TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES March 2, 2026

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
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
Dr. Tony Naradko, Parkland School District
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Michael Smith, At Large Member
Val Strock, Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company

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
Steve Brown, Captain, Police Department
John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Thomas Petrucci, Township Manager

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 January 12, 2026 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

Mr. Frantz indicated that Chief Diaz was attending training and that he indicated that he would submit a report at a later date to be included in the minutes.

Chief Garger submitted the response report via email for Greenawalds for the months of January and February 2026. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Greenawalds responded to sixty-one calls for the month of January 2026 and fifty-two calls for the month of February 2026. He highlighted items contained in the report.

A new replacement Rescue has been ordered from Pierce Manufacturing. It has a forty-four month lead time for delivery.

Greenawalds and Cetronia Ambulance personnel successfully resuscitated and individual who was having a cardiac arrest.

Chief Strock reported that Tri-Clover responded to thirty-one calls for the month of January 2026 and twenty-nine calls for the month of February 2026.

There were two working house fires in Tri-Clover's South Whitehall Township response area. Their station was staffed during the recent large snowstorms. Their personnel performed ice rescue training, CPR and AED recertification, and will be holding hazardous materials refresher and wildland fire training in the next few months. They are in the process of

updating their standard operating guidelines. Five individuals who were previous members have returned to the department and Tri-Clover will be attending the Resource Fair at the Parkland High School as a member recruitment tool.

Chief Search submitted the response report for Woodlawn for the month of February 2026. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Woodlawn responded to fifty-nine calls for the month of February 2026. He highlighted items contained in the report.

C. Emergency Management Team Report

Coordinator Kelly submitted the Emergency Management reports via email for the months of January and February 2026. They are included as attachments to these minutes. He highlighted items contained in the reports.

D. Police Report

Captain Brown reported that the Police had one thousand, four-hundred and nineteen reports, eighty-nine motor vehicle crashes, and made forty arrests and two-hundred and fifty-seven vehicle stops for the month of February 2026. They completed one hundred and sixty-two hours of training on taser recertification, search and seizure, active shooters, and PA inspection regulations.

All of the new officers that had been previously certified and the newest Sergeant are now off FTO training. The police will be partnering with the Pennsylvania State Police for speed enforcement in the construction area on PA Route 309 near Tilghman Street. The next Lehigh County Chiefs of Police Consortium test will take place in April 2026, the next Crime Watch meeting will be held on March 10, 2026, and the police will be attending the Parkland Resource and Career Fairs.

E. Emergency Medical Services Report

Director Frey reported that Cetronia responded to two-hundred ALS and one hundred and thirty-seven BLS calls for the month of January 2026. One of those calls was handled by mutual aid providers. They responded to two-hundred and six ALS and one hundred and twelve BLS calls for the month of February 2026. Eight of those calls were handled by mutual aid providers. The busiest hour was the 1:00 pm hour and the busiest day of the week was Friday.

F. Parkland School District Report

Dr. Naradko expressed his appreciation for the communication that took place between school district personnel and township personnel during the winter storm events.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the high school building addition project will be held on March 6, 2026. This project has been in the planning process for many years.

He provided an update for current projects where funding grants were received. The door access control project is being completed. Access fobs for first responders will be distributed in the next few months. A project to rekey the exterior door locks and a project to add additional cameras at the elementary schools are being conducted.

A new grant application for $291,000 has been written for the installation of impact resistant window films for the district building vestibules and exterior doors.

A meeting will be held with the School Resource Officers to review issues from this school year and to plan the future program direction.

G. Member Concerns

None.

H. Public Works Projects

Director Bender reported that the traffic signal improvements for Mauch Chunk Road between Presidential Drive and Scherersville Road are starting. This project will include work and lane restrictions during both the day and night.

I. Township Community Events

Manager Petrucci reported that the next events are the fishing derby and the Earth Day cleanup at Covered Bridge Park.

J. Subdivision Review

1. **PSD Transportation Center Lot Consolidation, 4362 and 4434 Orefield Road, 2025-101**

a. Fire Marshal Review

Mr. Frantz explained that this plan submission indicates that the ownership of Stadium Drive will stay with the township maintaining its status as a public road. Township easements and right-of-way along Stadium Drive will be maintained.

b. Fire Company Review

No comments.

c. Emergency Management Review

Coordinator Kelly questioned the lot lines being provided in the middle of the Stadium Drive.

