

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP

Committees Meeting Agenda

June 16, 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 – May 12, 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. Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue Four-Way Stop Sign Request (attachment).

B. Nuisance Ordinance (attachment).

C. Submission of State Fire Commissioner Grant Application (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. Absent: SARS Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present: Patrick T. Stasio, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only:**

Mark Morris, Magnolia Avenue, proposed a stop sign for the east and west direction at the corner of Magnolia Avenue and Parkside Avenue. Police Traffic Safety Officer, Andrew Meisner, has been instrumental in helping to understand the process. Reviewed supporting statistics from a completed traffic survey and PennDOT does not recommend a stop sign. Mr. Morris presented additional data to the Commissioners, which included a petition circulated and signed by 40 residents, noted that former Commissioner Kevin Spearing petitioned for a stop sign, shared that as a homeowner for over 10 years, he has experienced an increase in cut-through traffic, speeding, hit-and-run incidents with his car, and multiple accidents at the intersection. Mr. Morris expressed that he is committed to working on a resolution and requested the Commissioners' support.

  - Commissioner McFatridge and Commissioner Olszewski commented serious concern and support.
  - Police Chief Scott Bendig will provide a follow up at a future Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2025:**

The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – April 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, community events, and speed studies included in the report.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services – Fire Chief Glassman discussed the following:
    - Statistics and details from fire calls, fees, significant incidents, participation in trainings, meetings, and community events included in the report.



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May 12, 2025 - Meeting Minutes**

C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad – A report was included in the meeting book and there is nothing further to discuss.

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

VII. **New Business:**

**Authorization to advertise** Ordinance #XXXX - Huntingdon Road Speed Limit Change – Police Chief Bendig discussed the following:

- Late in 2024, concerns were raised about speed on Huntingdon Road, which is currently posted at 35 mph.
- Conducted speed studies, initiated traffic calming alternatives and recommending to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

VIII. **Other Items** – Mr. Stasio discussed the following:

Complaints were received from residents about athletic field lights shining into homes during Little League games. Mr. Stasio has contacted the Little League and is continuing to work on a solution.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Lockard thanked Mr. Stasio and the Police Department for working on plans to secure the June Fete Fair.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

# UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Monthly Report



May 2025





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



<b>Total Calls for Service:</b>		<b>1,931</b>
<b>Top 10 Calls for Service:</b>	1. Traffic Stop - Warning:	435
	2. Medical Emergency:	208
	3. Service Call:	156
	4. Suspicious Circumstances:	126
	5. Traffic Stop - Citation:	118
	6. Unfounded Alarms - Billable:	68
	7. Supplementals/Follow Ups:	62
	8. Assist Other Agencies:	62
	9. Motor Vehicle Accident - Non-Reportable:	46
	10. Traffic Stop - Directed Patrol:	45
<b>Average Time per Call:</b>		<b>28.3 minutes</b>
<b>Average Response Time:</b>		<b>4.369 minutes</b>
<b>Crime Data:</b>	Total Crimes:	89
	Total Part I Crimes:	34
	Total Part II Crimes:	55
	Total Criminal Arrests:	46
<b>Crash Data:</b>	Total Crashes:	75
	Reportable Crashes:	14
	Non Reportable Crashes:	61
	Injuries:	9
<b>Traffic Enforcement Activities:</b>	Traffic Stops:	626
	Traffic Citations:	202
	Warning Notices:	489
	Bus Patrol Violations:	271
	Parking Violations:	21
	Selective Enforcements:	194
	MCSAP Inspections:	0
	Traffic Complaints Received:	38
<b>Other Police Related</b>	Canine Unit Calls for Service:	6
	SWAT-East Region Calls for Service:	1
	Police Department Training Hours:	1,012.50
	Unhoused Contacts (to include Lobby contacts):	33
	Court Appearances:	129
	Business Checks:	410
	Directed Patrols:	228
	Vacant Home Checks:	25



**Upper Moreland Police  
May 2025 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,931 calls for service in May 2025. The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in May 2025, to include:

- One Rape
- Eight Assaults
- 21 Thefts
- Three Auto Thefts
- One Arson

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

- 15 Frauds
- Seven Vandalism
- Five Drug Offenses
- Nine DUIs
- Two Public Drunkenness
- One Disorderly Conduct
- 16 All Other Crimes Code Violations

**Notable Investigations**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT:**

In January of 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division initiated an investigation as a result of a Childline Report. The juvenile victim disclosed that their grandfather was engaging in sex acts with her. This juvenile victim had recently given birth to a child. This investigation involved numerous interviews with the involved parties, the collection of forensic evidence, and DNA analysis. The investigation found that the offender fathered the victim's child. In May of 2025, the offender was charged and arrested on multiple felony charges to include rape of a child, statutory sexual assault, indecent assault, and other related offenses.

**INDECENT ASSAULT:**

In April of 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division initiated an investigation after receiving a report from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office concerning an indecent assault that occurred in March of 2025 at a business within the township. The incident was investigated, and charges were filed against a licensed service provider who reportedly groped the breast of a client while providing a massage.



**Upper Moreland Police  
May 2025 Monthly Report**

**INDECENT ASSAULT:**

In March of 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division initiated an indecent assault investigation of a health care worker by a patient within a facility within the Township. This incident was investigated through numerous interviews. It was found that a patient had unwanted physical contact with the victim as she was attempting to provide services to the offender. The investigation concluded with the offender being charged with indecent assault.

**AGGREGATED ASSAULT:**

On May 31, 2025, officers responded to a 911 call for a disturbance at the Willow Grove Shopping Center. A subject armed with a knife had fled the scene in a vehicle after assaulting an individual. Responding officers were able to locate the vehicle involved as it fled the shopping center. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but it fled from the officers. Officers investigated the incident and were able to identify the subject. The subject's vehicle was located at a residence in Cheltenham Township. When officers attempted to speak with the subject within this residence, he barricaded himself within the residence. This resulted in the activation of the regional SWAT Team. The subject was negotiated into a surrender. He was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and weapon offenses.

**Patrol Division**

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures:

- 646 Vehicle Investigations
- 61 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 141 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 18 Parking Citations / 3 Parking Warnings
- 33 Unhoused/Homeless Contacts (to include lobby contacts)
- Nine DUI Arrests

**Traffic and Highway Safety Unit**

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

- 162 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 55 Citations Issued
- 113 Warnings Issued
- 271 Bus Patrol Violations
- 4 Abandoned Vehicle Investigations

**Upper Moreland Police  
May 2025 Monthly Report**

**Criminal Investigations Division**

The Detective Bureau opened the following 32 new investigations in May 2025, to include:

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| • ChildLine Investigations  | 9 |
| • Other Investigations      | 6 |
| • Assault Investigations    | 4 |
| • Auto Theft Investigations | 2 |
| • Fire Investigations       | 2 |
| • Firearm Investigations    | 1 |
| • Burglary Investigations   | 1 |
| • Drug Investigation        | 1 |

**Department Training**

During May, department personnel attended 1012.5 hours of training, including:

- Less Lethal Qualifications – 304 hours
- New Officer Orientation Training – 160 hours
- Force Science Body Worn Camera Training – 32 hours
- Interview and Interrogation Training – 22 hours
- Taser Instructor Training – 16 hours
- Field Training Officer Training – 8 hours

**Canine Unit Monthly Report**

On May 1, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus conducted a canine demonstration for station visitors.

From May 5, 2025, to May 11, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted with explosives detection searches at the PGA Truist event in Whitemarsh Township.

On May 11, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus participated in a community event at Soul Performance Products.

On May 15, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus conducted a presentation for the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology Veterinary Technician Program.

On May 24, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus participated in a community event at a block party on Fern Avenue.

**Commendations**

On May 5, 2025, an email was received from Chief Pat Molloy of the Abington Township Police Department thanking officers for their assistance with an incident related to an Abington investigation.



