

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
July 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 – June 16, 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. Ordinance Amendment-Turnpike Drive-Parking Prohibitions (attachment)
- B. FEMA Grant Application (attachment)
- C. Consider the cancellation of the August 18, 2025 Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

IX. Other Items

X. Commissioner Comments

XI. Adjournment

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Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Anthony Benvenutti, 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 Benvenutti. Fire Chief Glassman, Police Chief Bendig. Absent: SARS Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present: Patrick T. Stasio, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2025:**
The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – May 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, commendations and thank you letters included in the report.
 - Teen Driver Safety Seminar will be held on June 17th and June 24th at 6 p.m.
 - Junior Police Academy will be held July 30-31 at Pileggi Park, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is through the Parks and Recreation Department website.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services – Fire Chief Glassman discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details from services, fees, significant incidents, participation in meetings, and community events included in the report.
 - Thanked the Police Department and Township staff for work at the June Fete event.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad – A report is included in the meeting book and nothing further to discuss.
- VI. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.
- VII. **New Business:**
 - A. Parkside Avenue and Magnolia Avenue Four-Way Stop Sign Request – Chief Bendig reviewed the following:
 - Based upon a recent speed study and crash data, the placement of a Stop sign at the intersection does not meet PennDOT's warranted standards. At this time, there is no recommendation to install a four-way Stop sign.
 - Officer Andrew Misner explained level one measures that include lining the roadway,

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painting the roadway, and parking spaces off to the side which makes the roadway narrower. Level two measures include speed bumps or adding chicanes. Summarized findings from the traffic study and a request to install Stop signs.

- The Committee recommends no action by the Board of Commissioners.
- B. Nuisance Ordinance – Chief Bendig discussed the following:
 - Upon request made in April, investigated the feasibility of a public nuisance ordinance similar to those enacted in other Pennsylvania communities. Mr. Kilkenny reviewed the concept of a nuisance law and presented the option of exploring the expansion of the nuisance definition under Chapter 223 of the Code. There are several alternatives for the Board of Commissioners to discuss and determine as appropriate.
 - Mr. Kilkenny recommended exercising careful consideration with enacting the restriction of rights.
 - Chief Bendig monitors complaints in the community, and found that they are not specific to location, the Police are handling issues appropriately, and he will continue assessing concerns to address at a later time.
- The Committee recommends no action by the Board of Commissioners.
- C. Submission of State Fire Commissioner Grant Application – Chief Glassman discussed the following:
 - The grant is offered to career-only fire departments and requires no matching funds. An application for \$78,000 will be submitted for upgrades to complete building projects that include flooring on the second floor of the south building, HVAC in the north building, a gear washer, and IT upgrades. ARPA funds were also secured. If awarded, two buildings will have been renovated using almost no Township funding.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

The Committee thanked Township staff, Police and Fire Departments, and Abington Hospital for coordinating services and work on the June Fete event.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



June 2025



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POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Activity Summary June 2025



Total Calls for Service:		1,858
Top 10 Calls for Service:	1. Traffic Stop - Warning:	284
	2. Medical Emergency:	212
	3. Service Call:	154
	4. Suspicious Circumstances:	133
	5. Hazardous Condition:	100
	6. Unfounded Alarms - Billable:	74
	7. Supplementals/Follow Ups:	74
	8. Traffic Stop - Citation:	59
	9. Traffic & Parking Problems:	54
	10. Assist Other Agencies:	51
Average Time per Call:		35.656 minutes
Average Response Time:		5.646 minutes
Crime Data:	Total Crimes:	108
	Total Part I Crimes:	51
	Total Part II Crimes:	57
	Total Criminal Arrests:	59
Crash Data:	Total Crashes:	93
	Reportable Crashes:	21
	Non Reportable Crashes:	72
	Injuries:	20
Traffic Enforcement Activities:	Traffic Stops:	358
	Traffic Citations:	105
	Warning Notices:	298
	Bus Patrol Violations:	135
	Parking Violations:	7
	Selective Enforcements:	66
	MCSAP Inspections:	6
	Traffic Complaints Received:	54
Other Police Related	Canine Unit Calls for Service:	6
	SWAT-East Region Calls for Service:	3
	Police Department Training Hours:	1,275.50
	Unhoused Contacts (to include Lobby contacts):	9
	Court Appearances:	130
	Business Checks:	267
	Directed Patrols:	139
	Vacant Home Checks:	8

