

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP

Committees Meeting Agenda

May 12, 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 – April 21, 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

A. Authorization to advertise Ordinance #XXXX - Huntingdon Road Speed Limit Change (attachment)

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 Alarmers' 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 Commissioners McFatridge and Benvenuti. Fire Chief Glassman, Police Chief Bendig, Captain Chris Keyser in the absence of SARS Assistant Chief Davidson. Patrick T. Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements:**
 - Commissioner Whiting asked everyone to reflect and mediate on those they have lost.
 - The Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2025:**

The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – March 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.
 - Coffee With A Cop Event will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, 9 a.m. at Giant, 315 York Road, Willow Grove, PA.
 - Drug Take Back along with a food donation event will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Giant, 315 York Road, Willow Grove, PA. During the same time, a second Drug Take Back event will be located at Walmart.
 - Junior Police Academy will be held July 30-31, 2025.
 - Commissioner McFatridge thanked Chief Bendig and the Police Department for contacting people about the ordinance and fines related to their placing stickers over speed limit signs.
 - Commissioner Benvenuti commented speeding concerns and requested to change the speed limit to 25 mph on Huntingdon Road to Terwood Road and Huntingdon Road to Masons Mill Road. Chief Bendig will follow up with a recommendation.
 - Commissioner Benvenuti commented on nuisance calls to Police and proposed creating an ordinance. Chief Bendig will research, work with the Solicitor's office and provide a follow up.
 - Christy Mitsz, 2441 Huntingdon Road, shared examples of speeding and requested to lower the speed limit.
 - William Hlett, 2441 Huntingdon Road, asked about responsibility of the decision.

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Commissioner McFatrige explained that it is the Board of Commissioners' decision, which is based upon studies and reports provided by Chief Bendig.

- Anthony Trofe, a resident, commented about potential resistance to lowering the speed limit and also stated support to use a nuisance fee fine as a tool.
- 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.
 - Safety tip to check electrical adapters based on findings at recent nursing home fires. Components within the adapter can fail, leading to overheating and ignite nearby materials.
- C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad: Captain Chris Keyser in the absence of SARS Assistant Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, staffing, trainings, equipment, State legislative items, and community events contained in the report.

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** – Nothing to report.

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



April 2025



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



Total Calls for Service:		1,801
Top 10 Calls for Service:	1. Traffic Stop - Warning:	436
	2. Medical Emergency:	225
	3. Service Call:	135
	4. Traffic Stop - Citation:	133
	5. Suspicious Circumstances:	103
	6. Supplementals/Follow Ups:	55
	7. Assist Other Agencies:	52
	8. Disturbances:	46
	9. Unfounded Alarms - Billable:	42
	10. Traffic & Parking Problems:	41
Average Time per Call:		29.79 minutes
Average Response Time:		4.63 minutes
Crime Data:	Total Crimes:	79
	Total Part I Crimes:	32
	Total Part II Crimes:	47
	Total Criminal Arrests:	58
Crash Data:	Total Crashes:	62
	Reportable Crashes:	15
	Non Reportable Crashes:	47
	Injuries:	11
Traffic Enforcement Activities:	Traffic Stops:	589
	Traffic Citations:	220
	Warning Notices:	446
	Bus Patrol Violations:	270
	Parking Violations:	6
	Selective Enforcements:	99
	MCSAP Inspections:	0
	Traffic Complaints Received:	41
Other Police Related	Canine Unit Calls for Service:	10
	SWAT-East Region Calls for Service:	1
	Police Department Training Hours:	740
	Unhoused Contacts (to include Lobby contacts):	22
	Court Appearances:	60
	Business Checks:	48
	Directed Patrols:	14
	Vacant Home Checks:	2

**Upper Moreland Police
April 2025 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,801 calls for service in April 2025. The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in April 2025, to include:

- One Robbery
- 15 Assaults
- Three Burglaries
- 13 Thefts

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

- 11 Frauds
- Five Vandalism
- Five Drug Offenses
- Ten DUIs
- Three Disorderly Conducts
- 13 All Other Crimes Code Violations

