

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
March 17, 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 – February 24, 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

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 and Commissioner McFatridge. Absent: Commissioner Benvenuti. Fire Chief Glassman, Police Chief Bendig, Chris Keyser, Captain, in the absence of SARS Assistant Chief Davidson. John D. Bates, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance in the absence of Patrick T. Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2024:**
The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – January 2025:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports: Police Chief Bendig discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, trainings, investigations, school bus violations and participation in community events contained in the report.
 - Commissioner McFatridge shared concerns about speeding and enforcement.
 - Dr. Sue Worth-LaManna, resident and member of the Human Relations Commission (HRC), suggested that HRC members could interview unhoused people to learn about their needs while in the presence of a Police Officer. Chief Bendig explained that there are about seven to eight unhoused people on a regular basis who are given recommendations to use resources set up by Montgomery County, but the locations are not local. Chief Bendig offered to assist the HRC.
 - Commissioner Scull commented on an additional shelter location identified by Montgomery County, which needs sprinkler upgrades.
 - 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.
 - The department assisted at the SPS Technologies fire in Abington Township for about 14 hours.
 - Commissioner Whiting thanked the Department of Emergency Services for their work.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad: Chris Keyser, Captain, in the absence of SARS Assistant Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, staffing, trainings, equipment and community events in the report for the month.
 - The department assisted around the clock at the SPS Technologies fire in Abington Township by providing emergency services to all the crews and resources attending the fire.

- Commissioner Whiting thanked the Department of Emergency Services for their work.

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

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

VIII. **Other Items:**

A. Regulations regarding home owners renting properties – Ms. Bryant discussed the following:

- The Township cannot prevent property owners from creating long-term rentals rather than short-term rentals, such as in an Airbnb within their own properties.
- Nancy Walker, resident of Ward 1-2, commented concerns and suggested ideas to slow down the process.
- Commissioner Cheryl Lockard shared that New York is considering to enforce that a property must be on the market for a certain number of days before it can be sold to an investor. Concerns are that rentals will result in properties not being maintained and also that investors are driving up housing prices for regular homebuyers.
- Commissioner Nick Scull commented about difficulty with contacting a property owner concerning issues with a rental or properties that are held by a bank located in another state.

IX. **Public Comments:**

Dr. Sue Worth-LaManna, resident and Historical Commission Chair, discussed concerns about speeding within the Township, requested reducing speed limits and alternative solutions for enforcement. Commissioner Whiting commented on traffic safety concerns around school buses. Chief Bendig will follow up with the Traffic Safety Unit.

X. **Commissioner Comments** – Nothing to report.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



February 2025

**J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police**



**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Activity Summary February 2025**



Total Calls for Service:		1,677
Top 10 Calls for Service:	1. Traffic Stop - Warning:	393
	2. Medical Emergency:	217
	3. Service Call:	145
	4. Traffic Stop - Citation:	128
	5. Suspicious Circumstances:	78
	6. Supplementals/Follow Ups:	58
	7. Assist Other Agencies:	55
	8. Traffic and Parking Problems:	46
	9. Unfounded Alarm - Billable:	46
	10. Non-Reportable Crash:	44
Average Time per Call:		28.4 minutes
Average Response Time:		4.25 minutes
Crime Data:	Total Crimes:	81
	Total Part I Crimes:	28
	Total Part II Crimes:	53
	Total Criminal Arrests:	50
Crash Data:	Total Crashes:	66
	Reportable Crashes:	13
	Non Reportable Crashes:	53
	Injuries:	5
Traffic Enforcement Activities:	Traffic Stops:	521
	Traffic Citations:	212
	Warning Notices:	393
	Bus Patrol Violations:	264
	Parking Violations:	3
	Selective Enforcements:	34
	Traffic Complaints Received:	46
Other Police Related	Canine Unit Calls for Service:	0
	SWAT-East Region Calls for Service:	0
	Police Department Training Hours:	572
	Unhoused Contacts (to include Lobby contacts):	75
	Court Appearances:	80
	Business Checks:	405
	Directed Patrols:	99
	Vacant Home Checks:	29

**Upper Moreland Police
February 2025 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,677 calls for service in February 2025. The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in February 2025, to include:

- Two Sexual Assaults
- Two Aggravated Assault
- Three Auto Thefts
- 19 Thefts

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

- Four Simple Assaults
- One Forgery
- Nine Frauds
- Two Criminal Mischiefs
- One Weapons Offense
- One Drug Offense
- 13 DUIs
- One Public Drunkenness
- Five Disorderly Conducts
- 15 All Other Crimes Code Violations

Notable Investigations

SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION ARREST:

On February 3, 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division concluded a three-month investigation into an adult residing in the unit block of York Road in Willow Grove, meeting juveniles via online social media applications. This male was found to have been providing these juveniles with alcohol and marijuana within his apartment. This adult was also found to have been engaging in sexual activities with the juveniles. The male was arrested and charged with sexual abuse of children, corruption of minors, and other related offenses.

THEFT ARRESTS:

On February 5, 2025, officers investigated a series of thefts at a gym within Upper Moreland Township and other surrounding regional gyms. The Criminal Investigations Division collaborated with other area investigators in the region investigating similar types of thefts by the same offender. Officers were able to secure video recordings of the Upper Moreland thefts. The images were shared via our Crimewatch platform and

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local news networks. The offender was identified and charged with two separate thefts within Upper Moreland Township and numerous other thefts throughout the region.

ASSAULT:

On February 12, 2025, officers responded to an assault that occurred between two students at the Upper Moreland High School. As school staff attempted to break up this fight, the involved students started assaulting the staff member. This investigation, which involved the recovery of a video from a social media platform, resulted in the two involved juvenile offenders being arrested for aggravated assault.

ASSAULT:

On February 18, 2025, officers responded to a residence in the unit block of N. Warminster Road for a person who barricaded himself within a bedroom after assaulting a family member with a knife. The incident was quickly resolved by officers who arrived on the scene. The offender was taken into custody. The investigation resulted in the offender being sent for a mental health evaluation at Montgomery County Emergency Services. Additionally, the offender was charged with aggravated assault.

RAPE INVESTIGATION:

On February 21, 2025, officers responded to a reported rape that occurred in the unit block of Davisville Road. An investigation was initiated by the Criminal Investigations Division, resulting in the collection of forensic evidence and subsequent identification of the offender. The offender was located and arrested on February 23, 2025. The offender was charged with sexual assault and related offenses.

FRAUD INVESTIGATION:

On February 26, 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division concluded a four-month fraud investigation with the arrest of an employee who frequently claimed to his employer that his payroll check was not deposited into his personal bank account. This claim caused the employer to issue the employee a second payroll check. This employee then filed a police report reporting fraudulent activity on his bank account. The investigation found that the employee directed the original payroll deposit into a different bank account and accepted the second payroll check from his employer. The employee was charged with theft offenses and false reports to law enforcement.

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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures:

- 541 Vehicle Investigations
- 66 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 146 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 3 Parking Citations / 0 Parking Warnings
- 75 Unhoused/Homeless Contacts (to include lobby contacts)
- 13 DUI Arrests

Traffic and Highway Safety Unit

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

- 111 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 45 Citations Issued
- 77 Warnings Issued
- 264 Bus Patrol Violations
- 1 Abandoned Vehicle Investigation

Criminal Investigations Division

The Detective Bureau opened the following 24 new investigations in February 2025, to include:

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| • ChildLine Investigations | 4 |
| • Theft Investigations | 3 |
| • Sexual Assault Investigations | 3 |
| • Assault Investigations | 3 |
| • Firearm Investigations | 2 |
| • Death Investigations | 1 |
| • Burglary Investigations | 1 |
| • Drug Investigations | 1 |
| • Warrant Investigations | 1 |
| • Fire Investigation | 1 |
| • Fraud Investigation | 1 |
| • Intelligence Investigations | 1 |

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Department Training

During February, department personnel attended 572 hours of training, including:

- Firearms Training – 152 hours
- SWAT Training – 12 hours
- SWAT Negotiator Training – 16 hours
- SWAT Sniper Training – 12 hours
- Northwestern Executive Management Program – 40 hours
- Northwestern Police School of Staff and Command – 80 hours
- Managing Officers in Crisis – 4 hours
- Field Training Officer School – 72 hours
- Red Dot Firearm Optic Instructor – 32 hours
- Crisis Intervention Specialist School – 24 hours
- Fire Death Investigation Training – 6 hours
- Emergency Medical Service Familiarization Roll Call Training – 21 hours
- Public Employee Labor Relations Advisory Service Conference – 32 hours
- Mandatory In-Service Training – 69 hours

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 February 12, 2025, an email was received from Chief Patrick Molloy of the Abington Township Police Department thanking officers for their assistance during a recent search for a wanted subject.