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan indicates that the township right-of-way is being maintained along Stadium Drive.

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.

2. PSD Transportation Center, Land Development, 4362 and 4434 Orefield Road, 2025-108

a. Fire Marshal Review

Mr. Frantz indicated that this plan has changed since its last review by Commission. A proposed building at the north corners of the existing bus garage and transportation office

buildings has been eliminated. This area is now proposed as a vehicle parking area.

A vehicle fuel island and storage building are indicated on the north side of the property near Orefield Road. A fire hydrant is not indicated within three-hundred feet of these buildings.

A fire apparatus turning radius plan was provided. The travel path includes the roadway to Orefield Road. A bus snow scraper is indicated on this road. No details are provided concerning the clearance height of the snow scraper. The scraper will also generate a large accumulation of snow on the roadway below the scraper which will affect emergency vehicle access. Construction details should be provided for the snow scraper, and the snow scraper should be relocated to an area outside of the emergency vehicle access roadways.

Two gates are being proposed to limit access on the new road through the property. No details are provided for the gates. These gates should be designed to be siren-openable for emergency vehicles.

b. Fire Company Review

Chief Strock indicated that he is familiar with the operation of the bus snow scraper and that it clears approximately two-hundred and forty square feet of snow several inches deep from a single bus. This will hinder emergency vehicle access on the road at the scraper. He does not see an area to receive the snow when it is pushed off the road. He indicated that the bus snow scraper should be relocated to an area that does not interfere with traffic flow.

Chief Strock indicated that the roadway access gates should be siren-openable for emergency vehicles.

Chief Strock indicated that there is a concern regarding the roadway access onto Orefield Road. Visibility there is limited by a hump on Orefield Road. A bus that can be up to thirty-eight feet in length would take time turning left out of the roadway across eastbound traffic onto westbound Orefield Road. The turning radius for turning right out of the roadway onto eastbound Orefield Road crosses the centerline of Orefield Road. This roadway access configuration could be negotiated

by up to seventy buses, two times a day, sometimes in darkness.

Vice Chairman Snyder inquired how the previously proposed Nexus 78 project would impact this subdivision.

Chief Strock indicated that he believes that Nexus 78 was denied by North Whitehall Township, but that denial is currently under appeal in the court system. He and Vice Chairman Snyder are concerned that truck traffic generated by the Nexus 78 project would add to safety concerns of the school district access road connection to Orefield Road.

Vice Chairman Snyder inquired if warning lights could be installed on Orefield Road to alert traffic to the school district entrance during high traffic times.

Mr. Frantz indicated that Orefield Road is a PENNDOT roadway and that the requirement for warning lights would be under their review.

c. Emergency Management Review

Coordinator Kelly indicated that he would like to have a right turn in, right turn out roadway configuration for the access road onto Orefield Road.

d. Police Review

No comments.

e. Emergency Medical Services Review

No comments.

f. Parkland School District Review

Dr. Naradko Indicated that he cannot envision that left turns out of the access roadway onto westbound Orefield Road will work. Traffic flow utilizing Stadium Drive to Lime Kiln Road would be more appropriate.

Director Bender inquired about what times the access gate on the roadway near Orefield Road would be open. Vehicles

coming off Orefield Road needing to stop at a closed gate could cause traffic queueing issues onto Orefield Road.

g. Motion for Recommendation

Vice Chairman Snyder made a motion, seconded by Chief Strock, and followed by a unanimous affirmative vote, that the Commission make the following recommendations to the plan.

1. A SALDO compliant fire hydrant should be provided for the fuel island and storage building
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2. Construction details should be provided for review for the bus snow scraper.

3. The bus snow scraper should be relocated to an area that is not designated for emergency vehicle access and provides an area for the piling of snow.

4. The roadway vehicle access gates should be designed for activation by emergency vehicle sirens.

5. The roadway access onto Orefield Road should be designed as a right in, right out configuration.

6. The roadway access onto Orefield Road should be configured to provide sufficient width for fire apparatus to negotiate the turn without needing to cross lanes of travel.

7. The location of the vehicle access gate on the roadway near Orefield Road should be reconfigured to eliminate the potential for traffic queueing onto Orefield Road.