Notable Investigations

DOMESTIC ASSAULT-STABBING:

On April 3, 2025, officers responded to the Gardens of Willow Grove for a stabbing after a domestic disturbance. Officers arrived on location and learned that the victim and offender had a verbal disagreement that escalated when the victim exited a bedroom. The offender followed the victim into another room where she struck him in the back of the head several times and stabbed him in the hand. Recent physical injury to the victim was observed, indicating the assault had occurred. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. The offender was charged with aggravated assault and related offenses.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON AN OFFICER:

On April 9, 2025, officers responded to the College Station Apartments to investigate a report of a resident acting strangely within the building. Upon arrival, officers spoke with several complainants who advised that the male resident of an apartment had been acting strangely and walking the hallways naked. Officers were directed to the subject's apartment and were invited inside to speak with the subject. While officers talked to the subject to ascertain what services he may need, the subject launched a physical assault on the officers, which resulted in injuries to the officers. The subject was subdued and transported to the hospital for observation. Officers were also treated at the hospital. The subject was charged with aggravated assault and related charges.

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DOMESTIC ASSAULT WITH FIREARM:

On April 21, 2025, officers responded to an apartment on Maryland Road for a domestic assault involving threats made with a firearm. Upon arrival, officers were able to enter the apartment and speak with the occupants. The victim stated that she was involved in a verbal domestic with her boyfriend that escalated when he threatened to use a firearm. Detectives interviewed the involved parties. A search warrant for the apartment was applied for and granted. A search of the apartment revealed a loaded semi-automatic handgun. The boyfriend was arrested and charged with terroristic threats and related offenses.

ROBBERY OF MOTOR VEHICLE:

On April 24, 2025, officers responded to a home on Grant Avenue regarding a report of a vehicle taken by force by a known offender or family member. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the resident, who advised that during a physical struggle, a family member took the keys to her vehicle, then fled the residence in the vehicle. The vehicle owner was able to track the involved vehicle remotely via an online application. The vehicle was subsequently tracked to the Kensington section of Philadelphia. With the assistance of the Philadelphia Police Department, the vehicle was recovered, the offender was detained, and charges were filed for robbery.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures:

- 607 Vehicle Investigations
- 66 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 157 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 2 Parking Citations / 4 Parking Warnings
- 22 Unhoused/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 April 2025:

- 160 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 51 Citations Issued
- 123 Warnings Issued
- 275 Bus Patrol Violations
- 2 Abandoned Vehicle Investigations

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Criminal Investigations Division

The Detective Bureau opened the following 28 new investigations in April 2025, to include:

• ChildLine Investigations	8
• Assault Investigations	5
• Fraud Investigations	4
• Fire Investigations	2
• Burglary Investigations	2
• Criminal Trespass Investigations	2
• Fire Investigations	2
• Child Welfare Investigations	2
• Sexual Assault Investigations	1
• Robbery Investigation	1

Department Training

During April, department personnel attended 740 hours of training, including:

- Firearms Qualifications – 256 hours
- SWAT Training – 168 hours
- SWAT Negotiator Training – 36 hours
- Instructor Development– 40 hours
- Fundamentals of Supervision and Leadership – 40 hours
- Northwestern Police School of Staff and Command – 80 hours
- Canine Training – 16 hours

Canine Unit Monthly Report

On April 6, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted the Pottstown Police Department after a suspect shot a police officer and barricaded himself inside a residence.

On April 21, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted with the arrest of a subject at Jamestown Village wanted for aggravated assault.

On April 21, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted the Cheltenham Township Police Department with an article search for a gun after suspects fled onto a school property.

On April 22, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted the Cheltenham Township Police Department with a search after a bomb threat at a school.

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On April 27, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted the Cheltenham Township Police Department with an article search for shell casings after a shooting.

Community-Oriented Policing and Police Department Monthly Activities and Highlights

On April 2, 2025, officers attended the Autism Awareness dance party at Our Lady of Confidence.