On February 19, 2025, an email was received from Mary Benner thanking department members for their assistance with an ongoing civil issue.

On February 25, 2025, an email was received from Susan Worth-LaManna thanking Officer Misner for his ongoing assistance with a speeding issue within the township.


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On February 27, 2025, an email was received from Assistant Chief Ken Davidson of the Second Alarmers thanking Detective Sergeant Smith and Detective Gallagher for their assistance with a recent investigation.

On February 27, 2025, an email was received from Jackie Rosenbaum thanking Officer Sokolis for his assistance with a recent traffic issue within the township.

On February 28, 2025, a card was received from June Beaty thanking officers for their assistance with a recent medical call for service.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Bendig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



February 2025

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire
Monthly Report
February 2025

Fire Calls – 68

EMS QRS calls- 17

Total calls - 85 Yearly total- 195

Fire Permit Inspections Completed – 18 YTD- 32

Fire Permit Inspection – \$ 10,985.00

Yearly Permit Fees Collected- \$ 11,565.00

Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 1575.00

Yearly Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 2025.00

PA Recovery \$ 1368.50

Yearly PA Recovery \$ 2025.00

Total Y.T.D. Fees Collected- \$ 11,950.00

Fire Marshal Investigations- 13

Injuries FF -0

Civilian- 0

Total Part time employees- 35

Volunteer FF- 5 Administrative- 4 Recruits-4

Upper Moreland Fire
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Incidents:

2/1- 419 Inman- House fire

2/17- 310 Highland- Abington SPS Fire

2/18- 3051 Buck Rd- Lower Moreland House Fire

2/19 28 N. York House Fire

2/22- 2069 Roy Abington-Garage Fire

3 smoke detectors installed

Community Oriented Fire Department Monthly Activities

5 events 70 people

Fire Service Training Hours

30 personnel for 302 hours (includes haz mat)

Awarded State Fire Commissioner Grant for \$ 14,600.00

Volunteers Awarded same grant for \$ 12,663.00

Total \$ 27,263.00

NO MATCHING FUNDS FROM TOWNSHIP

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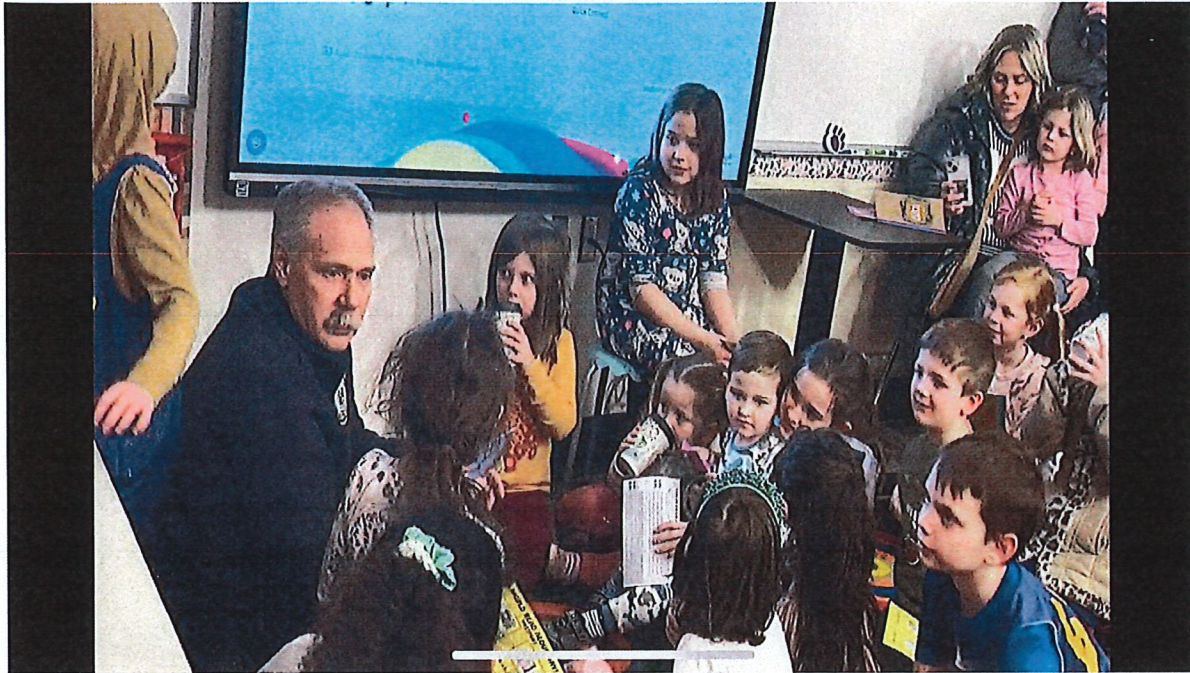
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Book Reading Event

