

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

December 6, 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
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
Michael Smith, 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, Sergeant, 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 November 1, 2021 were approved with a correction.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of 2022 Officers

Coordinator Kelly and Mr. Kennedy nominated candidates Mr. Yezerski for Chairman and Mr. Snyder for Vice Chairman for consideration by the Board. Both passed by a unanimous vote from the members of the Board.

B. Other Items

Chairman Yezerski inquired about the status of the traffic concerns at the intersections of Fairview Street and South 35th Street, and Mauch Chunk Road and Overlook Road.

Sergeant Grozier indicated that he was unaware of the status of these issues.

Chairman Yezerski inquired about the status of the Tri-Clover fire response box assignments.

Assistant Chief McCauley indicated that the day time boxes have been implemented. The other changes have been submitted to but have not been implemented by the Lehigh County Communication Center. The boxes will also need to be temporarily modified when the construction activities commence on the Kernsville Road Bridge over the Jordan Creek. That project is expected to last four months.

Chairman Yezerski inquired as to if any meeting have been held between emergency services personnel and Cedarbrook personnel regarding access during construction activities.

Coordinator Kelly and Mr. Frantz indicted that construction activities have not commenced as of this date.

Chairman Yezerski inquired as to if future Commission meetings can be streamed via the Zoom Meeting platform.

Coordinator Kelly indicated that new Emergency Management laptop computers could be used to stream the meeting.

The members of the Commission unanimously agreed to stream future meetings via the Zoom platform, starting with the January 10, 2022 meeting. Mr. Frantz will contact management to arrange the streaming.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Kelly inquired if there is a way for Township personnel to find and report inoperable street lights.

PPL Electric Utilities repairs public street lights in the Township. Information concerning the procedure to report inoperable street lights will be disseminated to the public via social media and/or a future Township newsletter.

B. Fire Companies Report

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

The fire departments had a busy month in November. Included in the calls was a fire on November 16 at a large house in Salisbury Township. Two firefighters from Cetronia became trapped inside and overrun by fire. Fortunately were able to escape the house through a second floor window. Both sustained serious injuries, one was hospitalized for two days while the other was hospitalized for four days. Cetronia extended its appreciation for all the agencies that supported them after that incident.

Cetronia has recently been dispatched to numerous EMS calls at the Warehouse at 5185 Crackersport Road. They have monitored the air quality at these calls but have found no issues. The fire department connection is currently blocked by fencing around portable toilets.

Mr. Frantz indicated that this was the first time that was made aware of the fire department connection issue. He will follow-up with the building owners.

Chief Garger submitted the response report via email for Greenawalds for the month of November 2021. It is included as an attachment to these

minutes. Greenawalds responded to fifty calls for the month of November 2021.

It was observed at the Township tree lighting ceremony at Covered Bridge Park that logistical and operational challenges would have been present had there been an emergency at the event. Vehicle would have had a significant issue gaining access to the event. It would be beneficial if additional emergency services personnel could be involved in the planning of the event for 2022.

Coordinator Kelly indicated that an emergency plan for the event is required if the attendance exceeds three-thousand people.

Commissioner Kiskeravage indicated that discussions were held at the post-event meeting regarding the access issues.

Sergeant Grozier indicated that management is considering spacing out the activities over a greater time frame at next year's event as well as involving more individuals in planning meetings.

Assistant Chief McCauley submitted the response report via email for Tri-Clover for the month of November 2021 and year-to-date 2021. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to nineteen calls for the month of November 2021 and two-hundred and eighty-five calls year-to-date 2021.

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

C. Fire Commissioner Report

Commissioner Kiskeravage reported that he and members from Woodlawn were travelling to South Dakota tomorrow for inspection of Woodlawn's new engine. It is anticipated that unit will be placed into service in January of 2022.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly reported that the next Township Emergency Management meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on December 9, 2021 at the Joint Operations Center.

The Limerick Generating Station drill was held on November 16, 2021.

New laptop computers have been placed into service at the Township Emergency Operations Center.

E. Police Report

Officer Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand, two-hundred and thirty-seven calls for the month of November 2021.

It is expected that an individual graduating from the Allentown Police Academy on Friday will be offered and accept employment with the Township.

There will be a graduation ceremony for the Township Citizens Police Academy on Thursday December 9, 2021 at the Township Building.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to three-hundred and ten calls for the month of November 2021. No calls were handled by mutual aid providers during the month.

There has been a small increase in Covid-related responses. All of Cetronia's personnel have been vaccinated.

G. Subdivision Review

1. Dorneyville Shopping Center Fast Casual Restaurant – Major Plan 2021-107

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

2. Proposed Commercial Development 1810 PA Route 309 – Major Plan 2020-103

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan has been revised to remove the office building that had been proposed on the property as well as reduce the slopes of the driveways from PA Route 309 and Chapmans Road. Both driveways do not meet the separation distance requirements from intersections and will require approval from PENNDOT as well as the Township.