**Upper Moreland Police  
May 2025 Monthly Report**

On May 5, 2025, a letter was received from Elles Eysbroek thanking Officer Snyder for his professionalism and assistance after a recent call for service.

On May 7, 2025, an email was received from Hillary Yoder thanking members of the Traffic Safety Unit for handling a traffic safety concern in her neighborhood.

On May 8, 2025, an email was received from Greg Durphy thanking Officer Sokolis for handling a traffic safety concern in her neighborhood.

On May 12, 2025, an email was received from Jackie Rosenbaum thanking the Traffic Safety Unit for handling a traffic safety concern in her neighborhood.

On May 16, 2025, an email was received from Chief Chris Ward of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department thanking Officer Snyder and canine Maximus for their assistance with a recent event in their municipality.

On May 16, 2025, an email was received from Victoria Meliodon thanking Officer Hens for his assistance after a recent medical call.

On May 16, 2025, a letter was received from Chief John Slavin of the Cheltenham Township Police Department thanking Officer Snyder and canine Maximus for their assistance with a recent bomb threat in their municipality.

On May 26, 2025, a note was received from Queen of Angels school student Luke Ellison thanking officers for their assistance in crossing students on Easton Road during the school year.

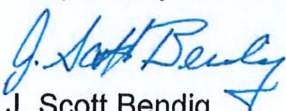
**Upcoming Events**

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



May 2025

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief



Upper Moreland Fire  
Monthly Report  
May 2025

Fire Calls – 71

EMS QRS calls- 20

Total calls - 91      Yearly total- 468

Fire Permit Inspections Completed – 23 YTD- 86

Fire Permit Inspection – \$ 3770.00

Yearly Permit Fees Collected- \$ 28,950.00

Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 900.00

Yearly Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 5500.00

PA Recovery \$ 552.50

Yearly PA Recovery \$ 5227.25

Total Y.T.D. Fees Collected- \$ 39,677.25

Fire Marshal Investigations- 14

Injuries FF -0

Civilian- 0

Total Part time employees- 35

Volunteer FF- 8    Administrative- 4    Recruits-

Upper Moreland Fire  
Monthly Report  
May 2025

**Incidents:**

**4- smoke detectors installed**

**Community Oriented Fire Department Monthly Activities**

5 events people 120

Girl Scout Troop Visit

**Fire Service Training Hours**

30 personnel for 275 hours



Upper Moreland Fire  
Monthly Report  
May 2025



## Recruit Graduation for 4 new Firefighters

Alfredo Oliveira  
Laura Norris  
Anthony Trofe  
Natasha Fable

A donation was made to the Huntingdon Valley Library

May 22, 2025

Dear Captain Fugelo,

I am writing to thank you for loaning your extinguisher training prop to Rich Worthington of Lower Moreland Township to use in our staff training. It was very effective to learn how heavy extinguishers are and the correct way to use them.

Sincerely, Pam Dull, Director  
and Staff of HV Library



Upper Moreland Fire  
Monthly Report  
May 2025

**Emergency Management:**

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

## May 2025 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

<i>Emergency Activity Summary</i>		
Response Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Fire Related:	71	365
In-Township:	68	364
Assist Other Depts:	15	79
Assist PA Turnpike:	8	25
EMS Related:	20	80
Total Responses:	91	468
* Ignition Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Structure:	3	12
Non-Structure:	4	31
Causes		
Accidental:	7	43
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Fire:	7	43
Rescue:	4	7
Haz Mat:	0	1
Structural Response Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Average Response Time:	4:00	3:13
Total Responses	91	468

\* Includes Assist to Other Townships

<i>Permit, Inspection, Fee &amp; Public Education Summary</i>		
Permit Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Fire Code:	10	93
Tank Removal:	2	6
Tank Installation:	3	6
Other:	0	5
Inspection Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	23	86
Fire Marshal Investigations:	14	72
Fee Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$3,770.00	\$28,950.00
Turnpike:	\$900.00	\$5,500.00
PA Recovery:	\$552.50	\$5,227.25
Total:	\$5,222.50	\$39,677.25
2024 - YTD	\$7,040.00	\$40,072.75
Public Education Summary		
	May	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	5	19
Persons Attending:	Multiple	Multiple
Safety Analysis		
	May	Year to Date
Firefighter Injuries:	0	0
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0
Civilian Injuries:	0	0
Civilian Deaths:	0	0
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0



