

Upper Makefield Township

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TO: Township Manager
CC: BOS, Engineer & Solicitor
FR: John C. Kernan - Chief FM-272
RE: Monthly Update April 2021

Investigations

- Open-Burn Timber Knoll; met with homeowner, first incident and explained open burn restrictions
- Open-Burn Woodside Road; met with homeowner, third violation and fine imposed
- Dwelling Explosion & Fire Pineville Road; scene released to homeowner, active litigation and qualifying list of certified experts to attend off-site subrogation destructive evidence reviews
- Excavator Fire Planetree Court 2019; active subrogation litigation, preparing for deposition
- Canal Run West monitoring chimney insert repair and installation
- Investigating and followed up on monthly township-wide central-station fire alarm activations

Projects / Programs / Training

- Home Fire Safety & Prevention E-Programs for Sol Feinstone School students and families, on-going monthly development and distribution
- Initiated and conducting voluntary Fire Safety Reviews at Washington Crossing Historic Park / Delaware Canal State Park buildings in concert with park management and key staff
- Recertified PA Department of License and Inspections "Fire Code Inspector & Plan Examiner"
- Recertified ICC International Code Council "Fire Code Inspector & Plan Examiner"
- "Evidence Preservation and Laboratory Destructive Exams" 4 hours JS/Held LLC
- "Fireworks for Bomb Technicians", "Explosives Mitigation" and "Improvised Explosive Devices from Fireworks" 4 total hours International Association of Bomb Technicians & Investigators
- "Advanced Fire Scene Investigations with Field Potable Technologies" 2 hours Forensic Technology Center for Excellence in Forensic Sciences

False Fire Alarms: None reported since last report

Fire Code Inspections & Reviews

- Traditions development hydrant review, logistics and Community Center
- Grant Thornton LLP
- Washington Crossing Inn; commercial uses, wireless connected smoke alarms / hood cleaning
- Lookout Park
- Brownsburg Park
- Hydrant review and logistics at Dutchess Farm Estates
- Solar Panel review Planetree Court

Exercising and maintaining established safety protocols in response to the current Covid-19 health restrictions and guidelines.