8. The impact of traffic generated by the Nexus 78 subdivision should be evaluated for its effect on this subdivision.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary

_____
Chairman

MONTHLY REPORT

January & February 2026

South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission

Greenawalds Fire/Rescue

Submitted on behalf of the Officers and Members of Greenawalds Fire/Rescue by: Chief Andrew D. Garger

March 2, 2026

Community Fire Company No. 1 of South Whitehall Township
GREENAWALDS FIRE COMPANY
2500 FOCHT AVENUE
ALLENTOWN, PA 18104
(610) 432 - 0065

March 2, 2026

South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission
4444 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104

Dear Public Safety Commission:

Please find attached for your review and comment a statistical analysis of the activities of Greenawalds Fire/Rescue for the months of January and February 2026. An executive summary is provided below:

1. **Number of Incidents:**
   a. 61 Responses for the month of January (61 responses through 1/31/2026)
      i. 3.4% increase year over year in responses for the month of January and a 3.4% increase year over year in YTD incidents though January.
   b. 52 Responses for the month of February (113 through 2/28/2026)
      i. 30% increase year over year in responses for the month of February and a 14% increase year over year in YTD incidents through February.
   c. Calls of all types have been on the rise. No specific incident type was more prevalent than another this month.
   d. January started with a significant amount of fire duty. Greenawalds responded to 9 working fires in the first 11 days of 2026.

2. **Significant Incidents:**
   a. Greenawalds has remained busy with numerous significant responses:
      i. 1/1/2026 – 8822 Breinig Run Circle – Upper Macungie – Dwelling Fire
      ii. 1/5/2026 – 8852 Breining Run Circle – Upper Macungie – Structure Fire
      iii. 1/7/2026 – 6821 Ruppsville Road – Upper Macungie – Dwelling Fire
      iv. 1/8/2026 – 456 W. Washington Street – Allentown – Dwelling Fire
      v. 1/18/2026 – 2008 Wehr Avenue – Cardiac Arrest – CPR/AED SAVE
      vi. 1/20/2026 – 5963 Furnace Hill Road – Washington Twp. – Dwelling Fire
      vii. 1/24/2026 – 9667 Haas Hill Road – Upper Macungie – Dwelling Fire
      viii. 1/31/2026 – 607 S. 6th Street – Allentown – Dwelling Fire
      ix. 2/1/2026 – 1448 N 21st Street – Dwelling Fire
      x. 2/2/2026 – 1865 Majestic Drive – Dwelling Fire
      xi. 2/2/2026 – 8737 Ashfield Road – Washington Twp. – Structure Fire
      xii. 2/8/2026 – 6135 Telford Court – Washington Twp. – Structure Fire
      xiii. 2/9/2026 – 1263 Divot Drive – Lower Macungie – Dwelling Fire

xiv. 2/9/2026 – 4734 Huckleberry Road – Dwelling Fire
xv. 2/9/2026 – 4373 E Wyndemere Circle – Lowhill Twp. – Dwelling Fire
xvi. 2/10/2026 – 6896 Hamilton Blvd. – Upper Macungie – Structure Fire
xvii. 2/11/2026 – 3418 Ritter Road – Dwelling Fire
xviii. 2/24/2026 – 99 S Lea Street – Macungie Borough – Dwelling Fire

3. **Response Time Average:**
   a. Average Turnout Time for Greenawalds Apparatus (across all vehicles) was 1 Minute and 03 Seconds (Dispatch to Enroute). A breakdown per apparatus is attached.
      i. This remained consistent year over year. **An average turnout time of under 2 minutes is exceptional for a volunteer fire department. **
   b. Average Response Time (Dispatch to Arrival) was 5 minutes and 57 seconds.
      i. It is important to note that these response times include all incidents for the month so Mutual Aid responses to other municipalities will skew the average duration due to the distance travelled per incident.
   c. Average Response Time (Dispatch to Arrival) in South Whitehall Township:
      i. District 11 - 3 minute and 03 seconds
      ii. District 32 – 4 minutes and 53 seconds
      iii. District 3 – 4 minutes and 57 seconds
      iv. District 26 – 6 minutes and 06 seconds
   d. Average Time On Scene: 46 Minutes, 03 Seconds
   e. Total Personnel Hours Spent On Scene – 620 Hours, 41 Minutes, 31 Seconds.
   f. Average Number of Responding Members per Incident (All Types): 7
   g. Total Members with Response Activity YTD: 42

