

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 19, 2022  
**Time:** 7:31 pm  
**Location:** Montgomery Township Municipal Complex  
**Attendees:**

<b><u>Board of Supervisors Liaison:</u></b>	Annette Long
<b><u>Township Manager:</u></b>	Not Present
<b><u>Police Department Representative:</u></b>	Chief Scott Bendig
<b><u>Fire Department Representative:</u></b>	Chief William Wiegman
<b><u>VMSC of Lansdale Representative:</u></b>	Chief Shane Wheeler
<b><u>Public Works Department Representative:</u></b>	Not Present
<b><u>Resident Appointees:</u></b>	John O'Connor John Nolan Dan Shallow Dan Gormley Matt Shinton (Chair)

**NOTE:** Simple majority of resident appointees are needed for a quorum.

**GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Matt Shinton.

**2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:**

Motion made to accept the June minutes by Matt Shinton.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes seconded by John O'Connor.

Motion carried 5-0.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None received.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

Unleashed Dogs in Township Parks: At the September 19, 2022, Public Safety Meeting, Township residents William and Ann James voiced their concerns regarding uncontrolled dogs running at large without a leash on the Zehr Fields at Windlestrae Park. An audit of similar calls for service in all Township Parks (except the Bark Park) in 2022 revealed three reported occurrences. At present time, The Township has no mechanisms in place requiring dogs to be on a leash within Township Parks. Currently, the Police Department utilizes a provision under the Pennsylvania Dog Law that does not require dogs to be on a leash, only *under the reasonable control of some person*. This matter will be discussed further at the October 24, 2022, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Supervisor Long requested that the Public Safety Committee members weigh in on the matter so she could brief the other Board of Supervisors on the Committee's thoughts regarding the issue. Three options were discussed:

- Option 1: Create and enact an addendum to the township ordinance governing park rules, adding a leash provision.
- Option 2: Continue to follow the Pennsylvania Dog Law regulating the control of dogs and crafting a sign to post in parks (near current rules) indicating:

*All dogs must be under control at all times*

*3 P.S. § 459-305*

- Option 3: Continue to follow the Pennsylvania Dog Law regulating the control of dogs with no signage (current practice).

After discussion, the Public Safety Committee indicated that option 2 seemed most appropriate in their opinion considering the facts presented.

#### 5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

FDMT/DFS: See attached report. Chief Wiegman provided the Committee with an overview of other activities, including:

- Inspection Program
- Training initiatives
- Fire prevention visits
- FEMA Smoke Detector Distribution and Installation Program
- Fire apparatus update

Public Works: See attached report. Chief Wiegman provided the Committee overview of activities on behalf of Director Reiff, including:

- Repaired several sinkholes around the Township due to failing stormwater pipes.
- Road sweeping as part of the MS4 Stormwater requirements.
- Painted several sets of VASCAR lines for the Police Department throughout the Township to aid in the reduction of speeders.
- Road & Facilities crews attended the Confined Space Refresher Course on September 13, 2022.
- Continued painting several intersections throughout the Township.
- Peter Erndwein performed the Annual Risk Control Survey of the Township on September 29, 2022.
- Responded to a total of 225 PA One Calls throughout the month.

Police Department: See attached report. Chief Bendig provided the Committee with an overview of other activities, including:

- Recent noted incidents
- Upcoming Halloween candy distribution
- Personnel changes in the Police Department

VMSC: See attached report. Chief Wheeler provided the Committee with an overview of other activities, including:

- Recent Florida hurricane relief activities
- System Status Deployment Program
- EMT and Paramedic training initiatives
- North Penn Area municipality subsidy report

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Trailer Parking on Dedicated Township Streets: Chief Bendig provided the Committee with an overview of a recent issue brought to the Department's attention regarding the parking of large trailers/large vehicles on dedicated Township streets, resulting in the minimization of available space for other vehicles. Several options were discussed with the Committee, including crafting an ordinance to regulate parking based upon factors to include the overall weight classification or size of the vehicles. This matter is currently under Township staff review. After discussion, the Public Safety Committee indicated that the option of restricting the parking of large trailers/large vehicles based on overall length was most appropriate, in their opinion considering the facts presented.

