

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**July 11, 2022**

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  
Robert Mateff, Chief Executive Officer, Cetronia Ambulance Corp.  
Tony Naradko, Parkland School District  
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department

**Board of Commissioner Members attending were:**

Monica Hodges  
David Kennedy

**Others attending were:**

Ricardo Diaz, Deputy Chief, Cetronia Fire Company  
Adam Garger, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department  
Josh Green, Assistant Chief, Greenawalds Fire Company  
Richard Tice, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department  
Thomas Williams, Assistant Chief, Cetronia Fire Company

**Township Staff attending were:**

Gregg Adams, Planner  
Herb Bender, Interim Township Manager  
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 7:01 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 6, 2022 were approved with an addition to the Emergency Management report.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS**

Coordinator Kelly reported that he will be meeting with Township management to prepare a proposal for the Board of Commissioners to purchase the Nixle service.

The Volunteer Fire Subcommittee is working on potential funding avenues for a new aerial apparatus.

No action has been taken to date concerning the reiteration of the Commission's recommendations to the KRE II subdivision.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Coordinator Kelly indicated that GEO Specialty Chemicals had another hazardous materials release on June 18, 2022. This incident was reported to the Lehigh County Communication center who dispatched police. He has not received any follow-up from GEO personnel regarding the details of the incident.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Kennedy reported that Manager Bender has presented the preliminary 2023 fire budgets to the fire chiefs.

The fire departments have been asked to develop a five year plan for submission to the Board of Commissioners

Funding opportunities for the purchase of a new aerial apparatus are being discussed with Township management and Senator Brown's office.

The Township public works department will be assisting the fire departments with completion of the work related to their building renovation capital project.

## **B. Fire Companies Report**

Chief Heicklen indicated that Cetronia responded to fifty-nine calls for the month of June 2022.

Chief Garger indicated that Greenawalds responded to fifty-seven calls for the month of June 2022.

The fire departments had several working fires and rescues during the past month.

Mr. Frantz indicated that Tri-Clover personnel were attending their business meeting, as they hold it on the second Monday of every month. Chief Neas submitted the response reports for Tri-Clover via email for the month of June 2022 and year-to-date 2022. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to thirty-five calls for the month of June 2022 and one hundred and fifty-two calls year to date 2022.

## **C. Fire Commissioner Report**

Commissioner Kiskeravage reported that the aerial truck was used on May 17, 2022 to drop eggs from the bucket at St. Joe's School as part of a class where students designed packaging to protect products.

## **D. Emergency Management Team Report**

Coordinator Kelly indicated that there will be meeting in late July or early August 2022 for stakeholders concerning the Rt. 309 & Tilghman St. interchange betterment project.

Emergency Management meetings with Luther Crest personnel will be resuming. They were not held during the height of the Covid pandemic.

A discussion was held concerning the planning of the Get Prepared South Whitehall event scheduled for September 10, 2022. The event will only be open to Township residents.

South Whitehall police, public works, and Cetronia Ambulance Corps are on track to attend. Public Works will have an MS4 display and will provide

vehicles to close the roads around the event. The street sweeper will be one of those vehicles and will be used at the end of the event to clean the roads used during the event. Portable toilets have been ordered. The Fire Commissioner will contact the Red Cross and the Township Solicitors office regarding the event.

Lowes will have a booth at the event and will be providing three-hundred to five-hundred combination carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Chief Garger will work with Fast Signs to order signs for the smoke detector give-away. Popcorn will be provided by AMC Theaters. Food trucks will be at the event.

The Lehigh County CERT will have a booth at the event. Attempts to contact Haafsville Sanctuary have been answered, the police will attempt to call their contact at the facility. Parkland School District will be contacted about possibly providing their bus safety demonstration.

#### **E. Police Report**

Sergeant Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand, one hundred and seventy-seven calls, had ninety-seven reported crimes, and made forty-seven arrests for the month of June 2022.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 17:00 to 20:00 at Covered Bridge Park. It will be moved from its previous location in the park to provide more space for the event. Fire and EMS are welcome to have displays but need to limit the amount of apparatus due to the space constraints.