4. **Mutual / Automatic Aid**
   a. Mutual/Automatic Aid Received (January/February 2026) – 4 (3.5%)
   b. Mutual/Automatic Aid Given (January/February 2026) – 82 (72.5%)
   c. None (January/February 2026) – 27 (24%)

5. **Significant Events and Monthly Training:**
   a. An order was officially placed through Glick Fire Equipment and Pierce Manufacturing for the replacement of Rescue 11. This unit has a 44-month lead time.
      i. Thank you to Township Manager Tom Petrucci, Director of Operation Herb Bender, and the Board of Commissioners for their unwavering support of our operational needs!
   b. Several members successfully resuscitated a Cardiac Arrest patient. More to follow on special recognition for these members.
   c. One lost time member injury in the line of duty while performing station maintenance.
   d. Members completed in-house training on SCBA Confidence, Forcible Entry, Rapid Intervention Teams, Search and Rescue, Firefighter Removal, CPR Annual Refresher, Annual Medical Training with Medical Director, Dr. Jeff Kuklinski
      i. Additional training on Monday and Thursday evenings was provided for junior firefighters on basic firemanship.
   e. Several Members attended a Large Area Search Class through the PA State Fire Academy
   f. One Member received TECCC Certification
   g. 3 Members are working through the Firefighter 1 Academy

h. Greenawalds accepted one new member into the department at our January business meeting, and one new Junior Firefighter at our February Meeting.
i. An internal review of our Standard Operations Manual is ongoing, and updates will be forthcoming.
j. Greenawalds attended several events and special activities in the moths of January and February:
    1. Standby Coverage for the City of Allentown for multiple fires and large incidents
    2. Standby Coverage for Lower Macungie Township, assisting while they attended a funeral.
    3. Move-Up Assignment to Bethlehem Township (Nancy Run Station) while they operated at a large fire.

6. **Additional Information:**
    a. Upcoming Events and Training:
        i. Q2 – Vehicle Rescue Operations Certification Course
        ii. Q2 – Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Course
        iii. Q1 – Water Rescue Awareness
        iv. Q2 – Water Rescue Operations
        v. 4/4/2026 – Community Easter Egg Hunt
        vi. 5/2/2026 – Sporting Clay Fundraiser Event at LV Sporting Clays
        vii. 5/25/2026 – "Murph" Memorial Day Community Workout and BBQ
        viii. 9/11/2026 – September 11th 25th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony at Greenawalds 9/11 Monument
        ix. 10/24/2026 – Greenawalds Community Halloween Parade
        x. 12/5/2026 – SWT Tree and Bridge Lighting
        xi. 12/12/2026 – Greenawalds Christmas Party and Awards Banquet
        xii. 12/19/2026 – Greenawalds Santa Run

    b. Miscellaneous Achievements:
        i. None Current

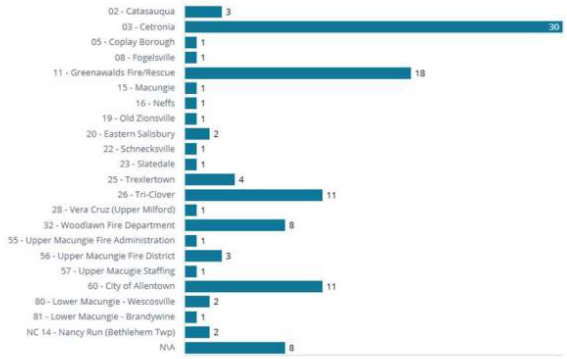
Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns pertaining to the report provided above or the accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully Submitted,