The Commission made the recommendation that the driveway separation distance requirements for both driveways comply with Township requirements.

3. Bortz Tract – Spring View Restaurant Land Development – Major Plan 2013-103

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

H. Address Assignments

1. 2787 PA Route 309

The Commission agreed with the recommendation from the Township Engineer of 2786 PA Route 309.

2. Ridge Farm 2017-101

Mr. Frantz indicated that the Township Engineer, South Whitehall Township Planner Gregg Adams, and he previously reviewed the street names against existing Township Street names. Eckert, Sheirer, Jonathan, William, Wehr, Blue Barn, Adams, and Guth were identified as being too similar to existing street names.

The Commission agreed with the address number assignments of the Township Engineer, but not aforementioned street names. The plan should be brought back to the Commission after a clean review by Township staff of the proposed names.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

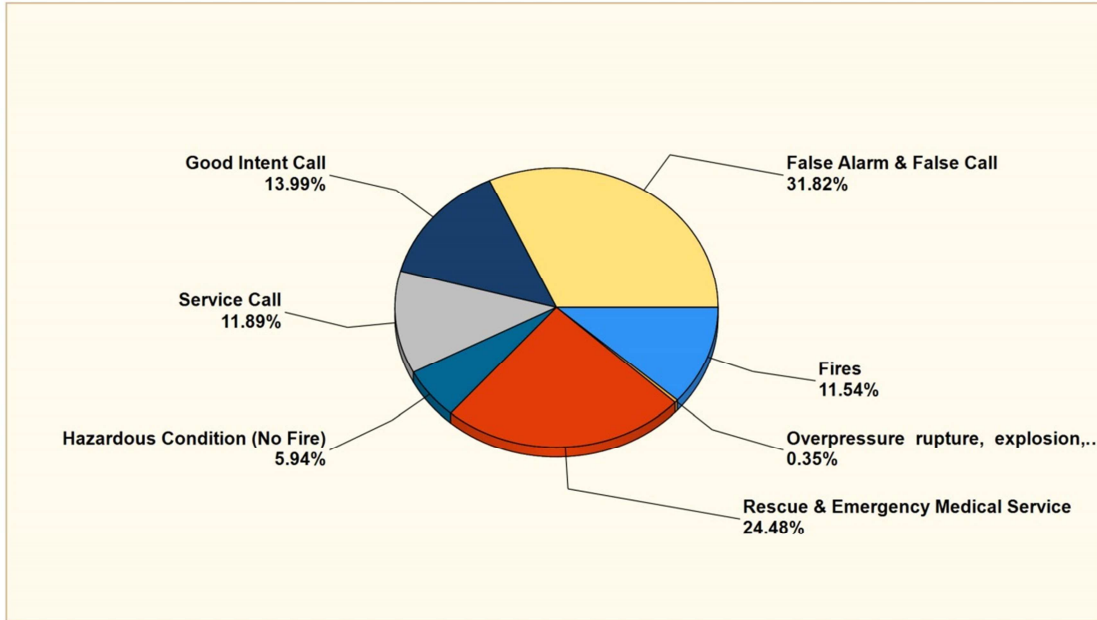
Tri Clover Fire Company

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

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



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	33	11.54%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	1	0.35%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	70	24.48%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	17	5.94%
Service Call	34	11.89%
Good Intent Call	40	13.99%
False Alarm & False Call	91	31.82%
TOTAL	286	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	19	6.64%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.35%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3	1.05%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.35%
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	0.35%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.35%
138 - Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.35%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	5	1.75%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.35%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.35%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	4	1.4%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	25	8.74%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	13	4.55%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	22	7.69%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0.35%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2	0.7%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	0.35%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.35%
363 - Swift water rescue	1	0.35%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.35%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.35%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.35%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.35%
442 - Overheated motor	1	0.35%
444 - Power line down	3	1.05%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.35%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	2.8%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.35%
521 - Water evacuation	5	1.75%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.35%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.35%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	0.35%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	18	6.29%
561 - Unauthorized burning	4	1.4%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	1.05%
600 - Good intent call, other	2	0.7%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	28	9.79%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	8	2.8%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.7%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.7%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	28	9.79%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	3	1.05%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	1.4%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.35%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	53	18.53%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	286	100%

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Greenawalds Fire Company

Allentown, PA

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Count of Incidents by Incident Type per Zone

