.46%			
112 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.46%			
121 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.46%			
24 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.46%			
140 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.46%			
144 - Power line down	3	1.38%			
145 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.46%			
163 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.46%			
511 - Lock-out	1	0.46%			
521 - Water evacuation	5	2.3%			
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.46%			
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.46%			
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	14	6.45%			
661 - Unauthorized burning	3	1.38%			
671 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	1.38%			
600 - Good intent call, other	2	0.92%			
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	22				
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address		10.14%			
	6	2.76%			
551 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.46%			
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.92%			
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	22	10.14%			
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	3	1.38%			
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3	1.38%			
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.46%			
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	36	16.59%			
TOTAL INC	IDENTS: 217	100%			



Woodlawn Fire Department

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Incident Type Count per Shift for Date Range Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
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111 - Building fire	2
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	2
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
135 - Aircraft fire	1
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	8
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
481 - Attempt to burn	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	3
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	6
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	22
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3
Total Incidents per Shift:	69
Total Sum of all Incidents:	69

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Woodlawn Fire Department

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Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range

Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021



INCIDENT				NU	MBER OF PEOPLE	
NUMBER	DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	FDID	ON APPARATUS	NOT ON APPARATUS	TOTAL
2021-407	8/1/2021 17:53:48	114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	39032	25	0	25
2021-408	8/3/2021 02:35:44	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	5	9
2021-409	8/3/2021 10:10:57	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	7	11
2021-410	8/3/2021 16:11:44	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	39032	15	7	22
2021-411	8/3/2021 18:28:20	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	18	24
2021-412	8/4/2021 14:20:32	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	3	14	17
2021-413	8/4/2021 14:40:18	413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	39032	14	2	16
2021-414	8/6/2021 01:22:22	461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	39032	13	0	13
2021-415	8/6/2021 06:03:04	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	6	3	9
2021-416	8/6/2021 10:35:35	251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	39032	10	5	15
2021-417	8/7/2021 10:51:57	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	10	4	14
2021-418	8/7/2021 11:07:12	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	8	14
2021-419	8/7/2021 20:40:12	481 - Attempt to burn	39032	13	2	15
2021-420	8/10/2021 09:08:38	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	3	8	11
2021-421	8/10/2021 14:05:57	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	10	5	15
2021-422	8/10/2021 16:59:52	440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	39032	14	5	19
2021-423	8/11/2021 10:51:18	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	10	3	13
2021-424	8/11/2021 13:07:56	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	8	5	13
2021-425	8/11/2021 14:56:06	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	39032	12	9	21
2021-426	8/11/2021 14:53:14	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	8	12	20
2021-427	8/11/2021 15:39:49	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	16	20
2021-428	8/11/2021 19:38:14	440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	39032	17	2	19
2021-429	8/12/2021 01:32:41	424 - Carbon monoxide incident	39032	10	1	11
2021-430	8/12/2021 19:31:57	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	13	2	15
2021-431	8/13/2021 00:01:51	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	9	15
2021-432	8/13/2021 17:21:03	744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	12	18
2021-433	8/13/2021 18:27:56	744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	13	17
2021-434	8/15/2021 07:52:54	131 - Passenger vehicle fire	39032	10	3	13
2021-435	8/15/2021 14:33:37	131 - Passenger vehicle fire	39032	7	12	19
2021-436	8/15/2021 17:01:37	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	9	13
2021-437	8/16/2021 02:02:49	111 - Building fire	39032	10	4	14