**Upper Moreland Police
June 2025 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1858 calls for service in June 2025. The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by the police department in June 2025, to include:

- One Rape
- One Burglary
- Three Auto Thefts
- 10 Assaults
- 36 Thefts

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

- One Forgery
- One Weapons Offense
- One Sex Offense
- Two Disorderly Conduct
- Three Public Drunkenness
- Three Vandalism
- Five Drug Offenses
- 11 DUI Arrests
- 11 Frauds
- 19 All Other Crimes Code Violations

MISSING JUVENILE-ENDANGERED:

On Thursday, June 5, 2025, officers were contacted by the Family Protection Unit of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office regarding a missing juvenile victim and her infant child. The missing juvenile victim and child had been in the care and custody of the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth at a shelter in York County. This care arrangement was in reference to an ongoing criminal case that originated in Upper Moreland Township. Members of the Criminal Investigations Division were able to track the whereabouts of the missing juvenile victim to Pottstown. The missing juvenile victim was located and detained by the Pottstown Police Department, but the missing infant was not with her. The juvenile victim was turned over to the care of the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth. Further investigation resulted in the locating of the missing infant child in the care of an adult associate of the juvenile victim. The infant child was turned over to officers and was placed with a foster family through the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth.

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MISSING JUVENILE-SEXUAL ASSAULT ARREST:

On June 12, 2025, a Philadelphia resident was arrested and charged with involuntary deviant sexual intercourse, unlawful contact with a minor, and related offenses. On May 28, 2025, an investigation was initiated into a missing juvenile from a residence in Upper Moreland Township. Information was developed that the missing juvenile was in the company of an adult homeless male who was engaging in a sexual relationship with the juvenile. The Criminal Investigations Division located the juvenile in North Philadelphia and returned her to her home. An investigation was then initiated into the reported unlawful sexual contact between the two subjects. Crime scenes were identified, located, and secured as part of the investigation and forensically processed. Additional evidence was found of the sexual contact after the offender's cell phone was forensically downloaded. An arrest warrant was obtained for the offender. Information was received indicating that the wanted offender was attempting to meet with another juvenile in North Wales, PA. Officers initiated surveillance of the offender's home, subsequently locating and arresting him in a boarding home in Philadelphia.

ASSIST ANOTHER-DESPONDENT SUBJECT:

On June 16, 2025, officers responded to a residence in the township for a subject on the roof of a home threatening to jump. Upon arrival, officers observed a despondent subject sitting on the edge of the roof approximately twenty (20) feet from the ground. Officers were directed to a bedroom in the residence where the subject had gained access to the roof. Officers and personnel from Second Alarmers Rescue Squad initiated a conversation with the subject, additionally positioning themselves to be ready to attempt to grab the subject if she tried to injure herself. When presented with an opportunity, personnel grabbed the subject and pulled her to safety into the bedroom through the window. The subject was placed into protective custody and transported to Abington Memorial Hospital for a medical and mental health evaluation.

FIREARMS VIOLATION:

On June 18, 2025, officers conducted a traffic stop of a red Acura on Maryland Road for registration and inspection violations. Officers approached the vehicle and spoke with the operator and sole occupant. Officers noted the operator's nervous behavior and marijuana residue on the rear seat of the vehicle. Officers requested written consent to search the vehicle, which was granted. A search of the vehicle was initiated, resulting in the recovery of a loaded stolen semiautomatic firearm in a void directly under the steering wheel. The operator was taken into custody and charged with firearms violations and related offenses.

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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division conducted the following proactive measures, to include:

- 388 Vehicle Investigations
- 26 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 79 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 6 Parking Citations / 1 Parking Warnings
- Nine Unhoused/Homeless Contacts (to include lobby contacts)
- 11 DUI Arrests

Traffic and Highway Safety Unit

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

- 67 Traffic Stops/Motor Vehicle Investigations
- 32 Citations Issued
- 49 Warnings Issued
- 135 Bus Patrol Violations
- Six Motor Carrier Inspections

Criminal Investigations Division

The Detective Bureau opened the following 40 new investigations in June 2025, to include:

• Theft from Auto	12
• Assist Other Agencies	4
• Sexual Assaults	3
• ChildLine Investigations	3
• Firearms Investigations	3
• Death Investigations	2
• Drug Investigations	2
• Burglary Investigations	1
• Other Investigations	10

Department Training

During June, department personnel attended 1275.5 hours of training, to include:

- Less Lethal Taser Training – 288 hours
- New Officer Orientation Training – 736 hours
- Interviewing and Interrogation Training – 20 hours

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Canine Unit Monthly Report

On June 6, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted the Pennsylvania State Police with a track after subjects had fled from a stolen vehicle.