Chief Dorney reported that the police youth academy has held and graduated forty youth. The police advanced youth academy is scheduled to start on August 10, 2022.

#### **F. Emergency Medical Services Report**

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to three-hundred and forth-seven calls for the month of June 2022. Three of those calls were handled by mutual aid providers.

Cetronia is transporting many Covid patients, however, emergency rooms are often full with Covid patients.

#### **G. Parkland School District Report**

Dr. Naradko reported that school district staff are preparing for the new school year.

A parent/student reunification drill will be held with school district staff on July 21, 2022.

The Springhouse Middle School will host an emergency services Rescue Task Force drill on July 30, 2022.

## **H. Subdivision Review**

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

The Commission reiterated their previous comments that the on-lot pavement markings concerning the route of travel for motorists entering the drive-thru will be confusing and that motorists will have a tendency to disregard the marking instructions. This can result in vehicles overflowing onto the access to the shopping center and onto Tilghman Street.

The pavement markings, without associated signage, will render the instructions useless during winter weather events.

Concerns were expressed about the validity of the traffic study performed to model the expected number of vehicles expected to use the drive-thru.

## **I. Address Assignments**

### **1. Allentown Town Centre – 4681-4797 Tilghman Street**

Planner Adams and Mr. Frantz indicated that this address assignment is necessary to provide addresses if the former K-Mart space is subdivided.

The Commission agreed with the address assignments contained in the June 10, 2022 letter from the Township Engineer.

### **2. Village West Shopping Center – 3026 Tilghman Street**

Planner Adams and Mr. Frantz indicated that this address assignment is necessary to provide a singular address for a combination of two existing tenant spaces.

The Commission agreed with the address assignments contained in the July 8, 2022 letter from the Township Engineer using 3026 Tilghman Street as the new address for the combined spaces.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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Chairman

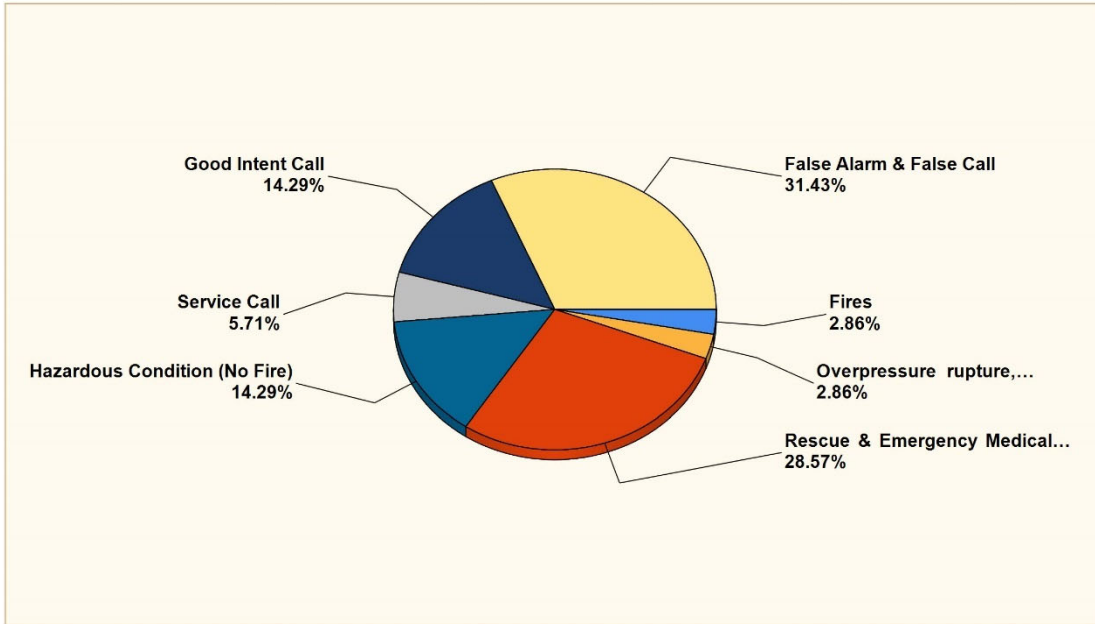
# Tri Clover Fire Company

Orefield, PA

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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 06/01/2022 | End Date: 06/30/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	1	2.86%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	1	2.86%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	10	28.57%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	14.29%
Service Call	2	5.71%
Good Intent Call	5	14.29%
False Alarm & False Call	11	31.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