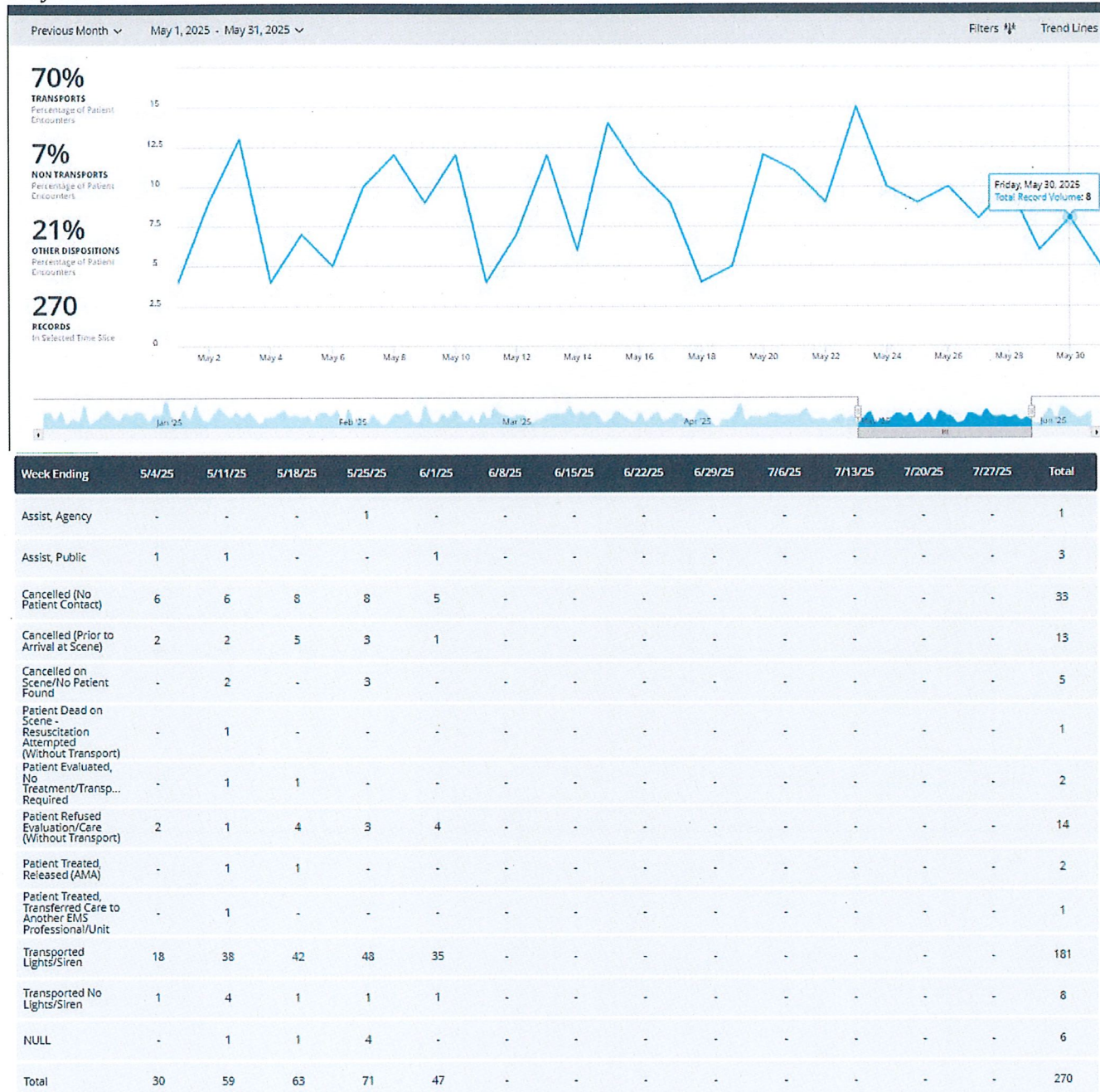
# Second Alarmers Snapshot



## Upper Moreland Township

June 2025

Calls for service in Upper Moreland in:  
May 2025

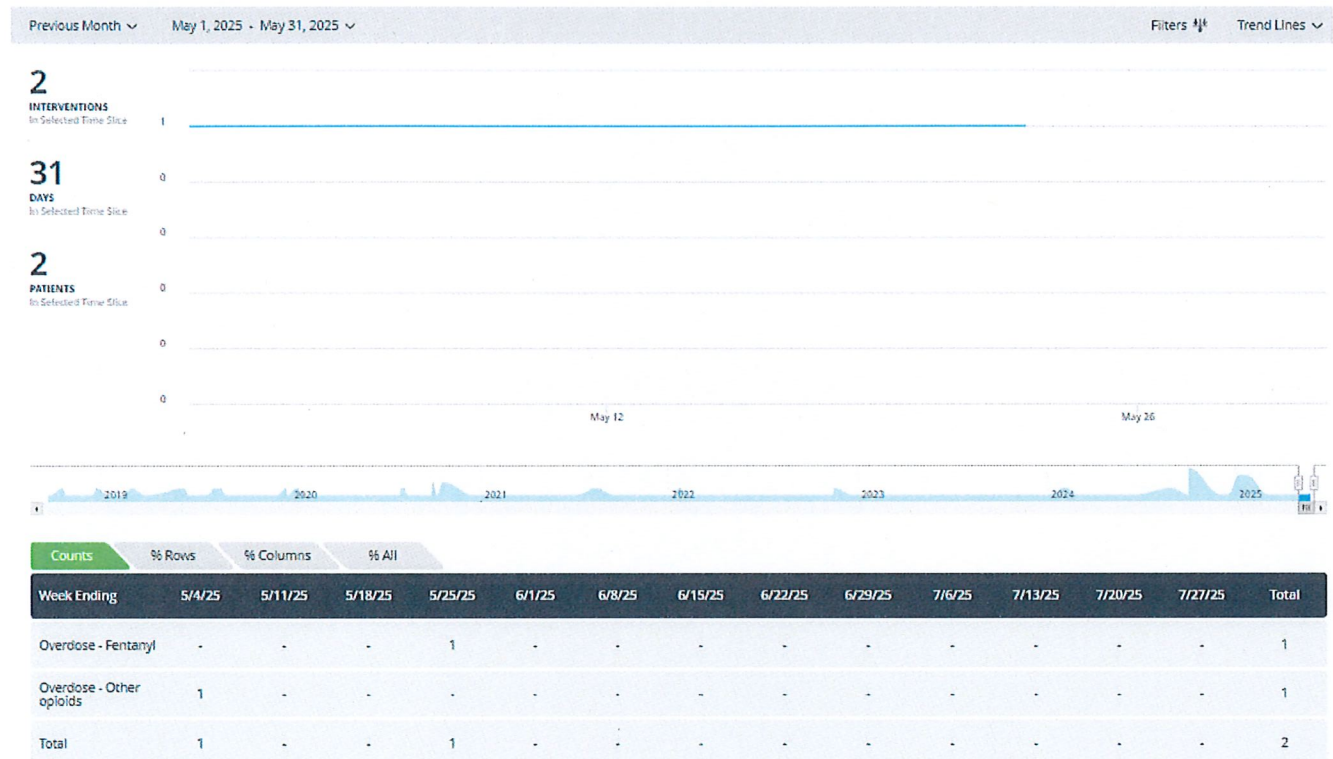


\*Note ESO is not currently showing an accurate reflection of transport mode so the number of transports using lights and sirens and the number not using lights and sirens are not accurate.