On June 8, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus assisted the Horsham Township Police Department with a subject who had fled a home after the commission of a burglary.

On June 19, 2025, Officer Snyder and canine Maximus conducted a demonstration for attendees of the Upper Dublin Junior Police Academy.

Commendations

On June 11, 2025, an email was received from an A. McNamee commending officers for their professionalism when speaking with a 1st Amendment auditor.

On June 12, 2025, an email was received from Chief Darren Morgan of the Marlborough Township Police Department thanking officers for their assistance with a recent critical incident in their municipality.

On June 16, 2025, a card was received from Darryl Hasen thanking Officer Gershanick for locating the vehicle that struck their parked vehicle in front of their home.

On June 20, 2025, an email was received from Deb Gates, June Fete Grounds Chair, thanking departmental personnel for their collaboration with the committee over the past year in planning and executing a fun and successful June Fete Fair.

Upcoming Events

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

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



June 2025

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire
Monthly Report
June 2025

Fire Calls – 116

EMS QRS calls- 21

Total calls - 137 Yearly total- 605

Fire Permit Inspections Completed – 30 YTD- 123

Fire Permit Inspection – \$ 9615.00

Yearly Permit Fees Collected- \$ 38,565.00

Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 2250.00

Yearly Turnpike Fees Collected- \$ 7750.00

PA Recovery \$ 212.50

Yearly PA Recovery \$ 5439.75

Total Y.T.D. Fees Collected- \$ 51,754.75

Fire Marshal Investigations- 16

Injuries FF -0

Civilian- 0

Total Part time employees- 35

Volunteer FF- 8 Administrative- 4 Recruits-

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Incidents:

6/3 Haz mat Chlorine Incident Huntingdon Valley Country Club

6/6 Fatal Car Crash Davisville and Karen Ln.

6/19 Serious wind/rain storm- handled 38 calls in 12 hour period. The first 2 hours 25 calls

6/29 Double Fatal Car Crash PA Turnpike

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

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Emergency Management:

Participated in Montgomery County monthly meeting

Participated in Eastern Montgomery County EM meeting

June Fete Weekend Fair

6/19 EOC Partial Opening for storm

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Glassman

Fire Chief/EMC

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June 2025 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

Emergency Activity Summary		
Response Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Fire Related:	116	481
In-Township:	105	469
Assist Other Depts:	23	102
Assist PA Turnpike:	9	34
EMS Related:	21	101
Total Responses:	137	605
* Ignition Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Structure:	2	14
Non-Structure:	2	33
Causes		
Accidental:	4	47
Intentional:	0	0
Natural:	0	0
Under Investigation:	0	0
* In Service Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Fire:	4	47
Rescue:	2	9
Haz Mat:	1	2
Structural Response Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Average Response Time:	4:26	3:25
Total Responses	137	605

* Includes Assist to Other Townships

Permit, Inspection, Fee & Public Education Summary		
Permit Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Fire Code:	30	123
Tank Removal:	0	6
Tank Installation:	0	6
Other:	2	7
Inspection Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Inspection Reports:	38	124
Fire Marshal Investigations:	16	88
Fee Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Fees Collected:	\$9,615.00	\$38,565.00
Turnpike:	\$2,250.00	\$7,750.00
PA Recovery:	\$212.50	\$5,439.75
Total:	\$12,077.50	\$51,754.75
2024 - YTD	\$16,315.00	\$56,387.75
Public Education Summary		
	June	Year to Date
Activities Conducted:	0	19
Persons Attending:	0	Multiple
Safety Analysis		
	June	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