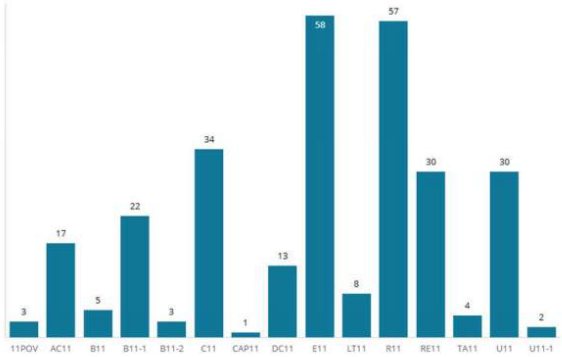
Andrew D. Garger
Chief of Department

Incident Statistics – January & February 2026

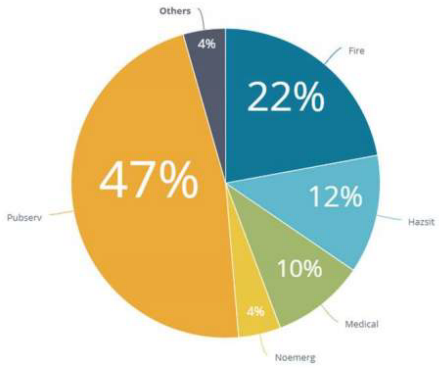
Incidents by District



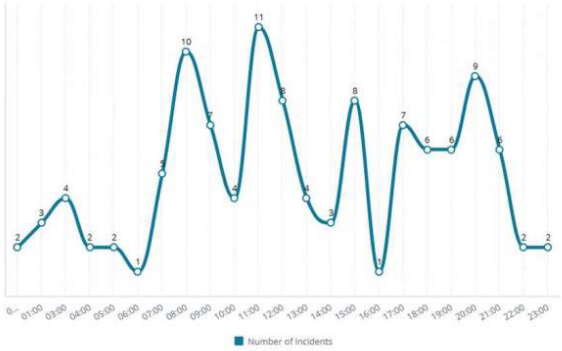
Incident Count by Unit



Percent of Incident Responses by Incident Type



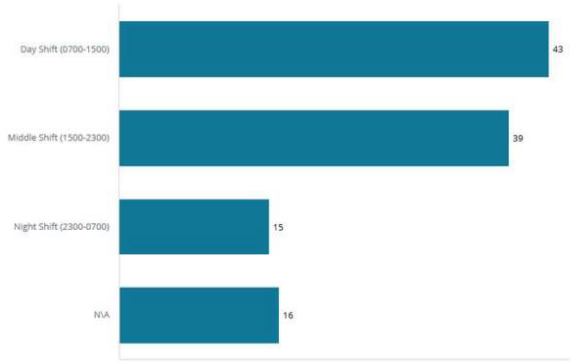
Incident Count by Hour of Day

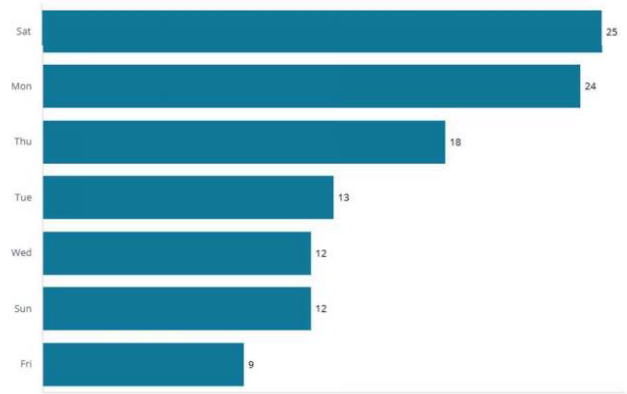


Incident Count By Month (This Year)

Months in Core incident onset date/time	Count of Incidents
01/2026	61
02/2026	52
Count of Incidents	113