On April 5, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus conducted a demonstration for the Blue and Gold Club and Boy Scout Troop.

On April 6, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus participated in an Easter breakfast meeting with families at the VFW.

On April 11, 2025, Sergeant Cordura attended the 5th-grade VIP Party at the intermediate school.

On April 25, 2025, officers attended a Coffee with a Cop event at Giant.

On April 26, 2025, officers attended National Drug Take Back Day at Giant and Walmart. Additionally, the department hosted a food drive benefitting the Willow Grove Baptist food pantry. Six car patrol cars of food were delivered, and \$755.00 in gift cards were also collected. One hundred thirty pounds of unused or expired medication were collected and destroyed.

Commendations

On April 7, 2025, an email was received from Bonnie Moses of Dessen, Moses & Rossitto thanking Officer Sokolis for his assistance in resolving a parking issue.

On April 15, 2025, an email was received from Jim Messina thanking Officer Meisner for his assistance with a recent road improvement request.

On April 15, 2025, an email was received from Jackie Rosenbaum thanking members of the Traffic Safety Unit for handling a speeding concern in her neighborhood.

On April 18, 2025, an email was received from Henry Brusca thanking Officer Meisner for his assistance after his vehicle became disabled.

On April 21, 2025, an email was received from Chief Nick Markovich of the Pottstown Borough Police Department thanking Officer Snyder for his assistance after one of their officers was shot.

On April 22, 2025, an email was received from Denise Cartin thanking members of the Traffic Safety Unit for handling a parking issue in her neighborhood.

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On April 22, 2025, a message was received from Chief John Slavin of the Cheltenham Township Police Department thanking Officer Snyder for his assistance with recent calls for service in their municipality.

On April 26, 2025, a resident contacted Lieutenant Kelly to thank officers for their proactive enforcement of the school zone on Easton Road.

On April 26, 2025, a resident contacted Lieutenant Kelly to thank officers for checking their home on Fairway Road while they were on vacation.

Upcoming Events

The department will host a *Fraud and Crimes Targeting the Elderly* seminar at the Upper Moreland Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The department will host a two-night *Teen Driver Safety* seminar at the Upper Moreland Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, and Tuesday, June 24, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. This seminar will cover impaired driving and general driving safety for teens, to include practical mock traffic stops.

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,



J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



April 2025

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire
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Fire Calls – 67

EMS QRS calls- 23

Total calls - 90 Yearly total- 377

Fire Permit Inspections Completed – xx YTD- xx

Fire Permit Inspection – \$ 10,295.00

Yearly Permit Fees Collected- \$ 25,180.00

Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 2125.00

Yearly Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 4600.00

PA Recovery \$ 1644.50

Yearly PA Recovery \$ 4674.75

Total Y.T.D. Fees Collected- \$ 34,454.75

Fire Marshal Investigations- 14

Injuries FF -0

Civilian- 0

Total Part time employees- 35

Volunteer FF- 5 Administrative- 4 Recruits-4

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Incidents:

4/10- Building fire 600 Lakevue Dr.

4/21- Shed fire 3155 Davisville 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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SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Emergency Response Workgroup

Tabletop Exercise

This tabletop exercise will include two operational periods during which a highly challenging but simulated incident - involving hazardous materials, fire, mass casualties, evacuations, etc. - will need to be managed by a regional unified command and supporting and coordinating entities.



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Regional Task Force

Registration

Registration for this exercise is **required** and space is limited. To register, visit

<https://forms.office.com/r/4Amnr5UeT7> before April 10th at 12:00 p.m.

All registrations are subject to vetting and verification by Task Force representatives.

EVENT DETAILS

APRIL 30, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

1175 CONSHOHOCKEN ROAD
CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428



In its commitment to continue to enhance emergency preparedness, the Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Regional Task Force (RTF) is sponsoring this Tabletop Exercise (TTX). The exercise is intended to further improve the Region's preparedness and coordination for incident response involving fire suppression, hazardous materials (HazMat), urban search and rescue (US&R), and emergency medical services, including local, State, Federal, and contract partners.

