

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP**

**Committees Meeting Agenda**

**February 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Public Health & Safety Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Kip McFatridge and Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull; Township Staff Members/Representatives: Police Chief Andrew Block, Fire Chief Glassman, Assistant Chief Ken Davidson, Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Presentation**

**IV. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2022 (attachment)**

**V. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**

- A. Police Department Memorandum and Monthly Report by Police Chief Block (attachment)
- B. Fire Department by Fire Chief Glassman (attachment)
- C. Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad by Assistant Chief Ken Davidson (attachment)

**VI. Old Business:**

- A. Portable Basketball Hoops Update

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Other Items:**

- A. COVID-19 Update

**XI. Visitor Comments**

**X. Commissioner Comments**

**XI. Adjournment**

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## Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

**Public Health & Safety Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Kip McFatridge, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull; Andrew J. Block, Chief of Police; Edward Glassman, Fire Chief; Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief Operations & Administration - Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting called the meeting to order following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting; Commissioners McFatridge and Scull; Police Chief Block; Fire Chief Glassman; Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present were: Randall Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance; Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager; Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - November 22, 2021 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Announcements:**  
Commissioner Whiting introduced Edward Glassman as the Township's new Fire Chief. Chief Glassman provided a brief background of his experiences and qualifications.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - December 2021:**
  - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports - Chief Block discussed the following:
    - Statistics from calls, crimes, offenses, arrests, investigations, citizen concerns and traffic. Community-oriented police activities were also reviewed.
    - Commissioner McFatridge thanked Chief Block for the detailed activities of the officers.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services - Chief Glassman reviewed the following:
    - Statistics of emergency responses, inspections, permits, activities and trainings for the month.
    - Safety tips on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
  - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
    - Statistics of emergency responses, staffing and yearly comparisons.
    - Incentives offered by Willow Grove Charitable Fund to emergency responder personnel.
- VI. **Old Business:**
  - A. Police Department Accreditation - Separation from The Rodgers Group with a recommendation to engage Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC for accreditation services for the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:
    - Chief Block explained the rationale to continue the accreditation process with the current consultants who now work for the Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC.
    - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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**VII. New Business:**

- A. Liquified Natural Gas Transport Resolution:
  - The Committee shared concerns and potential consequences of transporting liquid natural gas through the Township.
  - The Committee directed Mr. Baumler to draft a resolution.
  - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Recommendation to amend the Upper Moreland Township Civil Service Rules regarding the hiring from entry level lists for police officers and firefighters:
  - The Committee held a lengthy discussion on the proposed amendments to the Rules and next steps of the Civil Service Commission to review changes and provide their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

**VIII. Other Items:**

A. **COVID-19 Update:**

- Mr. Candland reported that Montgomery County has approximately 516,448 fully vaccinated and 137,000 partially vaccinated. In Upper Moreland Township, approximately 3,846 residents have been infected with COVID and there were 63 deaths, since the beginning of the pandemic.
- A mask mandate and social distancing continues for visitors in the Township Building.

**IX. Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.

**X. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Whiting asked the Finance & Administrative Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee to be attentive to the meeting time in order to allow the Public Health & Safety Committee an adequate opportunity for discussions of their agenda items.

**XI. Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

# **UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Monthly Report**



**January 2022**

**Andrew J. Block**  
**Chief of Police**

**Upper Moreland Police  
January 2022 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,247 calls for service for the month of January 2022. The total calls for service for year to date is 1,247.

The calls for service between December of 2021 and January of 2022 increased by 53 incidents. The monthly police department call volume remains with a 10% increase in call volume when comparing January 2021 and January 2022.

Outlying year-to-date call volume: January 2021; 1,107, January 2020; 1,228, January 2019; 1,168. Overall difference between year to date January 2019 and January 2022 is approximately a 6% increase in call volume.

