

# Upper Makefield *Township*

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TO: Township Manager  
CC: BOS, P&Z, Engineer & Solicitor  
FR: John C. Kernan IAAI-CFI(V) Chief FM-272  
RE: Monthly Update

## **Investigations:**

- Investigated and following up on all commercial and residential fire-alarm activations both central station and 9-1-1 dispatched townshipwide.
- Beidler Drive reported “Dwelling Fire” contained to oven area, determined to be careless cooking “Accidental”. Coordinated safety inspection and upgrade to electrical panel as a follow up to my investigation.

## **Projects / Programs / Training:**

- “Surge Protector / Extension Cord Fire Safety” developed and distributed to 1000+ Sol Feinstone School and Cooperative Nursery School families and staff.
- Fire Safety Research Institute “Fire Patterns / Fire Behavior in Post Flashover Natural Ventilation” 4 hours TESTED.
- Local media and New Hope News article “Surge Protector / Extension Cord Fire Safety” article developed and distributed township-wide.
- Training IAAI-Certified Fire Investigator “Vacant and Abandoned Buildings: Hazards and Solutions” 4 hours TESTED.
- Training IAAI-Certified Fire Investigator “Critical Thinking for Fire/Arson Investigations” 4 hours TESTED.
- Monitoring recently developed “Solar PV Field Inspection Checklist” for contractors leading to Fire Code and P&Z Approval.
- Working in concert with P&Z to further identify, developed and implement guidelines and enforcement for “Vacant and Abandoned Buildings” township-wide.

## **False Fire Alarms:**

None reported since last report.

## **Fire Code Inspections & Reviews:**

- Plan Review – Revised Sprinkler Drawings Sol Feinstone School
- Sol Feinstone School – on-going inspection punch-list items & “No-Parking Fire Lane” signage
- Plan Review – Taylorsville Road “Roadside Firewood Stand”
- Washinton Crossing Inn
- Plan Review – Woodhill Road Farm Market Addition on-going

- Plan Review – Riverview Avenue “Rooftop Solar PV System”
- Pineapple Hill B&B
- Dunkin Donuts
- Circle-K
- Dominick’s Pizza
- Bowman’s Tavern
- Inn at Bowman’s Hill plan review on-going
- Colonial Farms – renovation inspections
- Monitoring abatement on-going reported “Residential Hoarding” – Eagle Road