

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
April 21, 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 Benvenutti; 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 – March 17, 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, SARS Assistant Chief Davidson. Patrick T. Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2025:**
The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – February 2025:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports: Police Chief Bendig discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, trainings, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, school bus violations and participation in community events, which are contained in the report.
 - Speeding issues on Huntingdon Road will continue to be reviewed throughout the Spring for environmental factors to be addressed.
 - A traffic study performed earlier this month on Masons Mill Road revealed that speeding was not an issue.
 - Traffic Safety Unit examined Easton Road to Fitzwatertown Road and found that crashes were not speed related. Police continue to heavily monitor the area.
 - Asked the Committee whether they want to request a speed study conducted through PennDOT, which could result in raising the speed limit and become a further concern.
 - The Committee agreed not to request a speed study from PennDOT.
 - Karan Sidhpura, a resident of Whitehall Drive, shared that he sent the Police Department an email concerning speeding in the 25-mph area. Chief Bendig will follow up with data from continuing selective enforcements.
 - 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.
 - Received two grant awards with \$0 matching funds. The Willow Grove Fire Department received \$14,600 and the Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company received \$12,663.
 - Participated in Reading Across America with Chief Bendig by spending the day reading to school children.
 - The current emergency response time on 195 calls during the past month was three minutes!

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C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad: SARS Assistant Chief Davidson reviewed the following:

- Statistics and details from services, staffing, trainings, new equipment and State legislative items, and community events in the report for January and February.
- Administered to over 60 fire departments and emergency personnel responding to the SPS Fire in the amount of 114 consecutive hours. There were no injuries or fatalities and one person was transported due to a pre-existing medical condition, unrelated to the fire.
- By contacting the SARS office, a link can be sent to anyone interested in reviewing the Montgomery County EMS Study, which is available on the Montgomery County website. A workshop for local officials will be offered to discuss the report.
- A veteran was assisted by Police Officer William Nagy, EMS and the Montgomery County Mobile Crisis team, who worked together throughout the weekend to provide crisis support and services.

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

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

VIII. **Other Items** – Nothing to report.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Whiting wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- Commissioner Whiting along with the Committee sang Happy Birthday to Commissioner McFatridge.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



March 2025

J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police



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



Total Calls for Service:		1,962
Top 10 Calls for Service:	1. Traffic Stop - Warning:	463
	2. Medical Emergency:	242
	3. Service Call:	155
	4. Traffic Stop - Citation:	129
	5. Suspicious Circumstances:	109
	6. Unfounded Alarm - Billable:	69
	7. Supplementals/Follow Ups:	66
	8. Traffic and Parking Problems:	56
	9. Assist Other Agencies:	54
	10. Disturbances:	46
Average Time per Call:		27.6 minutes
Average Response Time:		4.75 minutes
Crime Data:	Total Crimes:	78
	Total Part I Crimes:	24
	Total Part II Crimes:	54
	Total Criminal Arrests:	61
Crash Data:	Total Crashes:	69
	Reportable Crashes:	13
	Non Reportable Crashes:	56
	Injuries:	9
Traffic Enforcement Activities:	Traffic Stops:	630
	Traffic Citations:	219
	Warning Notices:	492
	Bus Patrol Violations:	283
	Parking Violations:	3
	Selective Enforcements:	65
	Traffic Complaints Received:	56
Other Police Related	Canine Unit Calls for Service:	3
	SWAT-East Region Calls for Service:	0
	Police Department Training Hours:	786.5
	Unhoused Contacts (to include Lobby contacts):	40
	Court Appearances:	58
	Business Checks:	421
	Directed Patrols:	160
	Vacant Home Checks:	13

**Upper Moreland Police
March 2025 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,962 calls for service in March 2025. The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in March 2025, to include:

- 13 Assaults
- Nine Thefts
- One Auto Theft
- One Arson

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

- Two Forgeries
- 11 Frauds
- Six Vandalism
- One Sex Offense
- Four Drug Offenses
- 13 DUIs
- One Liquor Law
- Two Public Drunkenness
- Five Disorderly Conducts
- 10 All Other Crimes Code Violations

Notable Investigations

INSTITUTIONAL VANDALISM INVESTIGATION:

On Sunday, March 9, 2025, vandalism was discovered at the Upper Moreland Primary School, a nearby business, and a company in Hatboro Borough. The vandalism included obscene drawings and derogatory words spray-painted on walls, vehicles, and playground equipment. The vandalism also damaged cars at a business in Hatboro.

During this investigation, CCTV security videos were recovered from the Upper Moreland School District, surrounding businesses, and residential properties. Images of the offender and an involved vehicle were provided to the community as we looked for assistance in developing a suspect. Local news networks carried this information, which resulted in tips being received by the police department.