Emergency Management:

Participated in Montgomery County monthly meeting

Participated in Eastern Montgomery County EM meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief/EMC

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February 2025 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

Emergency Activity Summary		
Response Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Fire Related:	68	154
In-Township:	56	142
Assist Other Depts:	24	43
Assist PA Turnpike:	5	10
EMS Related:	17	41
Total Responses:	85	195
* Ignition Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Structure:	4	7
Non-Structure:	4	12
Causes		
Accidental:	8	19
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Fire:	8	19
Rescue:	1	2
Haz Mat:	1	1
Structural Response Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Average Response Time:	3:00	3:00
Total Responses	85	195

* Includes Assist to Other Townships

Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary		
Permit Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Fire Code:	32	34
Tank Removal:	3	3
Tank Installation:	2	2
Other:	1	2
Inspection Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	18	32
Fire Marshal Investigations:	13	29
Fee Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$10,985.00	\$11,565.00
Turnpike:	\$1,575.00	\$2,025.00
PA Recovery:	\$1,368.50	\$2,970.75
Total:	\$13,928.50	\$16,560.75
2024 - YTD	\$11,150.00	\$11,950.00
Public Education Summary		
	February	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	4	7
Persons Attending:	Multiple	Multiple
Safety Analysis		
	February	Year to Date
Firefighter Injuries:	0	0
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0
Civilian Injuries:	0	0
Civilian Deaths:	0	0
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0