Incidents by Shift



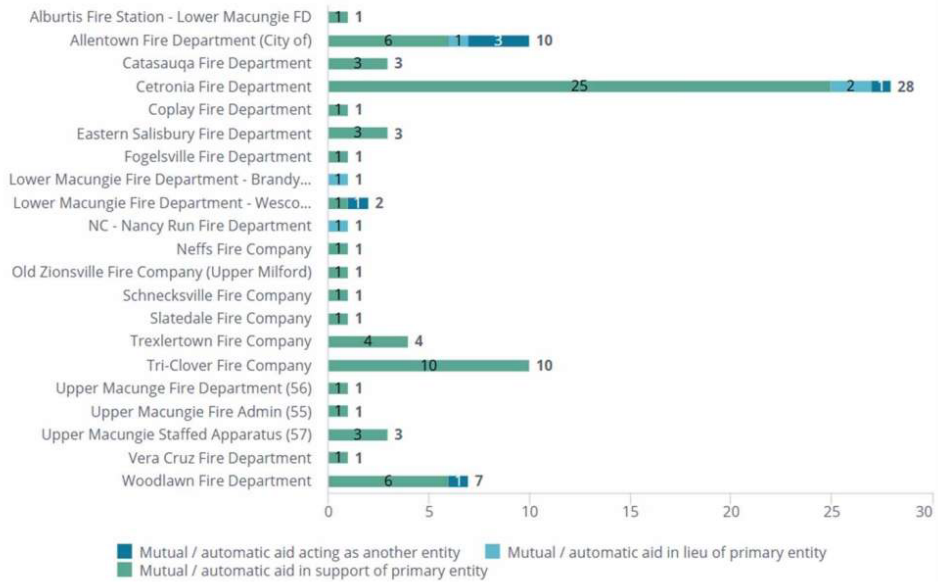


Aid Given or Received

Breakdown of aid given or received between fire and non-fire services during incidents.

Fire Aid Given	Fire Aid Received	Non FD Aid Received
82	4	12
Percent of Fire Aid Given **72.6%**	Percent of Fire Aid Received **3.5%**	Percent of Non FD Aid Recieved **10.6%**

Fire Aid Given Breakdown by Agency



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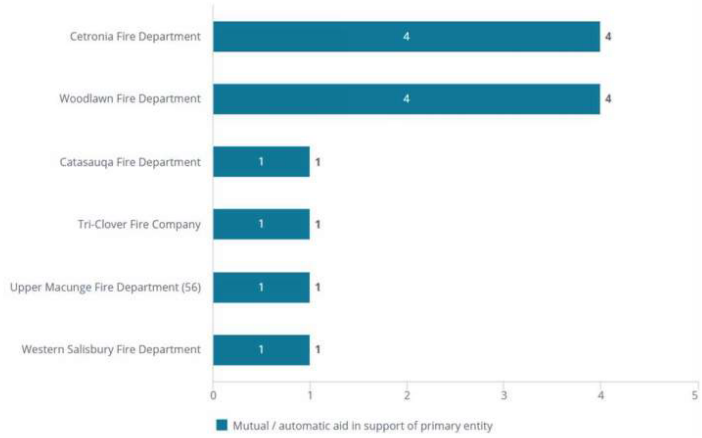

Average Turnout Time By Apparatus

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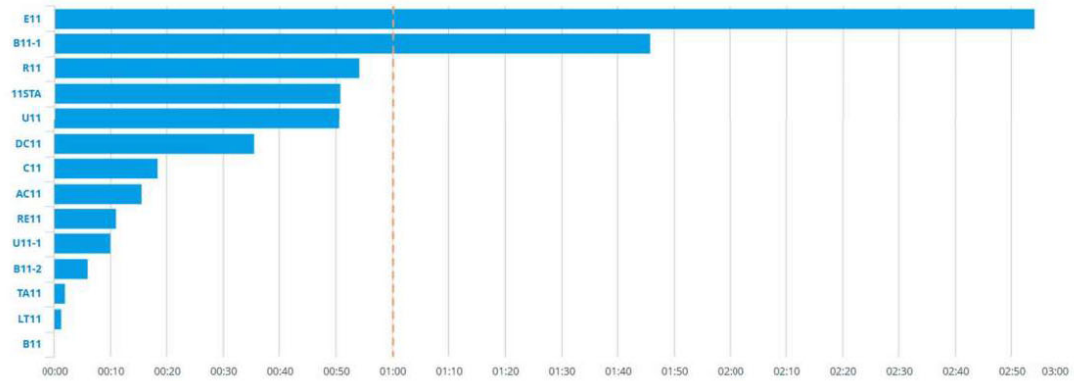
Average Turnout Time

76%
Of Responses
Turnout Time < 01:00

70
Incidents
In Selected Time Slice

61
DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



Average First Apparatus Travel Time

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Average First Apparatus Travel Time