The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by Upper Moreland Police in January 2022;

- One Sexual Assault Investigation cleared by arrest
- One Aggravated Assault
- 33 Theft offenses with 25 offenses cleared by arrest
- One Auto Theft cleared by arrest

The following Part-Two Crimes were reported and investigated by the Upper Moreland Police in January 2022;

- Three Narcotics offense cleared by arrest
- Three Public Intoxication offense cleared by arrest
- One Disorderly Conduct offense cleared by arrest
- 12 Other Crimes committed cleared by arrest

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures;

- 494 Vehicle Investigations
- 66 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 119 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- Eight Parking Citations Issued/No Warnings Issued
- 11 Homeless Contacts
- Three DUI Investigations
  - DUI Arrests
    - None Between 7:00AM and 7:00PM
    - Three Between 7:00PM and 7:00AM

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The Traffic Unit conducted the follow investigations, activities, and studies;

- 34 Calls for Service
- One Fatal Pedestrian Crash Investigation
- One Traffic and Parking Problem
- One Citizens Traffic Concern
- 135 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 106 Warnings Issued
- 21 Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
- 29 Non-Hazardous Moving Violations Issued

**Detective Bureau/CID**

The Detective Bureau opened the following new cases in the month of January 2022:

- One Theft Investigation
- One Felony Retail Theft Investigation
- One Simple Assault Investigation
- One Harassment Investigation
- One Fraud Investigation
- One Attempted Suicide Investigation
- One Auto Theft Investigation
- One Terroristic Threats Investigation
- Two Extortion Investigations
- Three Sexual Assault Investigations
- Three Background Investigations

The Detective Bureau executed one arrest warrant for the month of January 2022:

The following arrest warrant was issued for:

- Sexual Assault



Upper Moreland Township Police Department  
 Andrew J. Block  
 Chief of Police  
 January 2022



Major Service Areas		This Month -1/2022	Last Month -12/2021	Last Year -1/2021	Year to Date 2022	Year to Date 2021	Year to Date 2020	Year to Date 2019
Calls for Service		1,247	1,194	1,107	1,247	1,107	1,228	1,168
Average Response Time		3.967	4.383	4.152	3.967	4.152	3.746	3.772
Reportable Vehicle Crashes		17	18	18	17	18	25	21
Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes		72	61	46	72	46	64	67
Part One Crime		This Month -1/2022	Last Month -12/2021	Last Year -1/2021	Year to Date 2022	Year to Date 2021	Year to Date 2020	Year to Date 2019
Category		Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported
Murder		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape		1	2	1	0	1	2	0
Robbery		0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault		1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Burglary		0	0	4	2	0	0	0
Theft		33	25	38	18	32	33	25
Auto Theft		1	1	0	2	1	0	1
Order Maintenance		This Month -1/2022	Last Month -12/2021	Last Year -1/2021	Year to Date 2022	Year to Date 2021	Year to Date 2020	Year to Date 2019
Category		Arrests	Arrests	Arrests	Arrests	Arrests	Arrests	Arrests
Narcotics		3	3	4	3	4	3	6
Public Intoxication		3	2	0	3	0	2	2
Disorderly Conduct		1	0	0	1	0	5	2
Other		12	7	24	12	24	16	28
Proactive Measures		This Month -1/2022	Last Month -12/2021	Last Year -1/2021	Year to Date 2022	Year to Date 2021	Year to Date 2020	Year to Date 2019
Vehicle Investigations		494	219	284	494	284	570	364
Hazardous Traffic Violations		66	28	38	66	38	110	49
DUI Violations		3	3	0	3	0	3	4
Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations		119	41	31	119	31	147	169
Parking Violations		8/0	4/6	5/0	8/0	5/0	7/1	4/7
Citations/Warnings								
Homeless Contacts		11	9	N/A	11	99	N/A	N/A
*Warnings as of July 2016								

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The following is an overview of Part-One crime statistics:

- There have been no burglaries reported YTD. In 2021 and 2020 YTD no burglaries reported in 2019.
- Thefts, including retail theft, YTD are 33 with 25 clearances.
- There have been no Robbery offenses YTD, with three reported in January 2021 and two in 2020 for the same reporting period and one in 2019.
- All robberies remain under investigation by the Detective Bureau.

## **Community Oriented Policing and Police Department Monthly Activities and Highlights**

January 3, 2022 – Calvin Grasso was recognized by the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners and State Representative Nancy Guenst for his remarkable toy collection drive for underprivileged children in the greater Willow Grove Area. Sergeant Pam Cordura assisted Calvin with his initiatives through the months of November and December 2021.