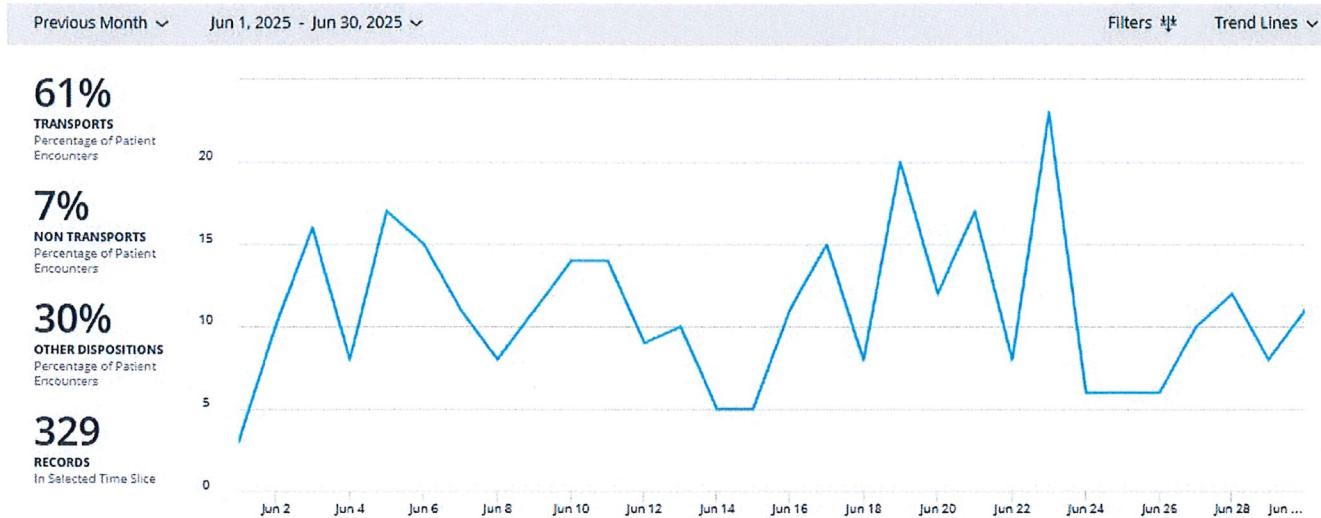


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Calls for service in Upper Moreland in:

June 2025



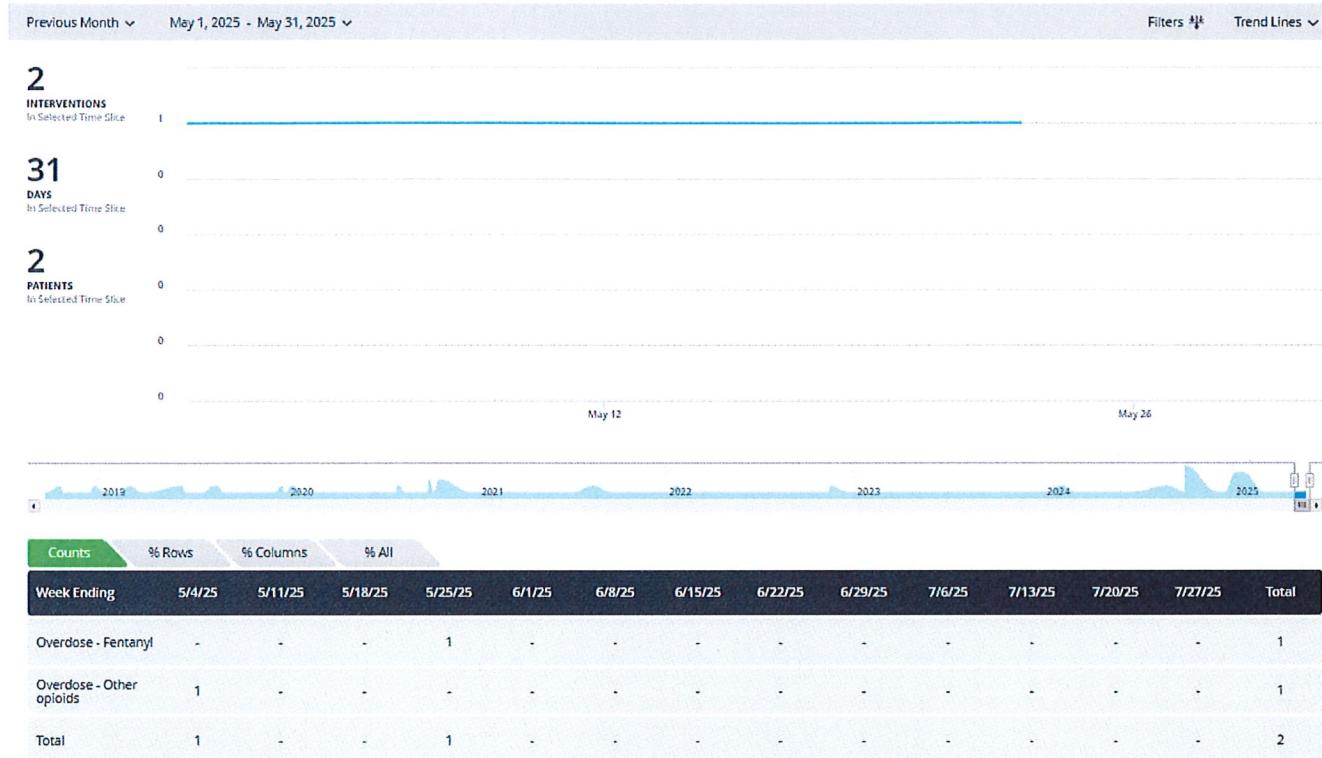
Week Ending	6/1/25	6/8/25	6/15/25	6/22/25	6/29/25	7/6/25	7/13/25	7/20/25	7/27/25	8/3/25	8/10/25	8/17/25	8/24/25	Total
Assist, Public	-	4	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Cancelled (No Patient Contact)	2	10	11	14	17	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)	-	3	1	11	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Cancelled on Scene/No Patient Found	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Treatment Required	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	-	5	5	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Patient Treated, Released (AMA)	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Professional/...	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Transported Lights/Siren	1	52	42	52	38	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	191
Transported No Lights/Siren	-	4	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
NULL	-	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Total	3	85	68	91	71	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	329