The SEPA RTF's Emergency Response Workgroup and other coordinating agencies recognize that a large-scale incident will require coordination of multiple response agencies to address life safety and property protective operations. The purpose of this TTX is to further enhance and refine plans by identifying improvement opportunities for SEPA RTF partners and stakeholders in their effort to effectively and efficiently respond to and recover from large-scale incidents.

April 2025 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

Emergency Activity Summary		
Response Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Fire Related:	67	294
In-Township:	78	296
Assist Other Depts:	10	64
Assist PA Turnpike:	2	17
EMS Related:	23	60
Total Responses:	90	377
* Ignition Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Structure:	1	9
Non-Structure:	4	27
Causes		
Accidental:	5	36
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Fire:	5	36
Rescue:	1	3
Haz Mat:	0	1
Structural Response Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Average Response Time:	3:00	3:02
Total Responses	90	377

* Includes Assist to Other Townships

Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary		
Permit Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Fire Code:	40	83
Tank Removal:	1	4
Tank Installation:	1	3
Other:	1	5
Inspection Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	?	63
Fire Marshal Investigations:	14	58
Fee Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$10,295.00	\$25,180.00
Turnpike:	\$2,125.00	\$4,600.00
PA Recovery:	\$1,644.50	\$4,674.75
Total:	\$14,064.50	\$34,454.75
2024 - YTD	\$12,035.00	\$33,032.75
Public Education Summary		
	April	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	5	14
Persons Attending:	Multiple	Multiple
Safety Analysis		
	April	Year to Date
Firefighter Injuries:	0	0
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0
Civilian Injuries:	0	0
Civilian Deaths:	0	0
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0

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Emergency Management:

Participated in Southeastern Pennsylvania Emergency Response
Tabletop Exercise at Montco Fire Academy.