January 5, 2022 – Valerie Panti posted on the Upper Moreland Community News that she was very grateful for the assistance she received from the Upper Moreland Police Department. Mrs. Panti's vehicle sustained a flat tire after striking a pothole in the 1100 block of Easton Road. Officer Amanda Rossetti responded and changed Mrs. Panti's tire. Mrs. Panti stated that she was very thankful as she canceled the roadside assistance due to Officer Rossetti's assistance. Mrs. Panti offered Starbucks gift cards to Officer Rossetti who respectfully declined and requested that Mrs. Panti pay it forward.

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January 26, 2022 – In March 2020, Detective Frank Gallagher investigated a sexual assault of a township resident on Preston Lane. The investigation revealed that the perpetrator of this crime was the resident's former boyfriend. The investigation further revealed that he accessed the residence by climbing a ladder to the roof of the house and then climbed down to a balcony where he entered the residence. The perpetrator grabbed the resident and locked her in a bedroom. Despite her numerous attempts telling the perpetrator to leave the residence he sexually assaulted her and then left the residence. The perpetrator was subsequently arrested, charged, and convicted of this heinous crime. On January 26, 2022, Detective Gallagher testified at the sentencing of the perpetrator, Brian D. Kelly. Kelly was sentenced by Court of Common Pleas Judge Thomas C. Branca to 69 to 138 months in state prison. Detective Gallagher's investigation was pivotal in obtaining a conviction of Brian Kelly committing this sexual assault. This is clearly evident with sentencing imposed by Judge Branca and the concerns of the court with Kelly having predator tendencies. Again, through Detective Gallagher's investigation, our community is a safer place for the victim and residents of the township. Detective Gallagher is commended for his very thorough investigation resulting in this conviction.

January 28, 2022 – Sergeant Pam Cordura and K9 Officer Matt Snyder participated in the annual career day at Upper Moreland High School. Career day is sponsored by UMHS to provide students with information on various careers they may be interested in choosing. Officers provided information to students on entering the law enforcement field as a professional career. Requirements and qualifications are discussed with students with hope that some will select a career in the law enforcement.

Upper Moreland Police  
January 2022 Monthly Report

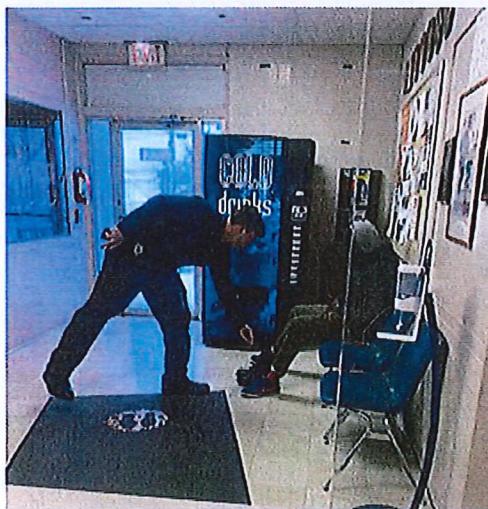
January 28, 2022 – Township resident Mr. Ronald Whetstone sent an email commending Officer Scott Metheny for his assistance at a recent accident he was involved in.

**Good Morning Chief Block,**

*My name is Ron Whetstone and I would like to commend one of your officers. I was involved in an MVA on the 14th of January and Officer Metheny was the responding Officer. He stayed with me and my family while we were waiting for a tow truck. In fact, when we were told it would be at least an hour before AAA would arrive he called and arranged for another towing company who arrived in about 20 minutes. He was courteous yet professional during his wait with us and made this ordeal much easier to deal with. Please extend my thanks to him for a "job well done" and let him know his efforts to help me were very much appreciated.*

**Thank you. Ronald Whetstone Sr**

January 29, 2022 – It was brought to my attention that Detective Mark Bouldin was on duty on January 29, 2022 and encountered a homeless individual in our police lobby. The gentleman was seeking shelter due to a snow storm that the area was experiencing. The gentleman was wearing sneakers and due to the harsh weather conditions Detective Bouldin provided the gentleman a pair of his own boots. I believe that this demonstrates the care and compassion that Upper Moreland Police Officers have for our citizens and residents. I commend Detective Bouldin for his care, concern, and compassion of this homeless gentleman.



