

Upper Makefield *Township*

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

Investigations

- Researched and investigated every fire alarm call dispatched by the Bucks County Emergency Radio Room that required a response by the volunteer fire company. These investigations are designed to reduce the number of false fire alarms, increase resident awareness and actions that can be taken to reduce said alarms, as well as to hold the alarm company more responsible to service faulty alarm systems.
- Reported “Wires Burning Inside” Stoneybrook Road, reported odor of something electrical burning investigation determined to be “**Malfunctioning Heater**” and serviced by certified heater contractor.
- Reported “Gas Fumes Outside” Pheasant Run, investigation cause “**Undetermined**”, FM followed up with homeowner again post-event and no further fumes detected.
- Reported “Dwelling Fire” Pine Lane, investigation determined to be “**Careless Cooking**”.
- Reported “gas Fumes Outside” Dunking Drive, investigation cause “**Undetermined**”, FM followed up with homeowner again post-event and no further fumes detected.
- Reported “Fire Investigation” Swayze Avenue “**Incendiary Controlled Burn**” smoke in area *Follow-Up

Projects / Initiatives / Training

- Developed and distributed “Fire Prevention and Safety During the Holiday Season” article for Sol Feinstone & Co-Op Nursery, local media, township website, cable channel & homeowner’s associations
- Monitoring Sunoco / Energy Transfer daily abatement logistics throughout the township
- Continued and ongoing individual classroom presentations for extended Fire Prevention Week activities at Sol Feinstone School
- Updated additional Certified Fire Investigator Training portion of Fire Marshal Curriculum Vitae to Township Manager
- Training: CFI Trainer “Origin and Cause Hypothesis Testing Methods” 3 hours TESTED
- Training: International Code Council 24 CEU hours Explosion Dynamics, Natural Gas Explosions, Arson for Profit, GenAI for Fire Investigators & Fire Affects on the Human Body
- Attending all-day training “Incident Command System” Bucks County Emergency Management Agency in Doylestown, PA 12/10/25

Inspections & Reviews

- Sol Feinstone School egress and emergency exits
- Co-Op Nursey School heater room
- Crossing Church School review monthly fire drill requirements
- Energy Transfer equipment staging and activities throughout the township
- Colonial Farms outdoor parking lot temporary refrigeration storage containers *electrical follow-up
- 1112 Taylorsville Road vacant commercial building requires additional securing against unauthorized entry
- Eleven (11) P&Z Plan Reviews conducted and two (2) reviews on-going pending approval