

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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I. Moment of Silent Meditation

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner and Board President Kip McFatridge and Commissioner Anthony Benvenuti; Township Staff Members/Representatives: Police Chief Bendig, Fire Chief Glassman, Assistant Chief Ken Davidson, Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Presentation/Announcements

IV. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only

V. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2025 (attachment)

VI. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly report (attachments):

A. Police Department Monthly Report by Police Chief Bendig

B. Fire Department by Fire Chief Glassman

C. Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad by Assistant Chief Ken Davidson

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Other Items

A. Regulations regarding home owners renting properties

X. Commissioner Comments

XI. Adjournment

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Anthony Benvenuti, Commissioner Kip McFatridge; Scott Bendig, Police Chief; Edward Glassman, Fire Chief; Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief Operations & Administration - Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad (SARS)

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Benvenuti and McFatridge. Fire Chief Glassman, Police Chief Bendig, SARS Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present were Patrick T. Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2024:**
The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – November and December 2024:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports: Police Chief Bendig discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, trainings, investigations, K-9 Unit and participation in community events contained in the report.
 - Commissioner McFatridge commented concern about the increased number of traffic investigations between December 2023 and December 2024 and thanked the Police Department for their work involved in making the Township safer.
 - Nancy Walker, resident of 500 block of Quigley, commented concern about stability in the neighborhood with an increase in the number of rentals on her block.
 - The Committee directed Mr. Stasio and Ms. Bryant to follow up.
 - Commissioner Scull requested to add this agenda item for discussion at a future Finance & Administrative Committee.
 - Commissioner Lockard suggested requesting support from the State to establish regulations.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services – Fire Chief Glassman discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, fees, participation in trainings and community events contained in the report.
 - Commissioner McFatridge clarified that the positive gain in funding of \$78,000 is not paid by residents.
 - Commissioner Lockard inquired about an injured firefighter and commended the Police Department and Fire Department for holding community events.
 - Fire Chief Glassman thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the holiday sleigh.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad: SARS Assistant Chief Davidson reviewed the following:

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- Statistics and details from services, staffing, trainings, equipment and community events in the report for the month.
- Workforce staffing issues remain a significant challenge for EMS.

VI. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

VII. **New Business** – Nothing to report.

VIII. **Other Items:**

- a. Request to waive permit fees for renovation project at fire station:
 - Fire Chief Glassman explained that ARPA funds will pay for upgrades to the station; however, requesting a waiver on permit fees for a construction, electrical and plumbing permit.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Whiting wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



January 2025

J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police



Upper Moreland Township Police Department
Monthly Report Activity Summary
January 2025



Calls for Service

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,951

Top 10 Call Types:

1. Traffic Stop - Warning:	424
2. Medical Emergency:	255
3. Service Call:	173
4. Traffic Stop - Citation:	140
5. Suspicious Circumstances:	120
6. Non-Reportable Crash:	64
7. Traffic & Parking Problems:	62
8. Unfounded Alarm - Billable:	61
9. Assist Other Agency:	56
10. Disturbance:	54

Average Response Time: 4 Average Time Spent Per Call: 28.516

Motor Vehicle Crashes

TOTAL CRASHES: 112

Reportable:	26
Non-Reportable:	86

Criminal Activity

TOTAL CRIMES REPORTED: 70

Total Part 1 Crimes:	30
Total Part 2 Crimes:	40
Total Arrests:	62

Traffic Activity

Traffic Stops:	585
Citations:	264
Warnings:	424
Parking Violations:	8
Bus Patrol Violations:	263

Other Activity

Homeless Contacts (including lobby c	70
Court Appearances:	50
Business Checks:	446
Directed Patrols:	172
Vacant Home Checks:	5

**Upper Moreland Police
January 2025 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,951 calls for service in January 2025. The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in January 2025:

- One Aggravated Assault
- 29 Theft offenses, with eight cleared by arrest

The following Part-Two Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in January 2025, to include:

- 17 Frauds
- 10 DUI's
- Four Drug Offenses
- Five Public Drunkenness
- Three All Other Crimes Code Violations
- Two Simple Assault
- One Harassment
- One Offense Against the Family and Children

Notable Investigations

ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT ARREST:

On January 2, 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division completed a four-month investigation into an organized retail theft ring that was committing thefts at various regional retail stores. This investigation, conducted in conjunction with the Montgomery County Detective Bureau's Major Crimes Unit, identified five individuals within the organization who have been charged with theft and related offenses.

FRAUD:

On January 9, 2025, officers spoke with an elderly resident who was defrauded of a large sum of cash by an unknown individual over the phone. The Criminal Investigations Division coordinated with the victim and obtained information about additional attempts at defrauding her of more money. On January 10, 2025, an operation was conducted to intercept the carrier, who arrived at the victim's apartment to pick up an additional large sum of cash. This carrier was detained and interviewed. This investigation is ongoing to identify the individuals responsible for defrauding this elderly resident from over \$35,000.00 in funds.