New Fireworks Law: Chief Wiegman provided the Committee with an overview of the amended Pennsylvania Fireworks Law, which provides a municipality the ability to craft an ordinance requiring the permitting of consumer fireworks, the prohibition of consumer fireworks, and the permitting of consumer fireworks by exception. Chief Wiegman also briefed the Committee about incidents the Fire Department encountered related to the use of fireworks. This matter is currently under Township staff review. After discussion, the Public Safety Committee indicated that the permitting of consumer fireworks by exception was most appropriate, in their opinion considering the facts presented.

**7. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made to adjourn by Matt Shinton.

Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by John O'Connor.

Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting concluded at 8:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

  
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J. Scott Bendig

# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Call Type	Montgomery	Mutual Aid
Fire Alarms	18	2
CO Detectors	0	0
Appliances	1	0
Dwelling Fires	0	2
Building Fires	5	2
Fire Officer Investigations	4	0
Building Investigations	0	3
Vehicle Fires	1	0
Vehicle Rescue	0	0
Vehicle Accident Standby	2	0
Fire Police Only	3	0
Rescues (Other)	0	0
Dumpsters	1	0
Trash/Brush/Rubbish	1	0
Electrical Fire Outside	1	0
Gas Odor Outside	2	0
Gas Odor Inside	7	1
Hazardous Materials Incident	0	0
Helicopter Landings	0	0
EMS/Medical Assist	7	0
Police Assist	1	1
Rapid Intervention Team	0	0
Good Intent	0	0
Cover Assignments	0	0
Mont Calls	54	
Away Calls	11	
Total Calls	65	

### Fire Marshal's Office

- Fire Inspections- 48
- Closeout Inspections- 17
- FM Follow Ups- 2
- Knox Boxes- 1
- Smoke Alarm Installs- 7
- Fire Drills-2
- Health Dept. Complaints- 4
- Staff Trainings- 1

### Training

- Classes- 18 (203 staff attended)
- Total Staff Hours- 812

### Department Operations

- FEMA Grant/Smoke Alarms
- EOP Promulgation
- Truck Committee for Engine & Squad 18-1
- Preparation for Fire Prevention Month & Autumn Fest
- National Preparedness Month & Staff PEMA Certifications
- Township Employee First Aid & CPR Training



*One Department. One Mission.*



Custom ▾ Sep 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2022 ▾

85%

FIRE  
Percentage of Total Incidents

15%

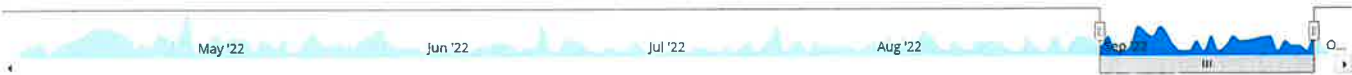
EMS  
Percentage of Total Incidents

65

INCIDENTS  
In Selected Time Slice

30

DAYS  
In Selected Time Slice



	Counts	% Rows	% Columns	% All										
Week Ending	9/4/22	9/11/22	9/18/22	9/25/22	10/2/22	10/9/22	10/16/22	10/23/22	10/30/22	11/6/22	11/13/22	11/20/22	11/27/22	Total

(11) Structure Fire			1											1
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire				1										1
(14) Natural vegetation fire	1													1
(15) Outside rubbish fire				1										1
(31) Medical assist	1	2	1	1	2									7
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		2			1									3
(41) Combustible/f. spills & leaks	2	5			3									10
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem		1	1	1	1									4
(50) Service call, other		1												1
(55) Public service assistance		1	1	1	1									4
(60) Good intent call, other			1											1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	2	1		1	1									5
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			3	1	1									5
(70) False alarm and false call, other	1	2												3
(73) System or detector malfunction		2	2											4

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(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	1	3	3	5	2									14
Total	8	20	13	12	12									65