*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.

June detail staffing:

DATE	BLS/ALS	DETAILS (Volunteer or Career)
3 rd	ALS	Jenkintown Sunset 5K-Career
6 th -8 th	ALS	June Fete Fair 7 Horse Show-Career
10 th	ALS	U.M. High School Graduation-Career
11 th	BLS	Abington High School Graduation-Career
20 th	BLS	U.D. Cop Camp-Career
21 st	BLS	Line Burn Drill in U.D.-Career

June 2025 Naloxone Administration Report- Upper Moreland



June Staffing Report:

ALSALS Full Staffing = 3240

May 2025

May 2024

ALS Actual Staffing = 2829 hours
 Downgrade to BLS staffing = 227 hours
 Downgrade to no status = 184 hours

ALS Actual Staffing = 3136 hours
 Downgrade to BLS staffing = 97 hours
 Downgrade to no status = 7 hours

Notable news:

- SARS currently has 4 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 EMT class will be started June 24th and currently has 6 students enrolled
- SARS continues to ask 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 – July 21, 2025

Agenda Item: **Ordinance Amendment-Turnpike Drive-Parking Prohibitions**

Prepared by: Police Chief Scott Bendig

Attachments: None

Background/Analysis: On July 7, 2025, a complaint was received concerning vehicles parked along the south side of Turnpike Drive. In its current form, the township ordinance permits the parking of vehicles on this section of Turnpike Drive. Concerns do exist regarding an obstructed sight distance and restricted turning movements for vehicles exiting businesses situated along the south side of Turnpike Drive.

Representatives from affected businesses have expressed support for implementing a parking prohibition extending from the intersection of Turnpike Drive and Davisville Road. They have indicated that such a measure would not negatively impact their operations and would likely enhance overall traffic safety and accessibility.

Fiscal Impact/Source: None

Alternatives: Maintain the current parking prohibitions on Turnpike Drive as currently ordained.

Recommendation Action: The police department recommends that parking be prohibited along the entire length of Turnpike Drive from the intersection of Turnpike Drive and Davisville Road.

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Agenda Summary **Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 21, 2025**

Agenda Item:	FEMA Grant Application for Recruitment of Volunteer Firefighters
Prepared By:	Fire Chief Edward Glassman
Attachments:	N/A
Background/Analysis:	In an effort to attract and retain volunteer firefighters we wish to apply for a \$ 102,000 FEMA grant
Fiscal Impact/Source:	NO impact or matching funds
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommended Action:	The Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of the FEMA Grant application at their Regular Meeting on August 4, 2025.