

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

March 1, 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
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
Michael Smith, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Diane Kelly
Michael Wolk

Others attending were:

Chris Mariner, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Chad McCauley, Assistant Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company
Richard Tice, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department

Township Staff attending were:

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 7:08 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 1, 2021 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

None.

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 via text message that Cetronia responded to fifty-eight calls for the month of February 2021.

Chief Garger reported that Greenawalds responded to forty-one calls for the month of February 2021.

Assistant Chief McCauley submitted the response reports via email for Tri-Clover for the month of February 2021 and year-to-date 2021. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to twenty-eight calls for the month of February 2021 and fifty-two calls for year-to-date 2021.

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

C. Fire Commissioner Report

Commissioner Kiskeravage reported that there were no major issues experienced during the heavy snow fall in the first week of February.

Chairman Yezerki inquired if the clearing of snow around fire hydrants is an issue for the fire departments.

Commissioner Kiskeravage and Chief Garger indicated that this is an issue during significant snow storms.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly reported that Lehigh County opened a virtual emergency operations center during the February 2021 snow storm. There were no major issues reported during the storm.

The next South Whitehall Township Emergency Management Team meeting will be held on Thursday March 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The yearly emergency management meeting with Dorney Park will be held virtually on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 10:00 am. There will be no emergency services drill held at the Park this year due to Covid-19.

E. Police Report

Officer Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand and fifty-seven calls for the month of February 2021. Crime and arrests are down this year compared to 2020. The youth police academy is completely filled with thirty participants.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to two-hundred and eighty-two calls for the month of February 2021. The number of Covid-19 related responses is steadily declining.

G. Subdivision Review

None.

H. Address Assignments

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

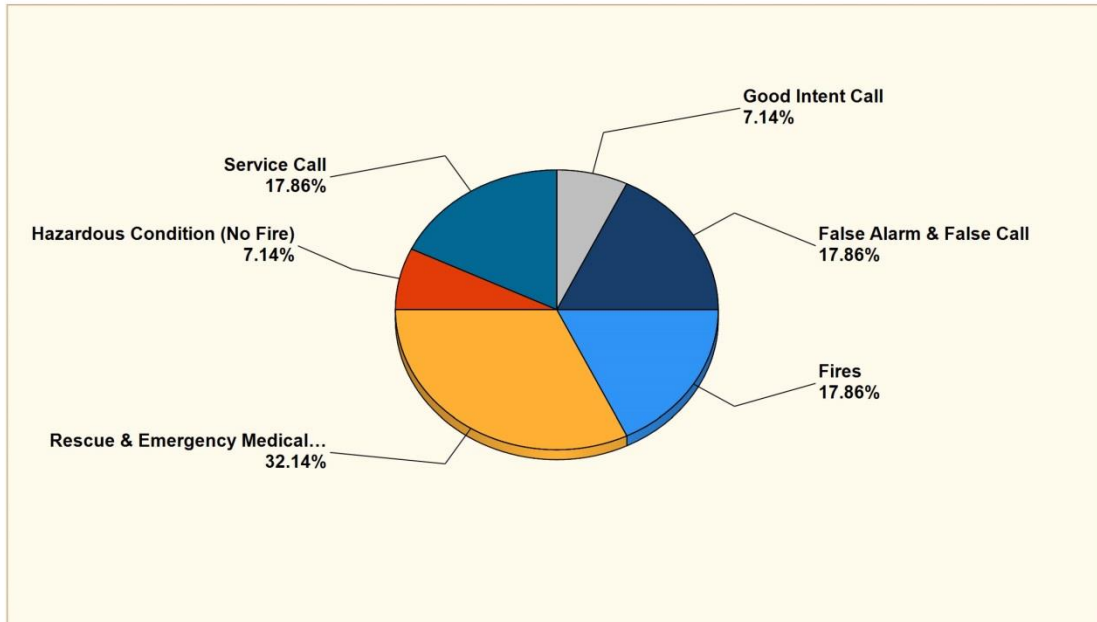
Tri Clover Fire Company

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 02/01/2021 | End Date: 02/28/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	5	17.86%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	9	32.14%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	7.14%
Service Call	5	17.86%
Good Intent Call	2	7.14%
False Alarm & False Call	5	17.86%
TOTAL	28	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	3	10.71%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	3.57%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	3.57%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	3.57%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	17.86%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	7.14%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	3.57%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	3.57%
444 - Power line down	1	3.57%
511 - Lock-out	1	3.57%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	4	14.29%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	3.57%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	3.57%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	7.14%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	10.71%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	28	100%

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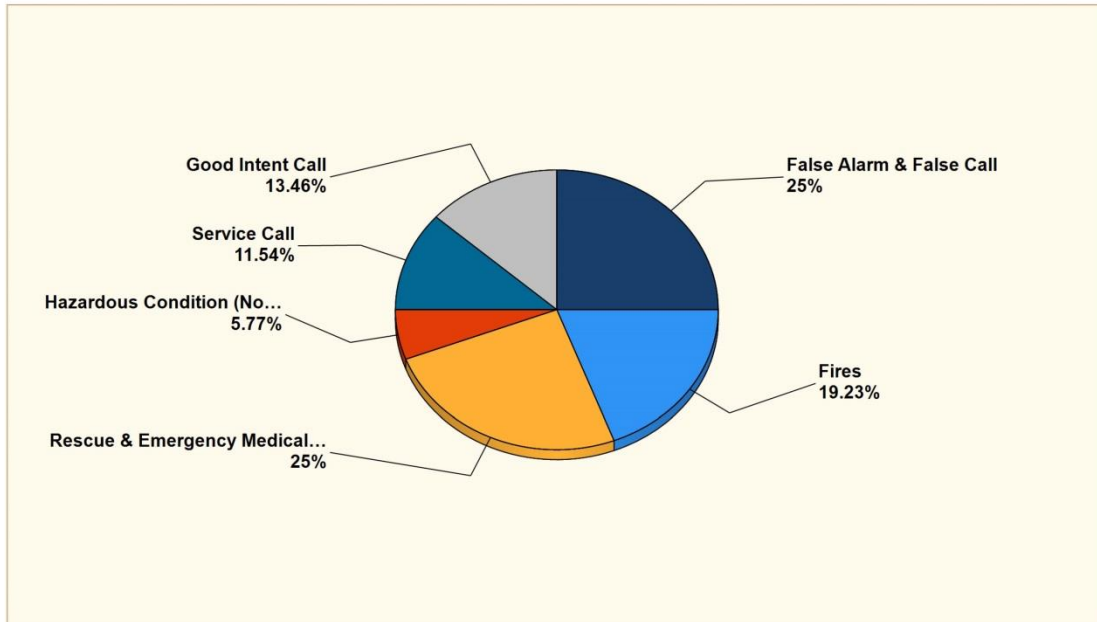
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

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



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	10	19.23%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	13	25%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	5.77%
Service Call	6	11.54%
Good Intent Call	7	13.46%
False Alarm & False Call	13	25%
TOTAL	52	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	6	11.54%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	1.92%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	1.92%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	1.92%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	1.92%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	2	3.85%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	9.62%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	1.92%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4	7.69%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	1.92%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.92%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	1.92%
444 - Power line down	1	1.92%
511 - Lock-out	1	1.92%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	5	9.62%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	1.92%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	6	11.54%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	5.77%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.92%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	9	17.31%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	52	100%

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