

Upper Makefield *Township*

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TO: Township Manager
CC: BOS, P&Z, Engineer & Solicitor
FR: John C. Kernan - Chief Fire Marshal FM-272
RE: Monthly Update

Investigations

- Investigating and followed-up on all township-wide fire alarm calls dispatched by Bucks Radio Room
- Reported “Dwelling Fire” Timber Ridge Rd. 9/6 “Accidental” Gas Stove / Grill Smoking
- Reported “Dwelling Fire” Old Cabin Rd. 9/4 “Accidental” Electrica Switch / Water Impingement
- Reported “Dwelling Fire” Old Cabin Rd. – “On-Going Investigation” exterior air conditioner no extension
*NOTE on scene “Destructive Evidence Review” completed 8/21 – “Accidental” Condenser Failure Fire
- Reported “Brush Fire” 8/31 Taylorsville Rd. “Accidental” – Careless Disposal of Smoking Materials
- Reported “Automobile Fire” 9/8 Veterans Cemetery “Accidental” – Engine Overheated
- Reported “Waterflow Alarm” 9/8 Highland Rd. “Accidental” Sprinkler Testing Activation”

Projects / Initiatives / Training

- Developed and distributed “Fire Safety with a Focus on Smoke”” article for Sol Feinstone & Co-Op Nursery, local media, township website, cable channel & homeowner’s associations
- Monitoring Sunoco / Energy Transfer daily reviews of abatement logistics Mt. Eyre Community
- IAAI-CFI Trainer: “Fire Scene Hypothesis & Scene Logistics” 3hrs TESTED
- Cozen O’Connor: “Expert Witness Testimony and Case Preparation ” 3hrs TESTED
- Project: NFPA #1033 Member of Select Committee “Standard for Qualifications for Fire Investigator” two-day Second Draft Meeting 8/18 & 19 COMPLETED
- Preparing and drafting 2025 Fire Prevention Week “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home” programs and presentations for local schools and HOA’s

Inspections & Reviews

- Sol Feinstone School – perimeter egresses and out buildings
- Dominick’s Pizza – review repairs to alarm system pull stations and grease traps
- Energy Transfer equipment staging in Mt. Eyre neighborhood and emergency vehicle egress
- P&Z requested Fire Code Plan Reviews – twelve (12) individual plan reviews conducted
- Washington Crossing Inn – smoke alarms tested and batteries replaced
- Pineapple Hill B&B – out buildings
- Township Public Works buildings
- Colonial Farms – discussed requirements for seasonal satellite parking-lot storage containers
- Ely Pork Products – fire extinguishers need servicing
- House Demolition logistics and utility compliance River Road
- Bowman’s Tavern – exits and egresses / hood cleaning required
- Heritage Hills Development – on-going reviews of fire hydrant testing and maintenance program