

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

January 4, 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
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
Robert Mateff, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Cetronia Ambulance Corp.
Brian Neas, Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Diane Kelly

Others attending were:

Chris Mariner, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
David Tomcics, Assistant Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company

Township Staff attending were:

John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Christopher Kiskeravage, Township Fire Commissioner
David Manhardt, Director, Community Development
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 December 7, 2020 were approved with a correction that the Township Engineer can review and recommend that the subdivision comments from the Commission can be overridden.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Yezerki inquired as to if the request for the fire departments to provide the Fire Commissioner and the Police Chief with information regarding current fire Police members was completed.

Chief Dorney indicated that the fire departments are providing the requested information. A change was recently made to the legislation concerning how Fire Police are to be appointed. All current and future Fire Police will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Garger reported that Greenawalds responded to thirty-two calls for the month of December 2020.

Chief Neas submitted the response reports for Tri-Clover for the month of December 2020 and the year 2020. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to nineteen calls for the month of December 2020 and two-hundred and ninety-seven calls for the year 2020.

Chief Search reported that Woodlawn responded to forty-eight calls for the month of December 2020.

C. Fire Commissioner Report

None.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly reported that a survey has been sent to emergency services personnel asking if they wish to receive a Covid-19 vaccine. This survey is being used for planning purposes to estimate the required number of vaccines that will be needed.

The Small Business Administration will be accepting loan applications for businesses affected by Tropical Storm Isaias.

E. Police Report

Chief Dorney indicated that the Police Department has switched records management computer systems and that the analytics portion is not fully functional at this time. He estimates that the Police responded to approximately one thousand calls for the month of December 2020.

A new Police Officer has been hired and is starting at the academy today. She should graduate from the academy in July and complete her field training by the end of 2021. A second officer is currently undergoing background checks and should be hired in the near future. This officer already has completed the academy.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to three-hundred and thirty-two calls for the month of December 2020. Five of these calls were handled by mutual aid providers.

Cetronia continues to see a high number of Covid-19 related responses. Vaccines for emergency services personnel will be coming in the future.

G. Subdivision Review

1. Mosaic Campus – 2020-110

Mr. Frantz explained that the plan presented is a sketch plan; the complete subdivision review plan set has not been submitted for review.

The Commission made the following recommendations to the plan;

- a. The stone driveway and parking lot should be constructed sufficiently to handle the weight of fire apparatus.

- b. A turning area should be constructed near the end of the parking area with sufficient turning radius to accommodate fire apparatus.
- c. SALDO complaint fire hydrants should be provided for the subdivision.
- d. A complete set of subdivision plans should be submitted for review by the Commission.

H. Address Assignments

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

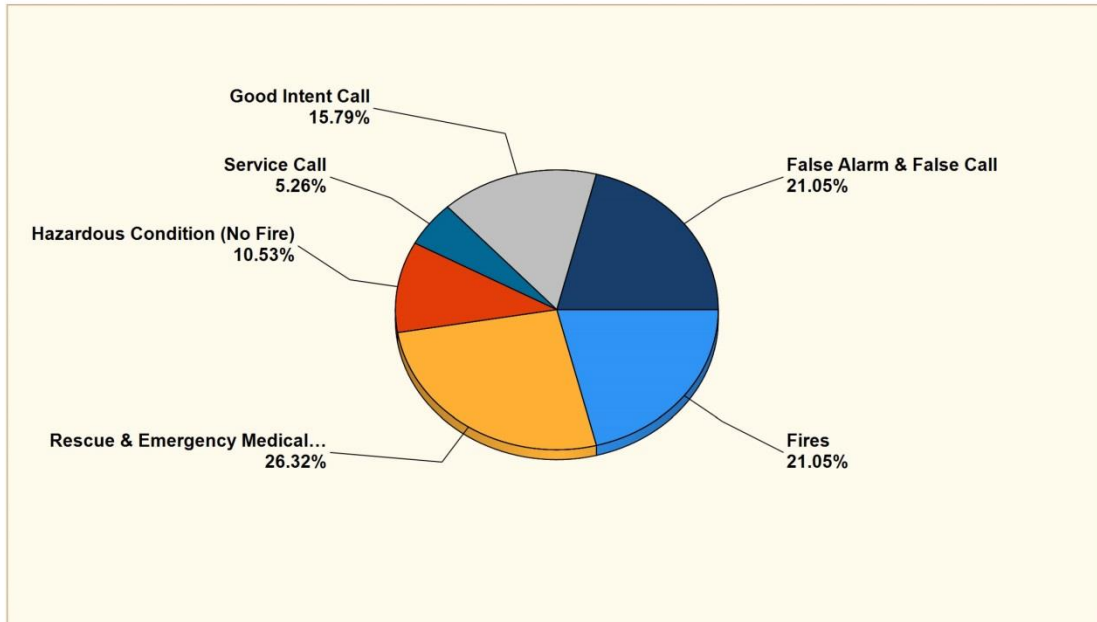
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 12/01/2020 | End Date: 12/31/2020