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, an 18-year-old female suspect was identified, and the involved vehicle was located. Detectives interviewed the suspect, who admitted her sole involvement in the acts of vandalism at all locations. She was charged accordingly with various criminal offenses related to all incidents.

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STOLEN FIREARMS INVESTIGATION:

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, the Upper Moreland Police Department received a report of a handgun and other property believed to have been stolen from a vehicle in a parking lot at a business in the Willow Grove section of the township. Detectives conducted an extensive follow-up on this report. Through various investigative means, it was discovered that the victim's credit cards were used at a convenience store in Lower Providence, Montgomery County.

This theft was linked to a series of thefts from motor vehicles in Ambler Borough. This case was assigned to the Montgomery County Gun Violence Task Force. Detectives worked with Ambler Borough Police and Montgomery County Detective Bureau members.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures:

- 656 Vehicle Investigations
- 74 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 145 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 2 Parking Citations / 1 Parking Warnings
- 40 Unhoused/Homeless Contacts (to include lobby contacts)
- Homeless Contacts
- 13 DUI Arrests

Traffic and Highway Safety Unit

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

- 172 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 62 Citations Issued
- 125 Warnings Issued
- 283 Bus Patrol Violations
- 4 Abandoned Vehicle Investigations

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Criminal Investigations Division

The Detective Bureau opened the following 46 new investigations in March 2025, to include:

• ChildLine Investigations	14
• Fire Investigations	2
• Assault Investigations	2
• Firearm Investigations	2
• Death Investigations	2
• Burglary Investigations	2
• Warrant Investigations	2
• Fire Investigations	2
• Child Welfare Investigations	2
• Drug Investigations	1

Department Training

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

- Handcuff and Baton Training – 256 hours
- SWAT Training – 64 hours
- SWAT Negotiator Training – 16 hours
- SWAT Sniper Training – 17 hours
- Northwestern Executive Management Program – 40 hours
- Northwestern Police School of Staff and Command – 80 hours
- Canine Training – 48 hours
- Roll Call Training – 23 hours
- Pepper Ball Instructor – 48 hours
- Axon Body Camera Transition Training – 45 hours

Canine Unit Monthly Report

On March 15, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus met with the Atypically Amazing Children's group for a canine meet and greet.

On March 30, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted with a track for a missing juvenile.

Upper Moreland Police
March 2025 Monthly Report

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

On March 15, 2025, Sergeant Cordura, Officer Snyder, and canine Maximus met with the Atypically Amazing Children's group for a canine meet and greet.

On March 18, 2025, department members participated in the Upper Moreland High School intruder lockdown drill.

The department's seven-week Citizens Police Academy began on March 19, 2025. This year, fourteen individuals are participating in the academy.

On March 27, 2025, department members participated in the Upper Moreland Middle School intruder lockdown drill.

Commendations

On March 7, 2025, an email was received from Kelly Gallagher of the Upper Moreland Township School District thanking officers for participating in Read Across America Week.

On March 11, 2025, a message was received from Linda Becky thanking Officer Halbherr for his assistance after a recent vehicle crash.

On March 18, 2025, an email was received from Jackie Burke thanking members of the Traffic Safety Unit for handling a speeding concern in her neighborhood.

On March 18, 2025, an email was received from Firoella Soroka of Atypical Amazing Children Second thanking Sergeant Cordura and Officer Snyder for their recent visit with students from their group.

On March 27, 2025, an email was received from Chief John Slavin of the Cheltenham Township Police Department thanking officers for their assistance after a recent call about an active shooter at one of their schools.

Upcoming Events

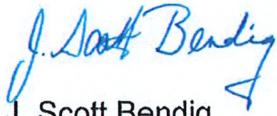
The department will host a Coffee with a Cop event at the Giant on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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.

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The department will host our annual Junior Police Academy from July 30 to July 31, 2025, at Pileggi Park from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is available through the Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation Department website.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Scott Bendig". The signature is stylized, with the first name "J." and last name "Bendig" clearly legible, and "Scott" written in a cursive script between them.

J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly Report



March 2025

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire
Monthly Report
March 2025

Fire Calls – 73

EMS QRS calls- 19

Total calls - 92 Yearly total- 287

Fire Permit Inspections Completed –31 YTD- 63

Fire Permit Inspection – \$3320.00

Yearly Permit Fees Collected- \$ 14,885.00

Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 450.00

Yearly Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 2475.00

PA Recovery \$ 59.50

Yearly PA Recovery \$ 3030.25

Total Y.T.D. Fees Collected- \$ 20,390.25

Fire Marshal Investigations- 15

Injuries FF -0

Civilian- 0

Total Part time employees- 35

Volunteer FF- 5 Administrative- 4 Recruits-4

Upper Moreland Fire
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March 2025

Incidents:

3/31- Building fire Warminster Rd.

