

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

September 9, 2024

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
Steve Brown, Interim Chief, Police Department
Ricardo Diaz, Chief, Cetronia Fire Company
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
Chris Peischl, At Large Member
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Michael Smith, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Diane Kelly

Others attending were:

Carrie Frey, Director of Operations – Cetronia Ambulance Corps.

Township Staff attending were:

Herb Bender, Director of Township Operations
John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Jason Grozier, Sergeant, Police Department
Thomas Petrucci, Township Manager

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 5, 2024 were approved with a grammatical correction.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Commission Bylaws, Resolution 2024-101

Manager Petrucci indicated that no further action on the issue was required by the Commission.

Mr. Frantz indicated that he placed the Resolution in the packet for informational purposes only.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Diaz reported that Cetronia responded to seventy-one calls for the month of August 2024.

Cetronia had one individual complete Paramedic certification and one individual complete Firefighter 1 certification. One individual is currently enrolled in Firefighter 1, one in EMT, one in water rescue awareness, two in Pump 1&2, and two in Ropes 1&2.

Chief Garger submitted the response reports via email for Greenawalds for the month of August 2024. They are included as attachments to these minutes. Commissioner Peischl reported that Greenawalds responded to sixty-two calls for the month of August 2024.

Commissioner Peischl gave the following report from Chief Garger.

In summary, we responded to 62 calls for service in the month of August which included several significant fires in Whitehall and Alburdis. We were also special called to assist several other regional rescue companies that operated at a very complex tractor trailer rescue on I-78 which also

involved Hazardous Materials, a vehicle extrication, and terrain rescue all wrapped into one.

This past weekend we had several members complete elevator rescue training along with Cetronia Fire Department. We have several vehicle extrication trainings coming up in the fall and will also be attending several regional conferences for additional firefighter training. We will also be hosting/teaching the vehicle rescue component of the LVHN Paramedic program later this month. We also have our annual Halloween parade coming up in October and will be getting ready for Fire Prevention education at schools and daycares.

Chief Neas submitted the response report via email for Tri-Clover for the month of August 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Chief Search submitted the response report for Woodlawn for the month of August 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Woodlawn responded to seventy-one calls for the month of August 2024.

The fire companies responded to a house fire on the Saturday prior to the Commission meeting.

C. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly submitted the Emergency Management report via email for the month of August 2024. It is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Work on the implementation of the D4H Software is ongoing.

An Emergency Action Plan for the Parkland School District stadium is being reviewed.

D. Police Report

Sergeant Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand, five-hundred and forty-eight calls, had one hundred and eleven reported crimes, made fifty-four arrests, and issued three-hundred and sixty citations and five-hundred and eighty-three warnings for the month of August 2024. A copy of the report is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Interim Chief Brown reported that police recently held an Advanced Youth Police Academy.

A Battle of the Badges charity baseball game between South Whitehall and Whitehall Police was recently held at Coca-Cola Park. Fourteen thousand dollars was raised for pediatric cancer research. South Whitehall defeated Whitehall in that game. The No-Shave charity fund raising campaign has commenced.

The National Night Out event has been rescheduled for Tuesday September 24, 2024 at Covered Bridge Park from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

E. Emergency Medical Services Report

Director of Operations Frey reported that Cetronia responded to two-hundred and ninety-seven calls for the month of August 2024. Seven of those calls were handled by mutual aid providers.

F. Parkland School District Report

None.

G. Member Concerns

None.

H. Public Works Projects

Manager Petrucci reported that the 2024 street paving projects have been completed.

The trail/road barrier for the Jordan Greenway Trail on River Road is expected to be installed in October 2024.

I. Township Community Events

The Sunset to Summer festival will be held on Saturday September 28, 2024 at Covered Bridge Park from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

J. Subdivision Review

1. Palmeiro Reality LLC Crackersport Road, Waiver from Land Development Request 2024-702

a. Fire Marshal Review

A fire hydrant within three-hundred-feet of the building does exist along Hausman Road but is not shown on the plan. A SALDO compliant fire hydrant should be shown on the plan.

b. Fire Company Review

No Comments.

c. Emergency Management Review

No Comments.

d. Police Review

No comments.

e. Emergency Medical Services Review

No comments.

f. Parkland School District Review

No comments.

g. Motion for Recommendation

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to make the recommendation that a SALDO compliant fire hydrant should be shown on the plans. The motion was seconded by Coordinator Kelly and passed unanimously.