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
162 - Outside equipment fire	1	2.86%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	2.86%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6	17.14%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	2.86%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3	8.57%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	2.86%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	2.86%
444 - Power line down	1	2.86%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	2.86%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	2.86%
520 - Water problem, other	1	2.86%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	2.86%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	8.57%
621 - Wrong location	1	2.86%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	2.86%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	11.43%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	2.86%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	17.14%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

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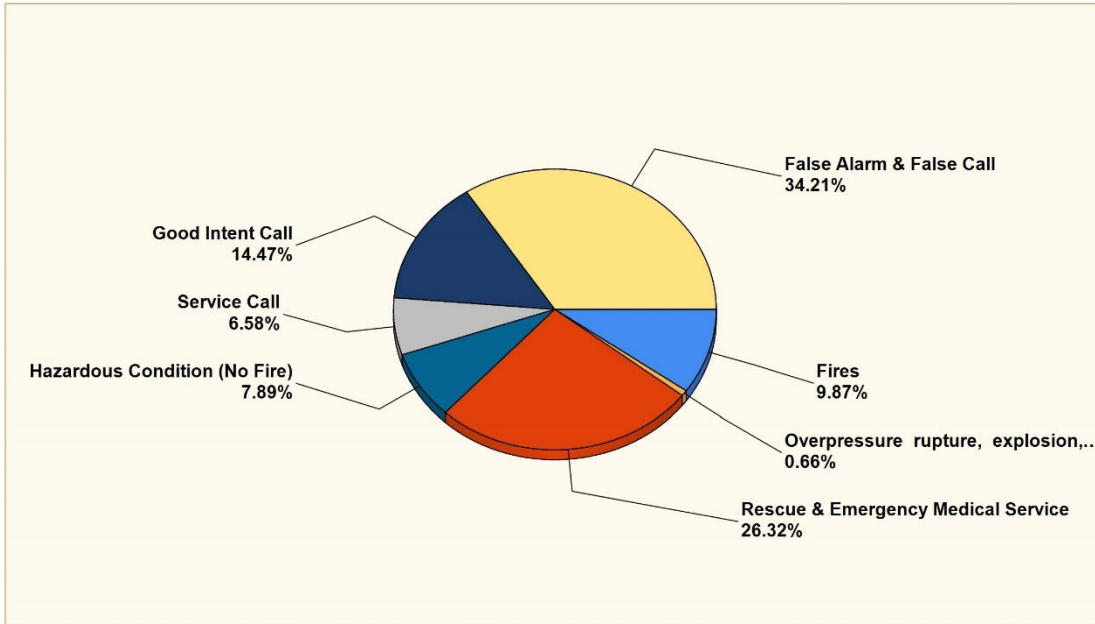
# Tri Clover Fire Company

Orefield, PA

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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 12/31/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	15	9.87%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	1	0.66%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	40	26.32%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	7.89%
Service Call	10	6.58%
Good Intent Call	22	14.47%
False Alarm & False Call	52	34.21%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	1	0.66%
111 - Building fire	9	5.92%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	2	1.32%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.66%
160 - Special outside fire, other	1	0.66%
162 - Outside equipment fire	1	0.66%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.66%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	14	9.21%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	6	3.95%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	17	11.18%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0.66%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	0.66%
363 - Swift water rescue	1	0.66%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	0.66%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	1.32%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.66%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	0.66%
444 - Power line down	2	1.32%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.66%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	2.63%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.66%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.66%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	5	3.29%
561 - Unauthorized burning	2	1.32%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.66%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	14	9.21%
621 - Wrong location	1	0.66%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4	2.63%
650 - Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1	0.66%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2	1.32%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.32%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	21	13.82%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	4	2.63%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3	1.97%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	22	14.47%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100%</b>

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