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INCIDENT				NUMBER OF PEOPLE		
NUMBER	DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	FDID	ON APPARATUS	NOT ON APPARATUS	тота
2021-438	8/18/2021 02:07:37	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	4	10
2021-439	8/18/2021 09:27:44	413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	39032	11	4	15
2021-440	8/19/2021 04:00:36	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	9	1	10
2021-441	8/19/2021 11:15:25	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	8	12
2021-442	8/19/2021 13:17:46	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	7	13
2021-443	8/19/2021 13:52:35	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	10	5	15
2021-444	8/19/2021 18:05:37	651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	39032	13	2	15
2021-445	8/20/2021 17:37:36	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	39032	18	1	19
2021-446	8/20/2021 18:22:46	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	39032	18	1	19
2021-447	8/21/2021 17:52:14	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	4	11	15
2021-448	8/21/2021 19:53:55	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	7	8	15
2021-449	8/22/2021 21:43:22	440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	39032	15	1	16
2021-450	8/23/2021 09:19:16	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	39032	3	8	11
2021-451	8/23/2021 11:49:21	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	10	6	16
2021-452	8/23/2021 12:10:03	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	11	6	17
2021-453	8/23/2021 21:50:47	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	39032	17	4	21
2021-454	8/24/2021 04:29:33	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	1	5	6
2021-455	8/24/2021 08:54:37	132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	39032	3	14	17
2021-456	8/24/2021 10:21:27	571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	39032	4	14	18
2021-457	8/25/2021 00:46:12	731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	39032	7	3	10
2021-458	8/25/2021 08:38:57	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	7	3	10
2021-459	8/25/2021 09:08:59	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	9	2	11
2021-460	8/25/2021 17:42:28	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	13	4	17
2021-461	8/26/2021 03:42:29	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	39032	5	0	5
2021-462	8/26/2021 09:17:26	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	10	2	12
2021-463	8/26/2021 12:14:55	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	39032	10	3	13
2021-464	8/26/2021 14:24:36	150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	39032	8	3	11
2021-465	8/26/2021 17:33:31	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	11	8	19
2021-466	8/26/2021 18:56:07	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	39032	6	12	18
2021-467	8/27/2021 14:14:42	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	39032	16	4	20
2021-468	8/27/2021 17:23:14	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	39032	6	17	23
2021-469	8/27/2021 20:02:45	135 - Aircraft fire	39032	7	17	24
2021-470	8/29/2021 16:12:22	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	39032	5	14	19
2021-471	8/29/2021 18:38:23	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	39032	21	3	24
2021-472	8/30/2021 15:34:07	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	39032	8	14	22
2021-473	8/30/2021 22:15:32	111 - Building fire	39032	7	15	22
2021-474	8/30/2021 22:33:33	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39032	14	8	22

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NUMBER	DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	FDID	ON APPARATUS	NOT ON APPARATUS	TOTAL
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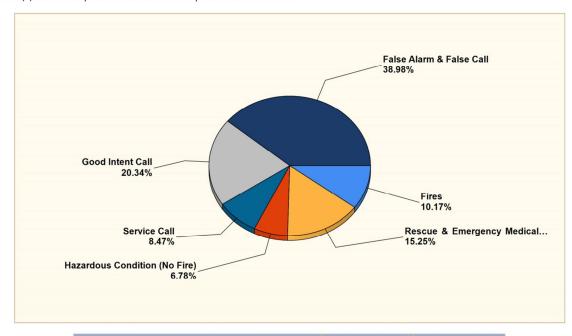


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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021





MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	6	10.17%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	9	15.25%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4	6.78%
Service Call	5	8.47%
Good Intent Call	12	20.34%
False Alarm & False Call	23	38.98%
TOTAL	59	100%



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
112 - Fires in structure other than in a building	1	1.69%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	4	6.78%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	1.69%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7	11.86%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	1.69%
341 - Search for person on land	1	1.69%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	1.69%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1	1.69%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	1.69%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	1.69%
511 - Lock-out	1	1.69%
554 - Assist invalid	2	3.39%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	3.39%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	1.69%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9	15.25%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	1.69%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	1.69%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	1.69%
730 - System malfunction, other	2	3.39%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	1.69%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	7	11.86%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	8.47%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.69%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	6	10.17%
TOTAL INCID	ENTS: 59	100%