Incident Status: All | Start Date: 11/01/2021 | End Date: 11/30/2021



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Not Specified		
111 - Building fire	1	2.00%
Zone: Not Specified Total Incident:		1
		2.00%
STA 03 - District 3 (Cetronia)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.00%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	2.00%
542 - Animal rescue	1	2.00%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	2.00%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	2.00%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	12.00%
Zone: STA 03 - District 3 (Cetronia) Total Incident:		11
		22.00%
STA 05 - District 5 (Coplay)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 05 - District 5 (Coplay) Total Incident:		1
		2.00%
STA 08 - District 8 (Fogelsville)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 08 - District 8 (Fogelsville) Total Incident:		1
		2.00%
STA 11 - District 11 (Greenawalds)		
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	4.00%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	4	8.00%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	4.00%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 11 - District 11 (Greenawalds) Total Incident:		9
		18.00%
STA 19 - District 19 (Old Zionsville)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 19 - District 19 (Old Zionsville) Total Incident:		1
		2.00%

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
STA 24 - District 24 (Slatington)		
111 - Building fire	2	4.00%
Zone: STA 24 - District 24 (Slatington) Total Incident:	2	4.00%
STA 26 - District 26 (Tri-Clover)		
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	4.00%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	6.00%
Zone: STA 26 - District 26 (Tri-Clover) Total Incident:	5	10.00%
STA 31 - District 31 (Western Salisbury)		
111 - Building fire	2	4.00%
Zone: STA 31 - District 31 (Western Salisbury) Total Incident:	2	4.00%
STA 32 - District 32 (Woodlawn)		
341 - Search for person on land	1	2.00%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	2.00%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	2.00%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	2.00%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	12.00%
Zone: STA 32 - District 32 (Woodlawn) Total Incident:	10	20.00%
STA 36 - District 36 (Whitehall - Fullerton)		
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 36 - District 36 (Whitehall - Fullerton) Total Incident:	1	2.00%
STA 37 - District 37 (Whitehall - West Catasauqua)		
111 - Building fire	1	2.00%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 37 - District 37 (Whitehall - West Catasauqua) Total Incident:	2	4.00%
STA 60 - City of Allentown		
111 - Building fire	2	4.00%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	2.00%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	2.00%
Zone: STA 60 - City of Allentown Total Incident:	4	8.00%
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR ALL ZONES:	50	100%

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Woodlawn Fire Department

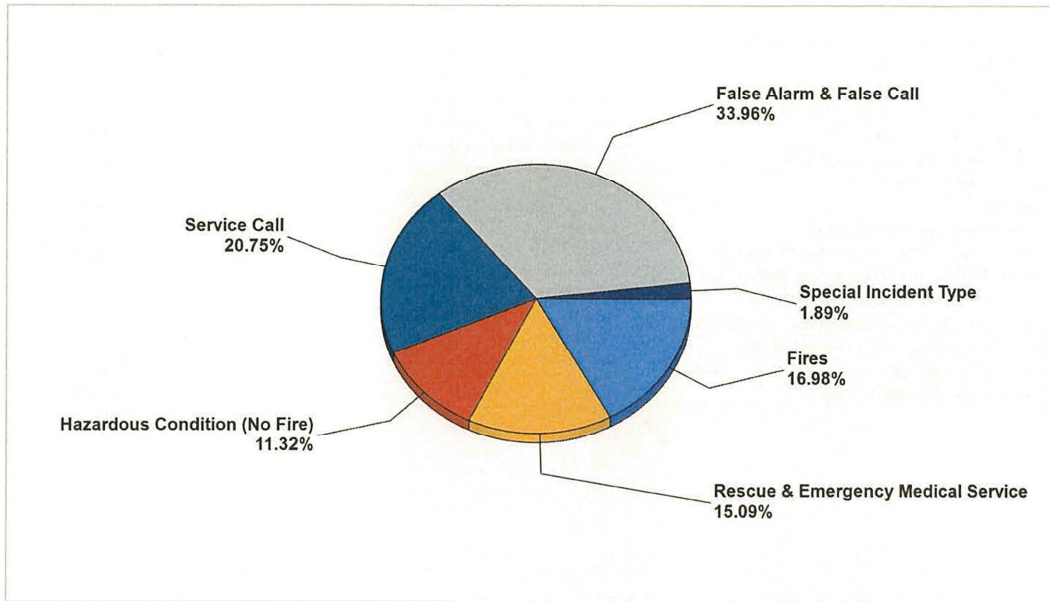
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 11/01/2021 | End Date: 11/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	9	16.98%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	8	15.09%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	11.32%
Service Call	11	20.75%
False Alarm & False Call	18	33.96%
Special Incident Type	1	1.89%
TOTAL	53	100%

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	1	1.89%
111 - Building fire	6	11.32%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	1.89%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	1.89%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	3	5.66%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1.89%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	1.89%
341 - Search for person on land	1	1.89%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	1.89%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.89%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.89%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	3	5.66%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	2	3.77%
511 - Lock-out	1	1.89%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	1.89%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	9	16.98%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.89%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	5.66%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	8	15.09%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.89%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	5	9.43%
900 - Special type of incident, other	1	1.89%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	53	100%

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