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THEFT:

On January 10, 2025, officers responded to the Walmart for a purse theft. The victim said she had inadvertently left her purse in a shopping cart. The purse contained her identification, credit cards, and over \$1700.00 in cash. A review of the store surveillance video revealed that a subject took the purse and entered a blue Ford displaying an obscured registration. Officers, utilizing several investigative resources, were able to identify the vehicle and the individual who took the purse. The subject has been charged with theft.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT:

On January 14, 2025, officers responded to a residence in the Huntingdon Valley section of the Township for a report of an assault. It was found that one family member attempted to cause harm to a sibling, cause damage to the property, and fled the scene when police were called. An officer observed the offender driving in his vehicle in the Hatboro section of the township. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the offender fled. The offender led police on a low-speed pursuit in the area before he could be detained without any further injury or damage. The offender was charged with aggravated assault and related offenses.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures:

- 610 Vehicle Investigations
- 97 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 167 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 8 Parking Citations / 0 Parking Warnings
- 70 Homeless Contacts (to include lobby contacts)
- 10 DUI Arrests

Traffic and Highway Safety Unit

The Traffic Unit conducted the following investigations, activities, and studies during January 2025:

- 38 Calls for Service
- 17 Traffic and Parking Issues
- 1 Directed Patrols
- 168 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 90 Citations Issued

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- 97 Warnings Issued
- 47 Hazardous Traffic Citations Issued
- 43 Non-Hazardous Traffic Citations Issued
- 263 Bus Patrol Violations
- 5 Abandon Vehicle Investigations

Criminal Investigations Division

The Detective Bureau opened the following 34 new investigations in January 2025, to include:

- Seven Childline Investigations
- Four Death Investigations
- Three Theft Investigations
- Three Warrant Investigations
- Two Threat Investigations
- Two Firearms Investigations
- One Drug Investigation
- One Assault Investigation
- One Sexual Assault Investigation

Department Training

During January, department personnel attended 463 hours of training, including:

- Critical Policy Reviews: 36 hours
- Control Tactics Training: 32 hours
- Sobriety Checkpoint Refresher: 8 hours
- Drugs Death Investigations: 27 hours
- Motor Carrier Inspector Training: 16 hours
- SWAT Operator Training: 24 hours
- SWAT Negotiator Training: 24 hours
- Northwestern Executive Management Program: 40 hours
- Northwestern Police School of Staff and Command: 80 hours
- Mandatory-in-Service Training: 176 hours

Upper Moreland Police
January 2025 Monthly Report

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

On January 13, 2025, officers welcomed our newest intern from Penn State. She will be assisting our evidence technician and shadowing officers.

On January 14, 2025, officers participated in the Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive in Hatboro.

On January 27, 2025, officers attended a first responder prayer service at the Good Shepard Catholic School.

On January 29, 2025, officers attended a luncheon at Queen of Angels Catholic School.

Upcoming Events

The department's Citizens Police Academy begins on March 19, 2025. The Academy, which meets every Wednesday for seven weeks, will allow attendees to learn different aspects of police work in our community.

The department will host a Drug Take-Back event at the Giant on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During that time, we will also collect food donations to benefit the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry.

Commendations

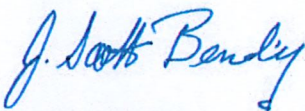
On January 7, 2025, a letter was received from Superintendent Andrew Block of the Lower Merion Police Department thanking officers for their assistance in apprehending suspects wanted for a recent homicide in Lower Merion.

On January 9, 2025, an email was received from Melissa Wobensmith thanking members of the Traffic Safety Unit for their assistance with a recent traffic complaint.

On January 15, 2025, a card was received from Mary Hall thanking Sergeant Clauhs for his assistance after a recent medical service call.

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Respectfully Submitted,



J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly Report



January 2025

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire
Monthly Report
January 2025

Fire Calls – 86

EMS QRS calls- 24

Total calls - 110 Yearly total- 110

Fire Permit Inspections Completed – 14 YTD- 14

Fire Permit Inspection – \$ 580.00

Yearly Fees Collected- \$ 580.00

Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 450.00

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PA Recovery \$ 1602.25

Yearly PA Recovery \$ 1602.25

Total Y.T.D. Fees Collected- \$ 2632.25

Fire Marshal Investigations- 16

Injuries FF -0

Civilian- 0

Total Part time employees- 35

Volunteer FF- 4 Administrative- 4 Recruits-4

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Incidents:

1/9- Vehicle on Ice

4 smoke detectors installed

Community Oriented Fire Department Monthly Activities

3 events 30 people

Fire Service Training Hours

28 personnel for hours 242



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Emergency Management:

Participated in Montgomery County monthly meeting

Participated in Eastern Montgomery County EM meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief/EMC

Upper Moreland Township

January 2025 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

<i>Emergency Activity Summary</i>		
Response Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fire Related:	86	86
In-Township:	86	86
Assist Other Depts:	19	19
Assist PA Turnpike:	5	5
EMS Related:	24	24
Total Responses:	110	110
* Ignition Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Structure:	3	3
Non-Structure:	8	8
Causes		
Accidental:	11	11
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fire:	11	11
Rescue:	1	1
Haz Mat:	0	0
Structural Response Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Average Response Time:	3:00	3:00
Total Responses	110	110

* Includes Assist to Other Townships

<i>Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary</i>		
Permit Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fire Code:	2	2
Tank Removal:	0	0
Tank Installation:	0	0
Other:	1	1
Inspection Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	14	14
Fire Marshal Investigations:	16	16
Fee Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$580.00	\$580.00
Turnpike:	\$450.00	\$450.00
PA Recovery:	\$1,602.25	\$1,602.25
Total:	\$2,632.25	\$2,632.25
2024 - YTD	\$800.00	\$800.00
Public Education Summary		
	January	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	3	3
Persons Attending:	Multiple	Multiple
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