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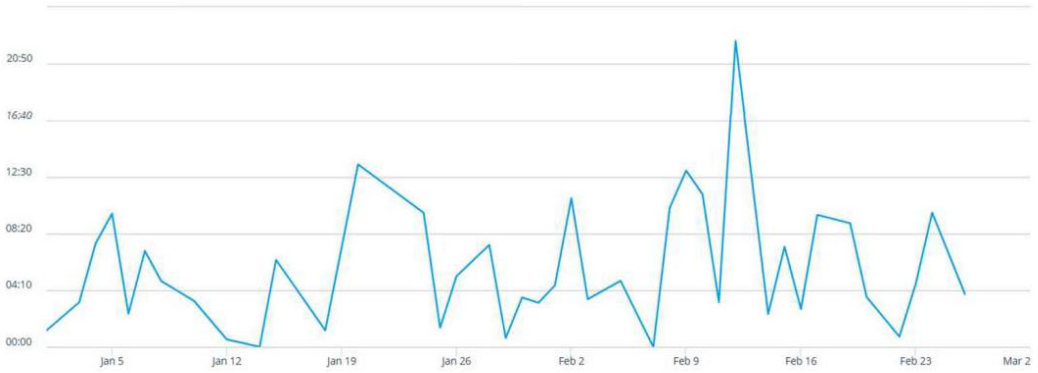
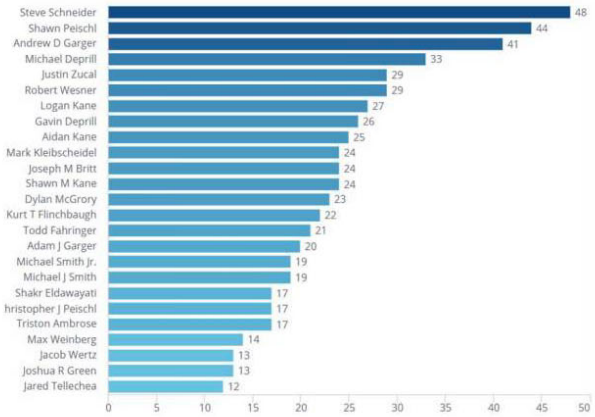
90th Percentile First Apparatus Travel Time

61
DAYS
In Selected Time Slice

73
INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice



Top 25 Responders



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NVP: Media Services
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GREENAWALDS
11
FIRE/RESCUE
GREENAWALDS FIRE COMPANY SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISER
MAY 2ND, 2026
$200 PER SHOOTER
@ LEHIGH VALLEY SPORTING CLAYS
8AM REGISTRATION
9AM SAFETY BRIEFING
9:15 AM SHOOT
Scan to Register
Greenawalds Sporting Clays Fundraiser
INCLUDED IN PRICING:
• 100 TARGETS PER SHOOTER
• 4 BOXES OF AMMO PER SHOOTER
• 1 GOLF CART PER SQUAD
• 1 LOANER GUN PER SQUAD
• BBQ LUNCH

WOODLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

1651 Whitehall Ave., South Whitehall Township
Allentown, PA 18104

organized 1928

"In Service to the Community"

Woodlawn Fire Department Activity

February 2026

Summary

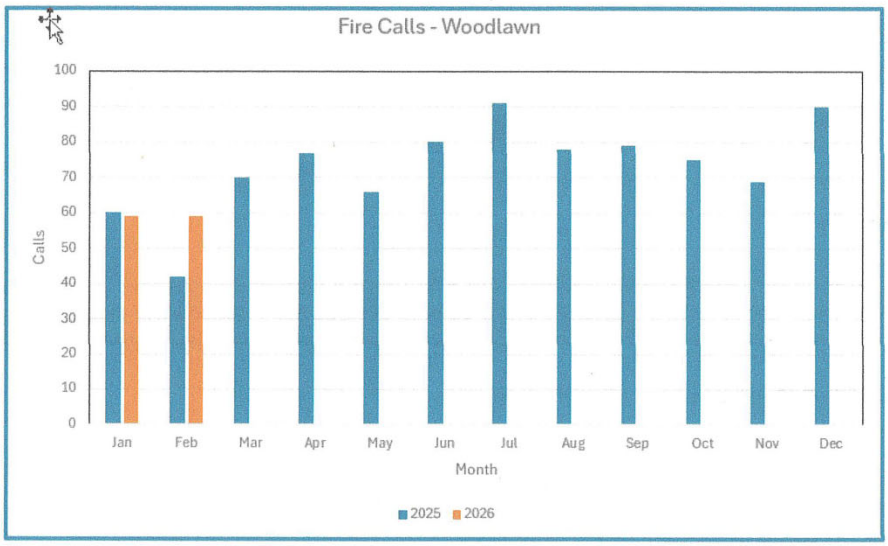
This month we responded to 59 calls with a significant increase in serious fires both in and outside the township. There were 9 calls to serious fires outside the township for fire support, cascade and rehab services. 21% of the calls were automatic alarms.