2- smoke detectors installed

Community Oriented Fire Department Monthly Activities

3 events people 100

Fire Service Training Hours

31 personnel for 255 hours



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March 2025



Upper Moreland Fire
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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

Upper Moreland Township

March 2025 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

<i>Emergency Activity Summary</i>		
Response Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Fire Related:	73	227
In-Township:	76	218
Assist Other Depts:	11	54
Assist PA Turnpike:	5	15
EMS Related:	19	60
Total Responses:	92	287
* Ignition Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Structure:	1	8
Non-Structure:	11	23
Causes		
Accidental:	12	31
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Fire:	12	31
Rescue:	0	2
Haz Mat:	0	1
Structural Response Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Average Response Time:	3:07	3:02
Total Responses	92	287

* Includes Assist to Other Townships

<i>Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary</i>		
Permit Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Fire Code:	9	43
Tank Removal:	0	3
Tank Installation:	0	2
Other:	2	4
Inspection Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	31	63
Fire Marshal Investigations:	15	44
Fee Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$3,320.00	\$14,885.00
Turnpike:	\$450.00	\$2,475.00
PA Recovery:	\$59.50	\$3,030.25
Total:	\$3,829.50	\$20,390.25
2024 - YTD	\$9,047.75	\$20,997.75
Public Education Summary		
	March	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	2	9
Persons Attending:	Multiple	Multiple
Safety Analysis		
	March	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