## May detail staffing:

Date	BLS/ALS	DETAILS (Volunteer or Career)
5-1	Duty Crew	Crooked Billit Day / 5-2 Senior Fair (Career)
5-4	BLS	Freedom Steps (Volunteer)
5-9	ALS	Penn State Graduation (Career)
5-15	BLS	MCCC Graduation (Career)
5-17	ALS	Hatboro Community Day (No Coverage)
5-18	Duty Crew	5-17 Goodstuff Festival
5-31	ALS	Abington Triathlon (Career)

## May 2025 Naloxone Administration Report- Upper Moreland



## May Staffing Report:

ALSALS Full Staffing = 3348

May 2025

May 2024

ALS Actual Staffing = 2923 hours	ALS Actual Staffing = 3128 hours
Downgrade to BLS staffing = 325 hours	Downgrade to BLS staffing = 196 hours
Downgrade to no status = 100 hours	Downgrade to no status = 24 hours



### Notable news:

- SARS currently has 6 full-time positions open, and we are looking to increase our per-diem staffing as well. This is reflective of the regional EMS provider shortage. It continues to become harder and harder to recruit and retain EMS providers as many are leaving the field for better paying occupations.
- SARS plans to take delivery of our next new ambulance sometime in August or September.
- SARS next EMT class will be starting June 24<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website [www.sars.org](http://www.sars.org) for more information
- SARS asks that as many area residents as possible contact their state representative and urge them to support House Bill 1152 which provides for patient protection, direct payment to EMS, and a state regulated fee schedule for 911 EMS response.

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## Agenda Summary

### Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting – June 16, 2025

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue Four-Way Stop Sign Request</b>
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Police Chief Scott Bendig
<b>Attachments:</b>	None
<b>Background/Analysis:</b>	At the May 12, 2025, Public Health and Safety Meeting, a request was made to install a four-way stop sign at Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue. This proposal was investigated by the police department's Traffic Safety Unit for consideration. Based upon a recent speed study and available crash data, the placement of a four-way stop sign at the intersection does not meet PennDOT's warrant standards. At this time, the police department does not recommend the installation of a four-way stop sign at Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.
<b>Fiscal Impact/Source:</b>	None
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Approve the installation of a four-way stop sign at Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.
<b>Recommendation Action:</b>	The police department does not recommend the installation of a four-way stop sign at Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.

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## Agenda Summary Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting – June 16, 2025

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Nuisance Ordinance Discussion</b>
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Police Chief Scott Bendig
<b>Attachments:</b>	None
<b>Background/Analysis:</b>	<p>In April 2025, a request was made to investigate the feasibility of a public nuisance ordinance similar to those enacted in other Pennsylvania communities. A township official of a Pennsylvania municipality with a similar ordinance was consulted for further explanation. It was determined that this ordinance is primarily used in this community to address police responses to nuisances involving rental properties. Additionally, the Township's solicitor was asked to review the concept of a nuisance law. Our solicitor's office has presented the option of exploring the expansion of the nuisance definition under Chapter 223 of the Code of the Township of Upper Moreland.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact/Source:</b>	None
<b>Alternatives:</b>	<p>Available alternatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move toward crafting a public nuisance ordinance.</li><li>• Explore the expansion of the nuisance definition under Chapter 223 of the Code of the Township of Upper Moreland.</li><li>• Take no further action.</li></ul>
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	Further discussion regarding the preferred alternative amongst the Committee.



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### Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting – June 16, 2025

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Submission of State Fire Commissioner Grant</b>
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Chief Ed Glassman
<b>Attachments:</b>	N/A
<b>Background/Analysis:</b>	The Office of the State Fire Commissioner has announced a grant for career fire companies only. We would like to apply for upgrades to complete our building projects that have been started with ARPA funding. If awarded we will complete the project. This grant includes new flooring, HVAC, gear washer and IT upgrades for training.
<b>Fiscal Impact/Source:</b>	None. There are no matching funds required.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Township funding
<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>	The Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of the State Fire Commissioner Grant application at their Regular Meeting on July 7, 2025.

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