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	21.05%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	5	26.32%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	10.53%
Service Call	1	5.26%
Good Intent Call	3	15.79%
False Alarm & False Call	4	21.05%
TOTAL	19	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	5.26%
111 - Building fire	1	5.26%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	5.26%
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	5.26%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	5.26%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2	10.53%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	10.53%
444 - Power line down	2	10.53%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	5.26%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	15.79%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	5.26%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	15.79%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	19	100%

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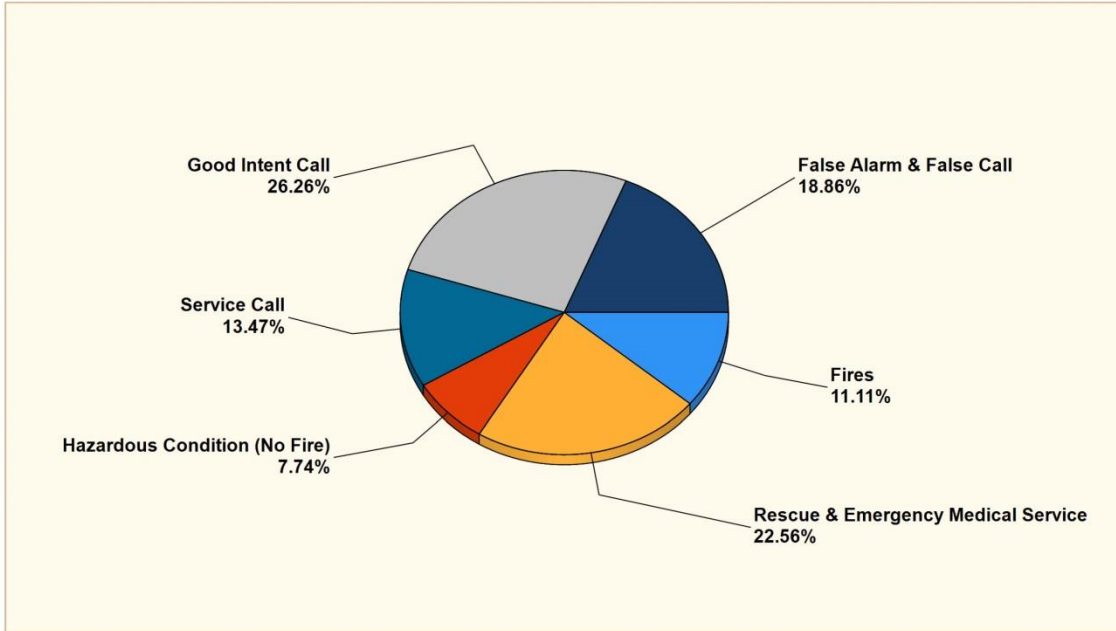
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2020 | End Date: 12/31/2020



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	33	11.11%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	67	22.56%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	23	7.74%
Service Call	40	13.47%
Good Intent Call	78	26.26%
False Alarm & False Call	56	18.86%
TOTAL	297	100%

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	3	1.01%
111 - Building fire	15	5.05%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	2	0.67%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	0.34%
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	2	0.67%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	2	0.67%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.34%
138 - Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.34%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	0.67%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.34%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.34%
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1	0.34%
161 - Outside storage fire	1	0.34%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.34%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	22	7.41%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	10	3.37%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	19	6.4%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0.34%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.34%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	3	1.01%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	4	1.35%
357 - Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1	0.34%
363 - Swift water rescue	5	1.68%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	0.34%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.34%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	1.35%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	0.67%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3	1.01%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	0.34%
444 - Power line down	7	2.36%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	1.01%
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.34%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.34%
521 - Water evacuation	7	2.36%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	0.67%
550 - Public service assistance, other	2	0.67%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	18	6.06%
553 - Public service	1	0.34%
561 - Unauthorized burning	8	2.69%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.34%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	65	21.89%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	6	2.02%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	3	1.01%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4	1.35%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	0.34%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.34%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	15	5.05%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	6	2.02%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.34%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.34%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	31	10.44%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	297	100%

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