2. Parking Lot Expansion Allentown Cat Clinic, Major Plan 2023-102

a. Fire Marshal Review

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan was previously reviewed by the Commission, who requested that it should be reviewed after a review from PENNDOT was completed. The PENNDOT review has not yet been completed, but the plan was revised to increase the turning radius into the parking lot from Tilghman Street. This project may also potentially be affected by the Rt. 309 and Tilghman Street interchange project.

b. Fire Company Review

No comments.

c. Emergency Management Review

No comments.

d. Police Review

No comments.

e. Emergency Medical Services Review

No comments.

f. Parkland School District Review

No comments.

g. Motion for Recommendation

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

3. Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., Major Plan 2024-104

a. Fire Marshal Review

No comments.

b. Fire Company Review

No comments.

c. Emergency Management Review

Coordinator Kelly expressed Concern about the lack of stormwater review with a similar project not needing stormwater review on the opposite side of the street (Palmeiro 2024-702).

Manager Petrucci indicated that the plans are evaluated individually and not together. They both do not disturb enough area individually to require stormwater improvements. The Lehigh Valley Planning

Commission is considering this area of disturbance issue in their re-evaluation of Act 167.

d. Police Review

No comments.

e. Emergency Medical Services Review

No comments.

f. Parkland School district Review

No comments.

g. Motion for Recommendation

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

4. Dorney Park Sidewalks Hamilton Boulevard, Professional Staff Consultation 2023-405

a. Fire Marshal Review

No comments.

b. Fire Company Review

No comments.

c. Emergency Management Review

No comments.

d. Police Review

Sergeant Grozier stated that this area along the Hamilton Boulevard Bypass is very dark at night. He recommended that lighting be provided for the sidewalk.

e. Emergency Medical Services Review

No comments.

f. Parkland School District Review

No comments.

g. Motion for Recommendation

Commissioner Peischl made the motion that illumination should be provided for the sidewalk. The motion was seconded by Coordinator Kelly and passed unanimously.

K. Address Assignments

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

Woodlawn Fire Department

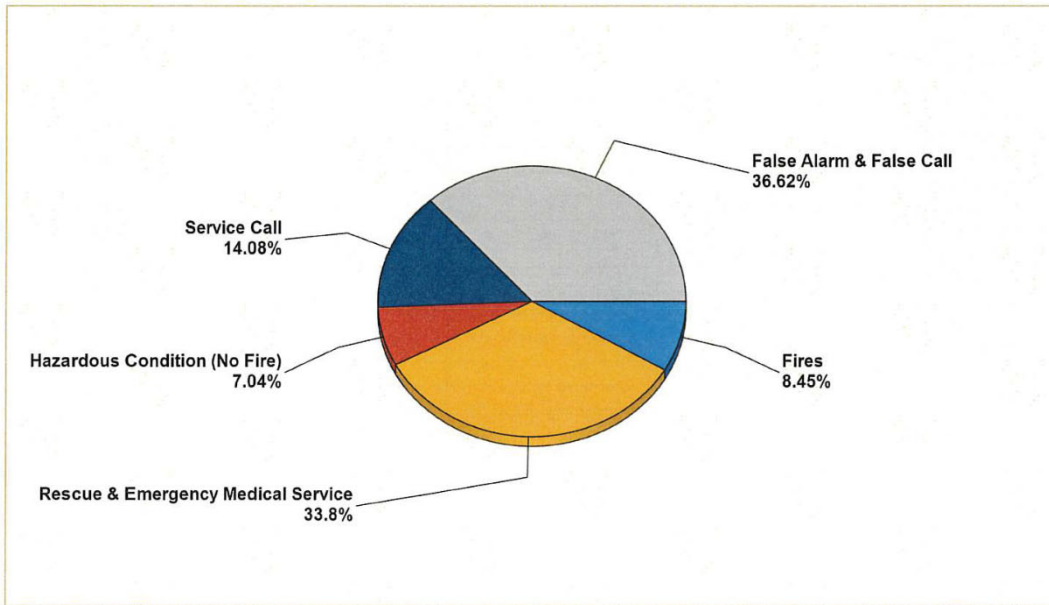
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/01/2024 | End Date: 08/31/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	6	8.45%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	24	33.8%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	7.04%
Service Call	10	14.08%
False Alarm & False Call	26	36.62%
TOTAL	71	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	5	7.04%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	1.41%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12	16.9%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5	7.04%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	1.41%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	5	7.04%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	1.41%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	1.41%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	2.82%
420 - Toxic condition, other	1	1.41%
444 - Power line down	1	1.41%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	1.41%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	1.41%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	5	7.04%
554 - Assist invalid	3	4.23%
732 - Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1	1.41%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	8	11.27%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.41%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	5.63%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.41%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	9	12.68%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2	2.82%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	71	100%