Participated in Montgomery County monthly meeting

Participated in Eastern Montgomery County EM meeting

June Fete Planning Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief/EMC

Upper Moreland Township

Second Alarmers Snapshot

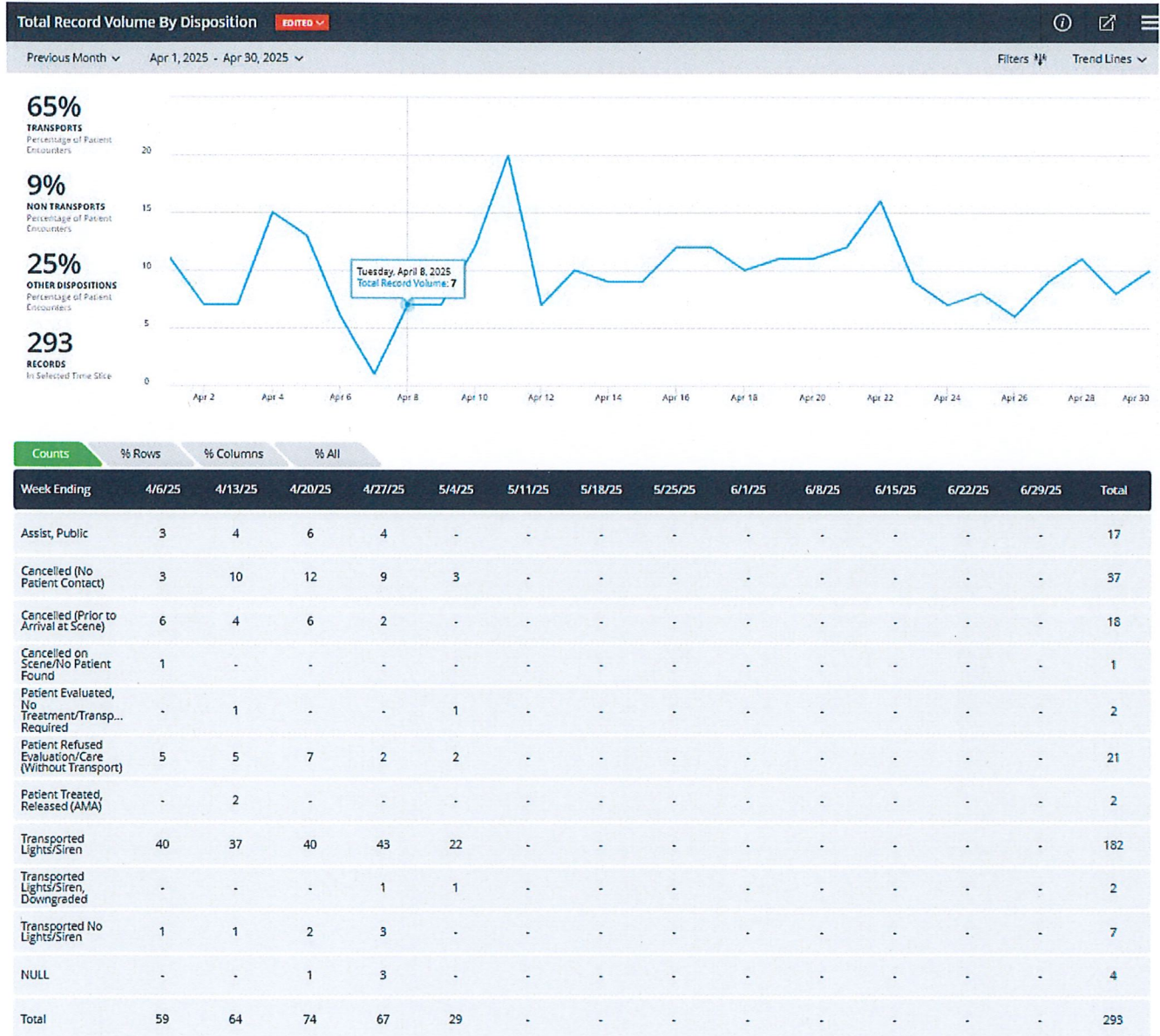
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May 2025



Calls for service in Upper Moreland in:

April 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.

April detail staffing:

Date	BLS/ALS	Detail – Career or Volunteer
26 th	BLS	Pennypack 5K - Career
26 th	ALS	Legacy 5K - Career

April 2025 Naloxone Administration Report- Upper Moreland



April Staffing Report:

ALSALS Full Staffing = 3240

April 2025

April 2024

ALS Actual Staffing = 3153 hours

ALS Actual Staffing = 3100 hours

Downgrade to BLS staffing = 75 hours

Downgrade to BLS staffing = 77 hours

Downgrade to no status = 12 hours

Downgrade to no status = 63 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 2025-26 fund drive has started. Email reminders were sent out the week of April 28th and print mailings will go out the last week in May. Residents can visit our website www.sars.org for more information.
- SARS next EMT class will be starting June 24th. Please visit our website www.sars.org for more 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.

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Township Solicitor

Agenda Summary

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting – May 12, 2025

Agenda Item:	Authorization to Advertise Ordinance #XXXX - Huntingdon Road Speed Limit Change
Prepared by:	Police Chief Scott Bendig
Attachments:	N/A
Background/Analysis:	In October 2024, concerns were raised regarding vehicles exceeding the posted 35 MPH speed limit on Huntingdon Road. The concerns were investigated by the Upper Moreland Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit, which determined that the 85th percentile speed was 33.91 MPH and minimal traffic crashes occurred on the roadway. Traffic calming initiatives were explored and initiated to mitigate residents' concerns. At this time, concerns still exist due to the overall narrowness and topography of the roadway. The Pennsylvania motor vehicle code permits the speed limit of Huntingdon Road to be reduced to 25 MPH, as it is considered a residential roadway.
Fiscal Impact/Source:	None
Alternatives:	Maintain the current ordained speed limit.
Recommendation Action:	The Board of Commissioners, at the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting, authorize Township Solicitor to advertise an Ordinance.

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