## MTPW Public Safety Report – September 2022

- Repaired the emergency entrance gate at William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae for Autumn Festival.
- The following tree work was done throughout the Township:
  - ✓ Took down one (1) dead Oak tree from Township property on Claremont Drive.
  - ✓ Trimmed dead branches for the tot-lot at Spring Valley Park (Upper) with a rented aerial lift.
- Josh, John & Chris attended the First Aid and CPR training held at CRC on September 21, 2022.
- Musco Sports Lighting repaired outages for the athletic fields at William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae & Spring Valley Park.
- Repaired several sinkholes around the Township due to failing storm water pipes.
- Began sweeping Township roads as part of the MS4 Stormwater requirements.
- Painted several sets of vascar lines for the Police Department throughout the Township to aid in the reduction of speeders.
- Performed routine pre-storm drainage cleanouts.
- The entire Road & Facilities crews attended the Confined Space Refresher Course on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Dug a 200' swale at Friendship Park to redirect runoff from the walking path.
- Dug a 120' swale along Line Street to redirect runoff into the creek.
- Continued painting several intersections throughout the Township.
- 9/7/22 – Doylestown Road & County Line Road – Inoperable Pedestrian Push Button - Armour & Sons Repaired
- 9/14/22 – Streetlight at Bell Run Boulevard & Freedom Drive – Struck by Vehicle – Repaired wiring, replaced metal base and pole.
- Peter Erndwein performed the Annual Risk Control Survey of the Township on September 29, 2022.
- Responded to a total of 225 PA One Calls throughout the month.



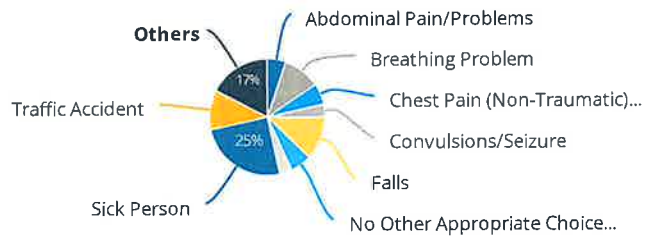
Filters **Scene Zone** MONTGOMERY - MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP (46940) **Months in ESO Record Created Date** Last Month

TOTAL ZONE CALLS: **172**      TOTAL VMSC CALLS: **925**      Average Chute Time: **77.40**      Average Response Time: **08m:19s**

Top 5 Call Types

Type of Incident	#
Sick Person	43
Falls	21
Traffic Accident	19
Breathing Problem	18
Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)	10

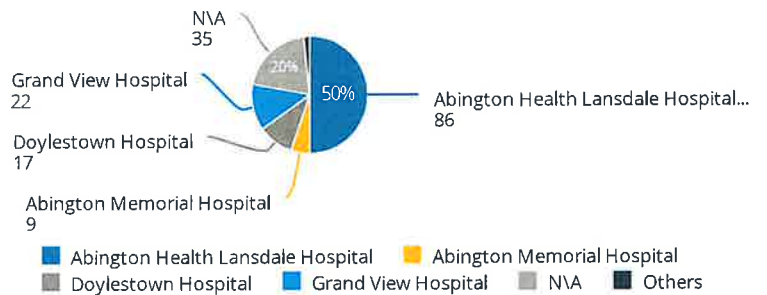
Dispatched Complaint Percentages



Call Disposition

Disposition	#
Transported No Lights/Siren	94
Transported Lights/Siren	43
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	16
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)	10
Assist, Unit	5
Cancelled (No Patient Contact)	3
Cancelled on Scene/No Patient Found	1

Hospital Transports





# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Monthly Activity Report for September 2022

<b>Crime Data:</b>	Total Calls for Service:	2,499
	Total Part I Crimes:	26
	Total Part II Crimes:	104
	Total Criminal Arrests:	58
<b>Crash Data:</b>	Total Crashes:	88
	Reportable Crashes:	27
	Non Reportable Crashes:	61
	Injuries:	21
<b>Traffic Enforcement Activities:</b>	Traffic Stops:	713
	Traffic Citations:	398
	Warning Notices:	14
	Field Contact Cards:	446
	Traffic Complaints Received:	35
	Selective Enforcements:	163
<b>Other Police Activities:</b>	Assist Fire Department:	32
	Building Alarms:	95
	Direct Patrols:	346
	Lockouts:	11
	Medical Assistance:	156
	School Walk-Through:	15
	Vacant Home Checks:	8
	Training Hours:	771
<b>Specialty Unit Usage:</b>	Canine Unit:	12
	Mobile Incident Response Team:	0
	Montgomery County SWAT-CR:	1
<b>Personnel Overtime:</b>	Court Overtime:	15
	Regular Overtime:	73.25
	Reimbursed Highway Grant Overtime:	136
	Reimbursed Special Duty Overtime:	26
	Non-Sworn Overtime:	261
	Sworn Comp Time:	56
	Non-Sworn Comp Time:	0