Location Breakdown		Members	SWT
District	Calls	Responding	Calls
Cetronia - District 3	18	11	18
Tri-Clover - District 26	2	11	2
Woodlawn - District 32	45	11	45
Greenawalds - District 11	3	11	3
Whitehall Township - District 35	1	9	
Alburtis - District 1	1	12	
New Tripoli - District 17	1	6	
Grand Total	71	11	
			68

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Greenawalds Fire Company

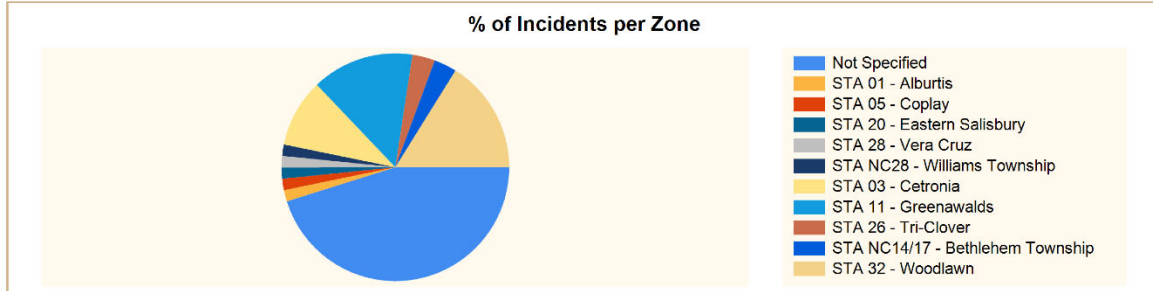
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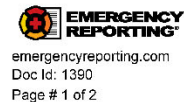
Count of Incidents by Incident Type per Zone

Incident Status: All | Start Date: 08/01/2024 | End Date: 08/31/2024



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Not Specified		
111 - Building fire	4	6.45%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	1.61%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1.61%
341 - Search for person on land	1	1.61%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.61%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	1.61%
553 - Public service	2	3.23%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	3.23%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	15	24.19%
Zone: Not Specified Total Incident:	28	45.16%
STA 01 - Alburdis		
111 - Building fire	1	1.61%
Zone: STA 01 - Alburdis Total Incident:	1	1.61%
STA 03 - Cetrionia		
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	1.61%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	3.23%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	4.84%
Zone: STA 03 - Cetrionia Total Incident:	6	9.68%
STA 05 - Coplay		
111 - Building fire	1	1.61%
Zone: STA 05 - Coplay Total Incident:	1	1.61%
STA 11 - Greenawalds		
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1	1.61%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	3	4.84%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	1.61%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	1.61%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	1.61%

Report shows count of incidents for Status selected.



553 - Public service	2	3.23%
Zone: STA 11 - Greenawalds Total Incident:	9	14.52%
STA 20 - Eastern Salisbury		
111 - Building fire	1	1.61%
Zone: STA 20 - Eastern Salisbury Total Incident:	1	1.61%
STA 26 - Tri-Clover		
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	1.61%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.61%
Zone: STA 26 - Tri-Clover Total Incident:	2	3.23%
STA 28 - Vera Cruz		
111 - Building fire	1	1.61%
Zone: STA 28 - Vera Cruz Total Incident:	1	1.61%
STA 32 - Woodlawn		
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	3.23%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	3.23%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	9.68%
Zone: STA 32 - Woodlawn Total Incident:	10	16.13%
STA NC14/17 - Bethlehem Township		
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	3.23%
Zone: STA NC14/17 - Bethlehem Township Total Incident:	2	3.23%
STA NC28 - Williams Township		
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.61%
Zone: STA NC28 - Williams Township Total Incident:	1	1.61%
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR ALL ZONES:	62	100%

Report shows count of incidents for Status selected.