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January 31, 2022 – The Upper Moreland Township Police Department began the “Love Your Neighbor” drive to assist our homeless population and residents during emergencies and severe weather. This department wide initiative will run through February 14, 2022. The results of the driver will be published in the police department’s February 2022 monthly report.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andy Block*

Chief Andy Block

# UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



January 2022

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire  
January 2022 Monthly Report

**Fire Calls - 86**

**EMS QRS calls- 44**

**Fire Permit Inspection - 35**

**Injuries FF or Civilian**

**Incidents**

1/21 House fire Morgan Mill Rd

1/22 Car into house Ellis Rd. victim trapped

1/24 House fire mutual aid Bryn Athyn

1/28 Volunteers staffed station during snow storm

**Community Oriented Fire Department Monthly Activities**

2 events attended by 31 people

**Fire Service Training Hours**

31 Personnel for 168 hours

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edward Glassman*

Fire Chief

## Fire Department

### January 2022 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

Emergency Activity Summary		
Response Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fire Related:	86	86
In-Township:	63	63
Assist Other Depts:	22	22
Assist PA Turnpike:	1	1
EMS Related:	44	44
Total Responses:	130	130
* Ignition Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Structure:	6	6
Non-Structure:	3	3
Causes		
Accidental:	9	9
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fire:	9	9
Rescue:	1	1
Haz Mat:	0	0
Structural Response Summary		
6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Career	6 p.m. - 6 a.m. Vol.	
Average Response Time:	4:58	4:58
Total Responses	89	89

Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary		
Permit Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fire Code:	11	11
Tank Removal:	2	2
Tank Installation:	1	1
Other:	0	0
Inspection Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	35	35
Fire Marshal Investigations:	3	3
Fee Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$1,255.00	\$1,255.00
Public Education Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	2	2
Persons Attending:	31	31
Safety Analysis		
	January	Year to Date
Firefighter Injuries:	0	0
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0
Civilian Injuries:	0	0
Civilian Deaths:	0	0
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0

\* Includes Assist to Other Townships

# Second Alarmers Snapshot

## Upper Moreland Township

February 2022



### Calls for service in January 2022:

STATION	Count	Count
380 Officers	17	5.5%
381 Willow Grove	144	46.8%
382 Elkins Park	4	1.3%
383 North Hills	12	3.9%
384 Hatboro	129	41.9%
386 Float Truck	2	0.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

NATURE OF CALL	Count	Count
Medical	291	94.5%
Motor Vehicle Collision	13	4.2%
Fire	4	1.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

RESPONSE OUTCOME	Count	Count
Transported	185	60.1%
Handled By Mutual Aid Service	41	13.3%
Patient Refused Care	17	5.5%
Officer Response	17	5.5%
Assist, Unit	12	3.9%
Standby	11	3.6%
Cancelled on Scene	10	3.2%
Cancelled Prior to Arrival	9	2.9%
Assist, Public	5	1.6%
Treatment / No Transport	1	0.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

REC AGENCY	Count	Count
Jefferson Health / Abington Hospital	175	94.6%
Holy Redeemer Hospital & Medical Center	6	3.2%
Doylestown Hospital	3	1.6%
Einstein Medical Center - Elkins Park	1	0.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### January Scratch Rates (covered by mutual aid company)

2022	2021
13.3%	6.6%

### January 2022 Naloxone Administration Report – Upper Moreland Township

Week Ending	1/2/22	1/9/22	1/16/22	1/23/22	1/30/22
Overdose - Heroin	-	-	-	1	-
Overdose - Other opioids	-	-	1	-	-
Total	-	-	1	1	-

January Staffing Report:	
2022	2020
ALS Full Staffing = 3348 hours	ALS Full Staffing = 3348
ALS Actual Staffing = 2857 Hours	ALS Actual Staffing = 3076
Downgrade to BLS staffing = 289 hours	Downgrade to BLS staffing= 188
Downgrade to no status = 202 hours	Downgrade to no status = 84

#### **Notable Information:**

SARS currently has 4 full time positions that remain vacant.

SARS members attended mental health response training provided in connection with Montgomery County Emergency Services, the Montgomery County Ambulance Association, and the Montgomery County Police Chiefs' Association.

SARS second EMT class will be wrapping up at the end of February. Our third class is slated to start in April, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day for early registration which will receive a \$200 discount.