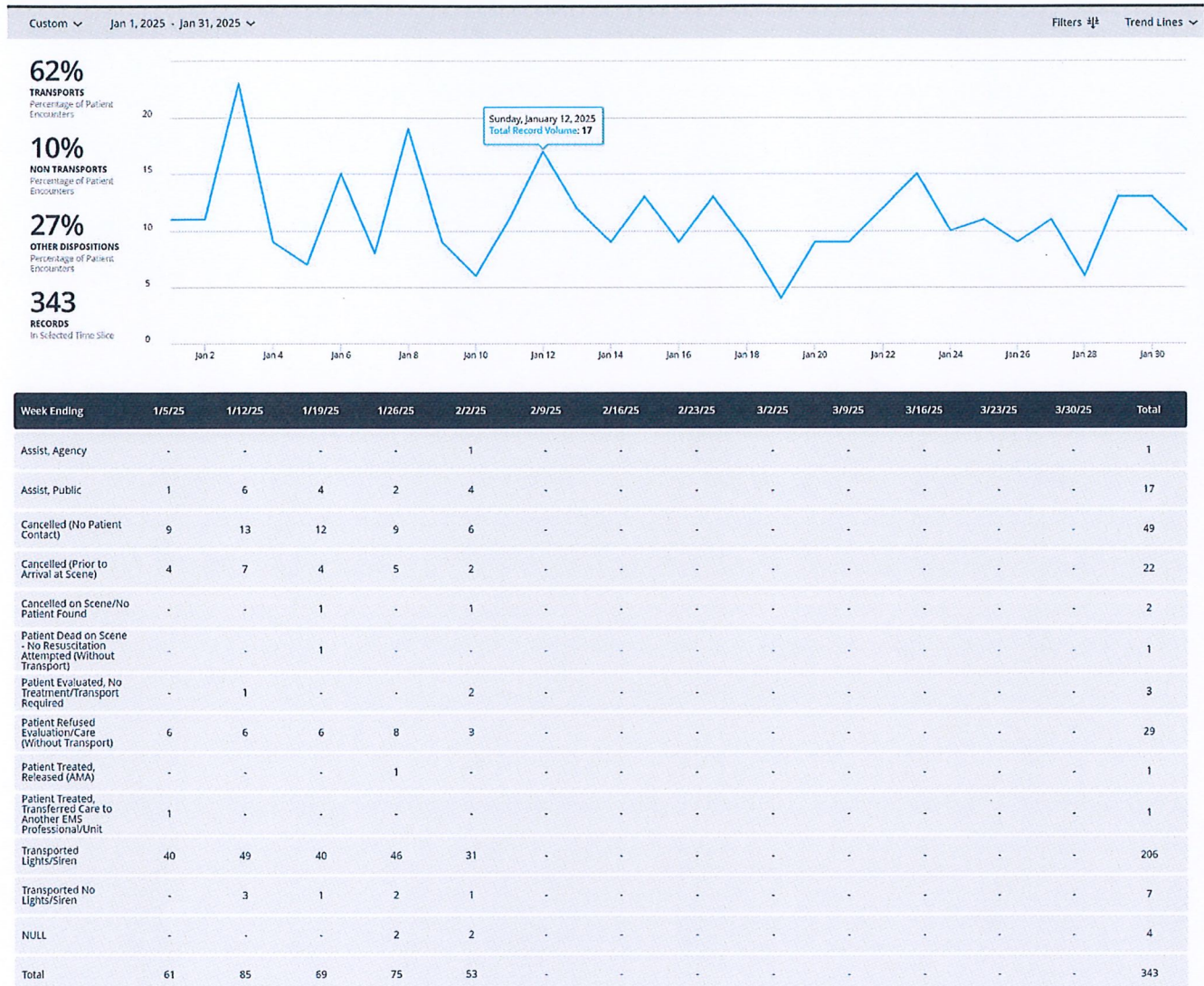
Second Alarmers Snapshot

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