In addition to emergency calls, there were:

1. Considerable additional effort due to inclement weather
2. Support PHS class with HazMat training/demonstration
3. Walk-thru of new storage facility at Cedar Crest and Walbert
4. HazMat refresher class for fire team
5. CPR/AED refresher course for fire tean
6. EMT - 2
7. MAY-9th BANQUET

Fire Calls

The trend of emergency calls for 2025 and 2026 is shown below:



Location Distribution

Location	Count	in Township
Allentown - 60	1	
Cetronia - 3	**13**	13
Greenawalds - 11	**3**	3
LVIA - 41	1	
Lower Macungie - 30	2	
Neffs - 16	1	
Northampton County - 00	2	
Schnecksville - 22	1	
Slatedale -23	1	
Tri-Clover - 26	**5**	5
Woodlawn - 32	**29**	29
Total	59	50

Response Time – Response times vary depending on the type of call, time of day, and other factors. For calls in our fire district, typically we have a unit on the road within 1 minute of dispatch and a unit on scene within 5 minutes. Typical personnel response was 10 with up to 17 members for more serious calls.

February Fire call breakdown

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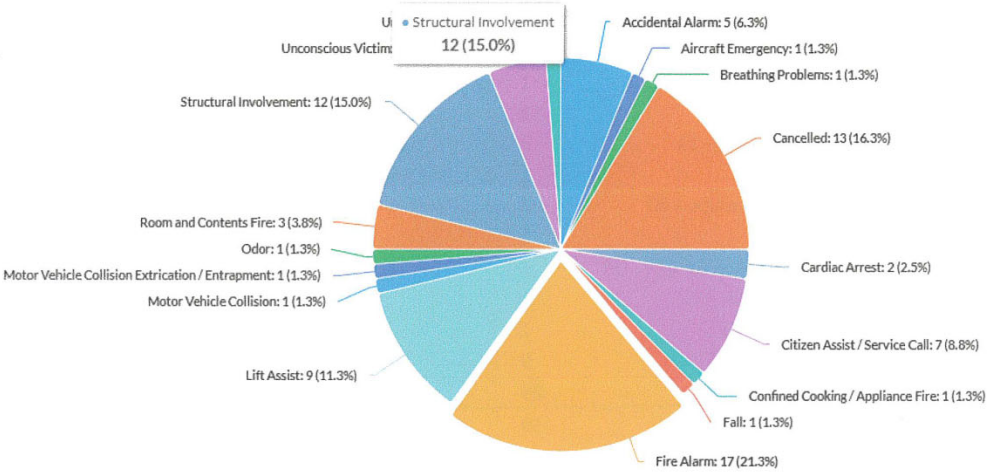

Incident Type	Count	Percentage
Accidental Alarm	5	6.25%
Aircraft Emergency	1	1.25%
Breathing Problems	1	1.25%
Cancelled	13	16.25%
Cardiac Arrest	2	2.50%
Citizen Assist / Service Call	7	8.75%
Confined Cooking / Appliance Fire	1	1.25%
Fall	1	1.25%
Fire Alarm	17	21.25%
Lift Assist	9	11.25%
Motor Vehicle Collision	1	1.25%
Motor Vehicle Collision Extrication / Entrapment	1	1.25%
Odor	1	1.25%
Room and Contents Fire	3	3.75%
Structural Involvement	12	15.00%
Unconscious Victim	4	5.00%
Unknown Problem	1	1.25%

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January 6-7stU

Start Updating then SWT EOP for 2026

January 12th

South Whitehall Public Safety Meeting

January 15th

Parkland School Dist. EMA Years of Service Awards

January 22nd

SWT Zoom call for Impending Winter Storm

Lehigh County EMA Meeting January 22, 2026

January 23rd- 26th

Lehigh EMA Daily Storm Zoom Calls

Upcoming Events

Lehigh County EMA Meeting January 22, 2026

Dorney Park EM Meeting February 18,2026

- Dorney Park EM Meeting March 18, 2026

SWT EMA Meeting March 19, 2026

Lehigh Valley EMA Conference April 16 –17 2026

Dorney Park EM Meeting April 15, 2026

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February 5th

Lehigh County EMA Meeting

February 11th

LESTA Meeting

February 18th

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February 27th

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September 11 8;00 am SWT Memorial Ceremony

September 11 5:30 pm Ceremony Iron Pigs

September 16 9:00 am Command Post Rally