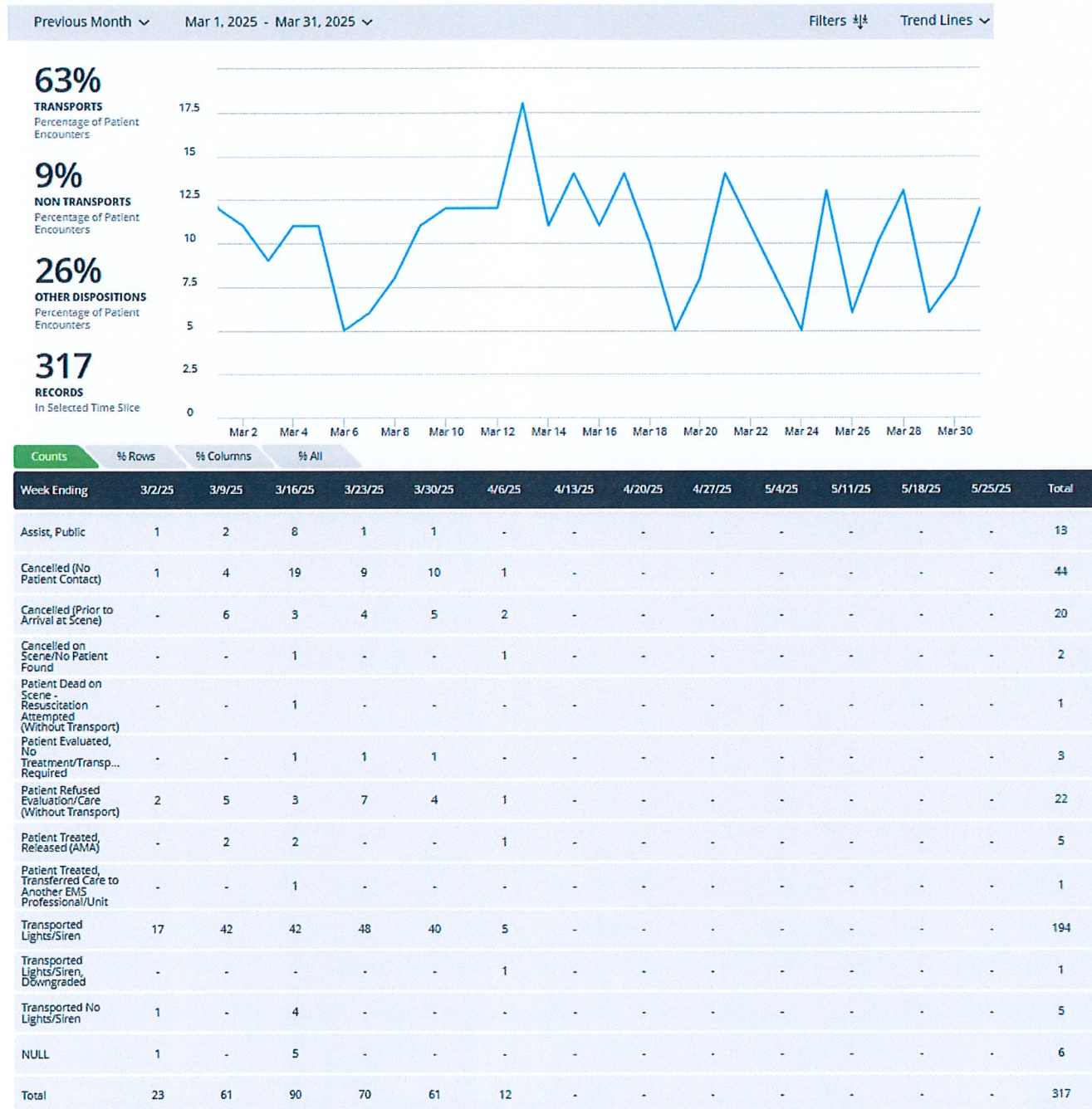


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April 2025

Calls for service in Upper Moreland in:

March 2025

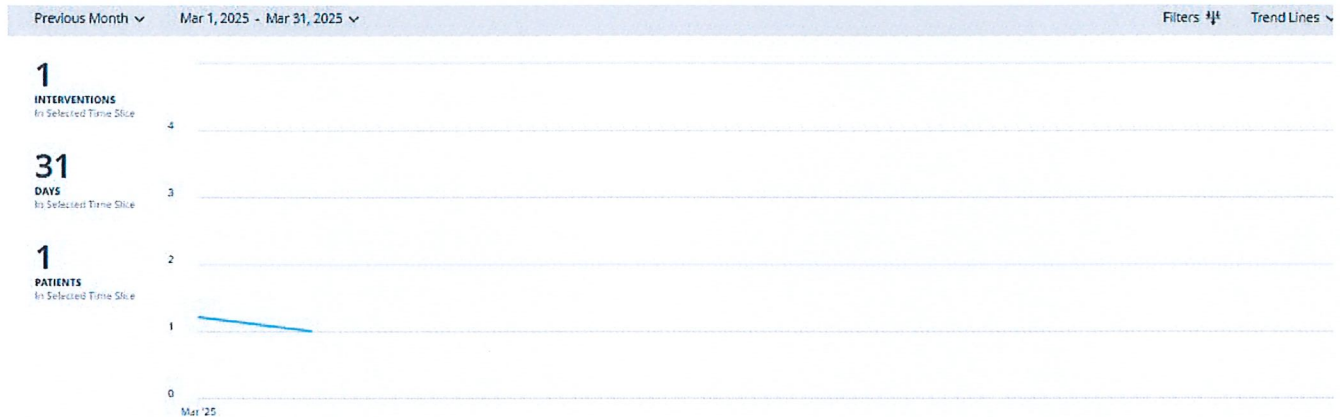


*Note ESO is not currently showing an accurate reflection of transport mode so the number of transports using lights and sirens and the number not using lights and sirens are not accurate.

March detail staffing:

DATE	BLS/ALS	DETAILS (Volunteer or Career)
3-8	BLS	U.M. Band Competition - (Career)
3-25 & 26	ALS	Ambulance Demo – Abington Fire Co. (Career)
3-30	BLS	Boy Scout Banquet – (Career)

March 2024 Naloxone Administration Report- Upper Moreland



Note- a new sedative, medetomidine, used for veterinary sedation has started to show up in the illicit drug supply in the Philadelphia region. Much like xylazine that we talked about a few years ago, this medication is not an opioid and will not respond to naloxone. It causes profound sedation and other negative effects though there is not a lot of research available yet as it is not approved for use in humans.

hip.phila.gov/document/4421/PDPH-HAN-0441A-05-13-24.pdf/

March Staffing Report:

March ALS Full Staffing = 3348

March 2025

March 2024

ALS Actual Staffing = 3220 hours

ALS Actual Staffing = 3288 hours

Downgrade to BLS staffing = 95 hours

Downgrade to BLS staffing = 12 hours

Downgrade to no status = 33 hours

Downgrade to no status = 48 hours

Notable news:

- Recently HB 1152 was introduced by Representative's Cooper & Borowski and co-sponsored by many other representatives including Representative Guenst. This legislation could be one of the most pivotal laws considered to help save EMS agencies across the state and would provide for patient protections from balance billing. The law would require that insurance companies pay EMS agencies directly for 911 related services and that they pay a minimum amount established by a statewide fee schedule.
 - We are asking everyone to please reach out to Representative Guenst and thank her for supporting this legislation and to encourage her to continue to work to make sure the bill is passed.
- SARS next EMT class will be starting soon, watch our webpage and social media sites for dates and registration information.
- SARS will be running a trauma active/threat training day with approximately 30 students from the Eastern Center, protective services program on Friday April 25th.