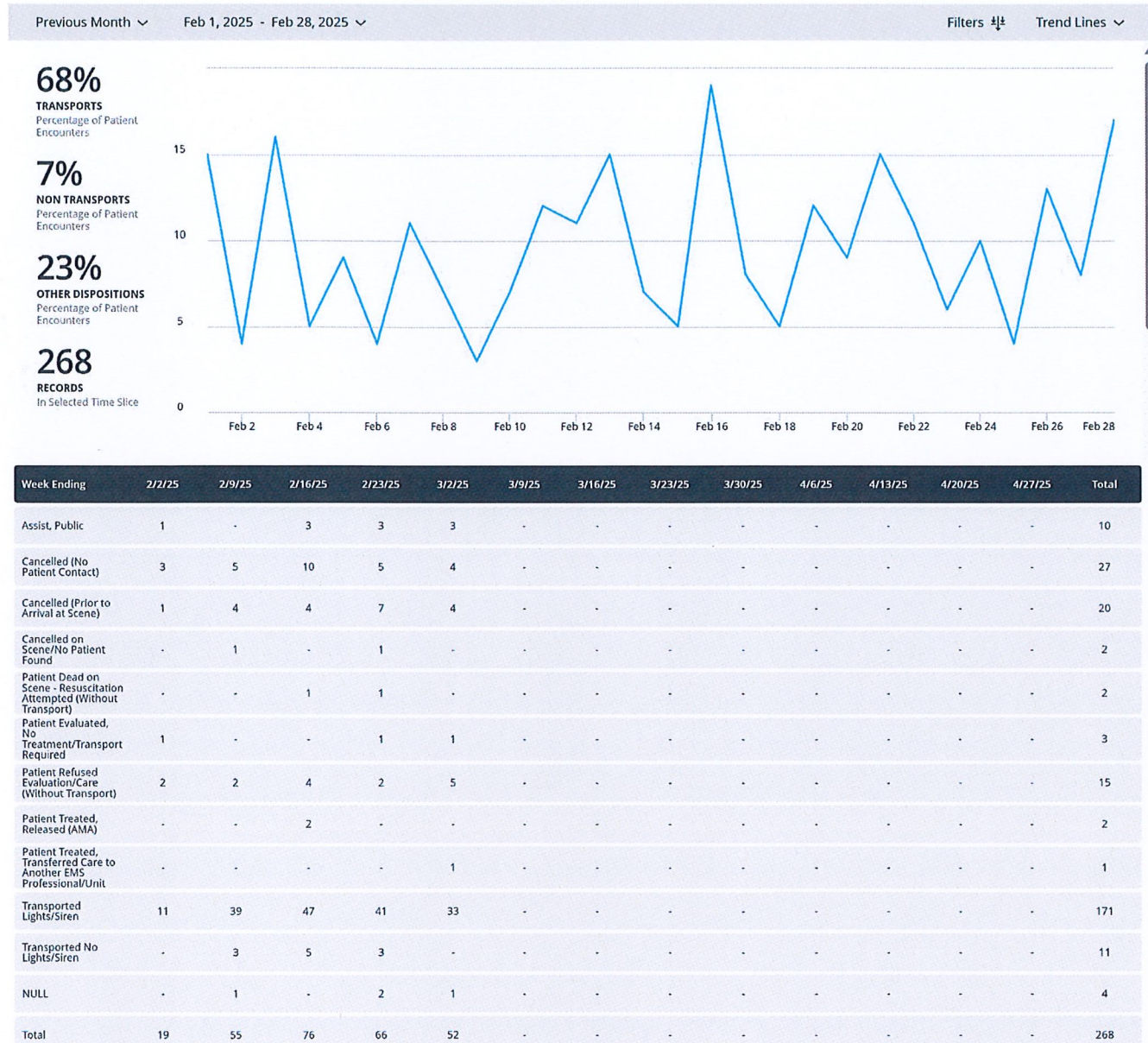
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Calls for service in Upper Moreland in: January 2025