Greenawalds Fire Company

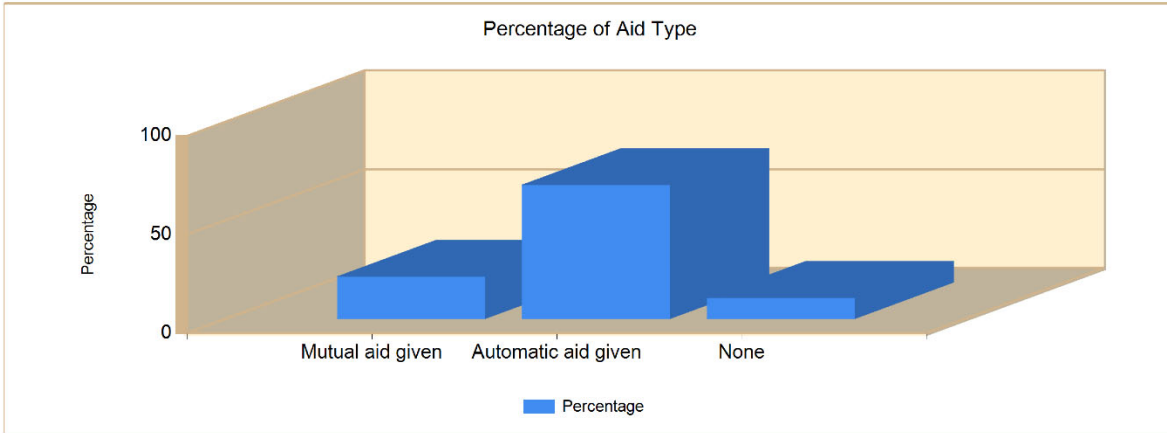
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Count of Aid Given and Received for Incidents for Date Range

Start Date: 08/01/2024 | End Date: 08/31/2024



AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid given	6	21.4%
Automatic aid given	19	67.9%
None	3	10.7%

Only REVIEWED incidents included

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Greenawalds Fire Company

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Average Number of Responding Personnel per Incident Type for Date Range

StartDate: 08/01/2024 | EndDate: 08/31/2024

INCIDENT TYPE	AVG. # PERSONNEL
111 - Building fire	9
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	10
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	6
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	7
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	8
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	7
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	10
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	5
553 - Public service	6
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	7
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	4

Reviewed Incidents only.

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Average Turnout Time (Dispatch to Enroute) per Apparatus for Date Range

Start Date: 08/01/2024 | End Date: 08/31/2024

APPARATUS	TURNOUT TIME (min) (Dispatch to Enroute)
AC11	0:08
B11	0:07
B11-2	0:09
C11	0:04
DC11	0:08
E11	2:39
FPL11	0:00
R11	2:03
RE11	1:41
TA11	3:31
U11	0:03
U11-1	0:00
AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME:	0:53

Report calculates the average time difference between DISPATCH and ENROUTE for each apparatus. Only Incidents where ENROUTE time is provided are included. "Cancelled Apparatus" Times Are included in the calculation of this Report.

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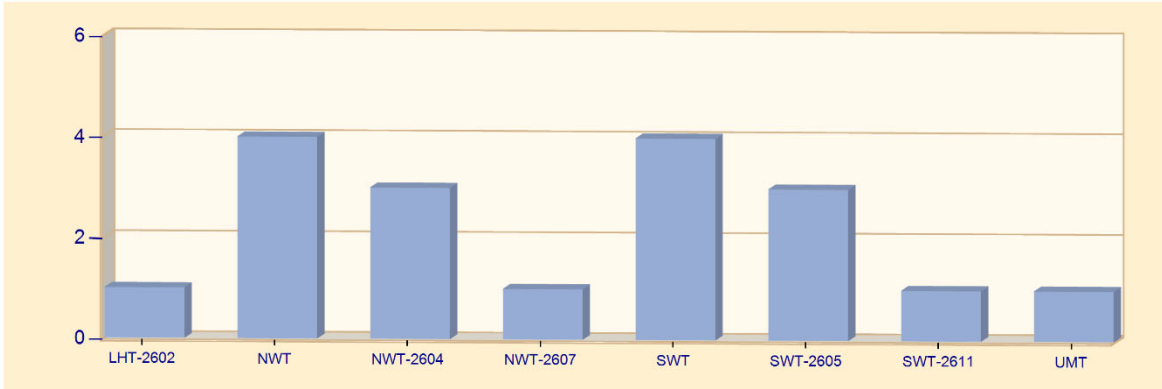
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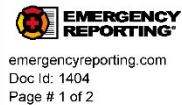
Incident Type Count per Zone for Date Range