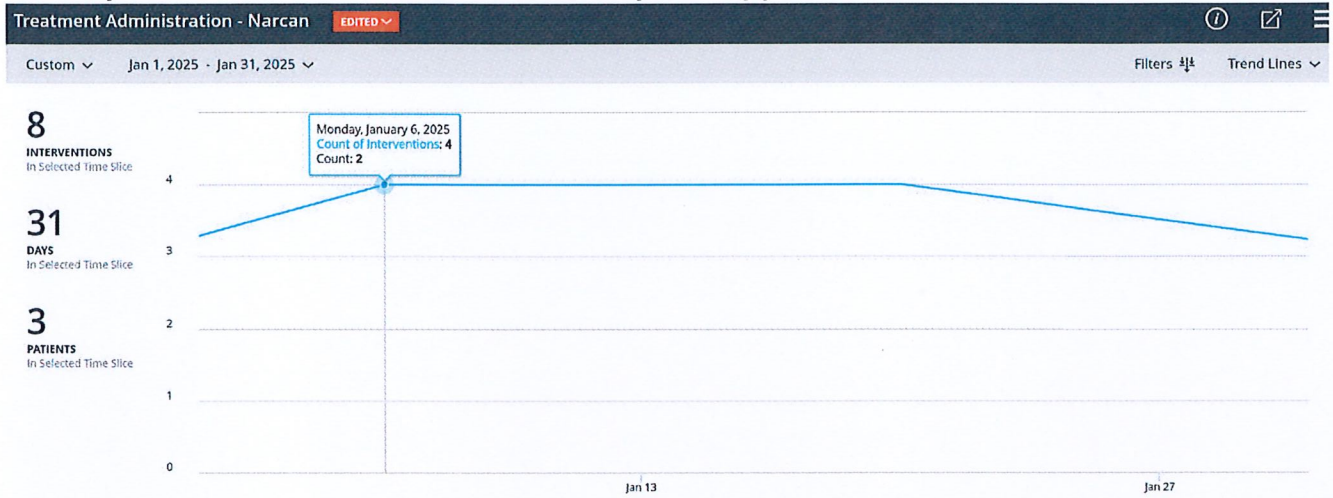


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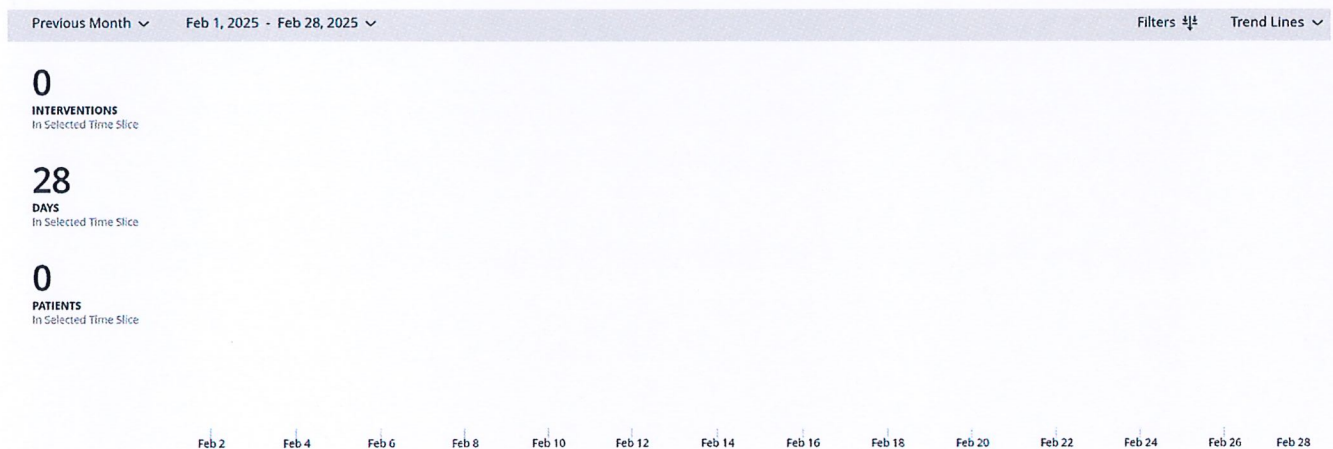


***Note ESO is not currently showing an accurate reflection of transport mode so the number of transports using lights and sirens and the number not using lights and sirens are not accurate.**

January 2025 Naloxone Administration Report- Upper Moreland



February 2025 Naloxone Administration Report- Upper Moreland



January Staffing Report:

January ALS Full Staffing = 3348

January 2025

January 2024

ALS Actual Staffing = 3074 hours

ALS Actual Staffing = 3156 hours

Downgrade to BLS staffing = 154 hours

Downgrade to BLS staffing = 36 hours

Downgrade to no status = 120 hours

Downgrade to no status = 156 hours

February ALS Full Staffing = 2025- 2988 2024-3132*

February 2025

February 2024

ALS Actual Staffing = 2739 hours	ALS Actual Staffing = 2992 hours
Downgrade to BLS staffing = 159 hours	Downgrade to BLS staffing = 58 hours
Downgrade to no status = 60 hours	Downgrade to no status = 71.5 hours

Notable news:

13 new LP35 monitors have been placed in service after members attended training on their use

On February 2nd A/C Davidson and a few colleges from the AA-PA met with Representatives Cooper Borowski, Gillen and members of the insurance lobby in Harrisburg to discuss legislation aimed at establishing both a statewide fee schedule and balance billing protections.

Also on February 2nd A/C Davidson and a smaller group met with Representative Causer to discuss language in legislation he was proposing that may be necessary to assist some EMS agencies on other parts of the state but that could have had unintended consequences for systems in our area.

On February 17th SARS and multiple mutual aid companies responded with Weldon Fire Company and over 60 mutual aid fire companies to a large industrial fire at SPS Technologies located at 301 Highland Ave. in Abington Township. SARS had multiple units in service supporting the fire operation for 114 consecutive hours.

Fortunately, and amazingly, there were no injuries or fatalities as a result of this event and the singular patient that was transported was a patient with pre-existing medical issues that was taken to the hospital during the partial evacuation that took place on February 18th.