Start Date: 08/01/2024 | End Date: 08/31/2024



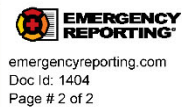
ZONES	INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
LHT-2602 - Low Hill Township - Box 2602		
	311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1
	<i>Total Incidents for LHT-2602 - Low Hill Township - Box 2602:</i>	
		1
NWT - North Whitehall Township		
	440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
	741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1
	<i>Total Incidents for NWT - North Whitehall Township:</i>	
		4
NWT-2604 - North Whitehall Township - Box 2604		
	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
	<i>Total Incidents for NWT-2604 - North Whitehall Township - Box 2604:</i>	
		3
NWT-2607 - North Whitehall Township - Box 2607		
	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
	<i>Total Incidents for NWT-2607 - North Whitehall Township - Box 2607:</i>	
		1
SWT - South Whitehall Township		
	735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3
	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
	<i>Total Incidents for SWT - South Whitehall Township:</i>	
		4
SWT-2605 - South Whitehall Township - Box 2605		

Zone information is defined on the Basic Info 3 screen of an incident.
Only REVIEWED incidents included.



ZONES	INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
	463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
	735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2
	<i>Total Incidents for SWT-2605 - South Whitehall Township - Box 2605:</i>	3
SWT-2611 - South Whitehall Township - Box 2611		
	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
	<i>Total Incidents for SWT-2611 - South Whitehall Township - Box 2611:</i>	1
UMT - Upper Macungie Township		
	132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
	<i>Total Incidents for UMT - Upper Macungie Township:</i>	1
Total Count for all Zone:		18

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AUGUST 2024 Emergency Management Report

August 2nd

D4H Software Training

August 5th

SWT Public Safety Meeting

August 8th

TS Debby Preparation Call

August 9th

Power outage Cedar View Apt and Cedarbrook

August 13th

LESTA Meeting

August 15th

D4H Software training

August 19th

Mutual Aid Request for EOC staff Tioga County

August 30th.

Power Outage and Evacuations Cedarview Apt.

On going Severe Weather

Severe Weather August 8th - 18th

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Next EMA meeting September 12
- SWT Family Safety Day September 14 @Fernwood
- Command Post Rally September 18 Stabler Arena
- D4H Emergency Management Software

**SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 2024 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS**

AUGUST	2024	2023	+/-	%	
Reports	1548	1271	277	22%	↑
Criminal Offenses	111	96	15	16%	↑
Arrests & CJP	54	43	11	26%	↑
Citations	360	85	275	324%	↑
Warnings	583	119	464	390%	↑



YTD	2024	2023	+/-	%	
Reports	10458	8333	2125	26%	↑
Criminal Offenses	640	764	-124	-16%	↓
Arrests & CJP	330	310	20	6%	↑
Citations	1264	1047	217	21%	↑
Warnings	1611	1951	-340	-17%	↓

AUG 3 Yr. Avg.	2024	2023	2022	3 Year Avg.	2023 Diff	%	
Reports	1548	1271	1157	1325.33	222.67	17%	↑
Criminal Offenses	111	96	87	98.00	13.00	13%	↑
Arrests & CJP	54	43	44	47.00	7.00	15%	↑
Citations	360	85	154	199.67	160.33	80%	↑
Warnings	583	119	143	281.67	301.33	107%	↑

YTD 3 Year Avg.	2024	2023	2022	3 Year Avg.	2023 Diff	%	
Reports	10458	8333	9008	9266.33	1191.67	13%	↑
Criminal Offenses	640	764	682	695.33	-55.33	-8%	↓
Arrests & CJP	330	310	287	309.00	21.00	7%	↑
Citations	1264	1047	921	1077.33	186.67	17%	↑
Warnings	1611	1951	2344	1968.67	-357.67	-18%	↓

YTD Citations Compared To Warnings	
2024	35%
ALL 2023	37%
ALL 2022	39%
ALL 2021	40%
ALL 2020	40%
ALL 2019	49%
ALL 2018	53%
ALL 2017	64%
ALL 2016	64%