



## Trafford Emergency Services

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Trafford Borough Officials,

The following is a brief summary of your Fire Departments activities for **August 2021**. Also, our projected activity for next few months, Public Safety concerns, and other information you should be aware of is included with this "Fire Chiefs Report to Borough Council."

**Fire Department:** Responded to **23** alarms last month; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period.

**EMS Division:** Provided **100** Non-Emergency Medical Transports for Trafford and throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. The proceeds from these transports are used to support the essential services we provide to Trafford; this is your Fire Department's PRIMARY source of revenue.

**Training:** Members participated or completed training last month for the following:

- Review of "STORM Related Emergency Response" procedures and policies for all personnel.

**Fundraising:**

- Second round of Fund Drive letters was mailed out in early August.
- The Fire Department has committed to attempt the "200 Club fundraiser" after being forced to cancel it last year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The event is scheduled for Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>; additional details will be published once finalized.

**General:**

- COVID 19 continues to impact our daily operations; detailed report is included.
- Received a grant from PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$3,250. We used these funds to replace aged wildland firefighting hose and tools, and to purchase additional equipment to increase our wildland firefighting capabilities. The was a 50/50 matching grant which required the fire department to spend over \$3,250 of Department funds to complete this project.

**Next month(s)**

- Halloween Parade and related Events – TBD?
- Preparation for "200 Club" fundraiser (November 13<sup>th</sup>) continues
- Holiday Happenings Parade and related Events (December 4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Fire & Life Safety Concerns:**

Policymakers play a critical role in reducing the risk of fire, electrical, and other life safety hazards for citizens. Actions like enacting and enforcing building codes and carrying out fire inspections are examples of government efforts that have contributed to the reduction in fires and associated losses, particularly in the U.S.

I urge Trafford Council to consider adopting Nationally Recognized Codes such as the International Fire Code: The purpose of building and fire codes is to ensure the quality and safety of commercial and residential building structures. These codes set the minimum requirements to safeguard the occupants of a building, and to protect the building structure from various threats and exposures.

Trafford has numerous buildings and groups of buildings that are uninspected or under inspected and operate virtually unregulated. Many of the processes and products used are hazardous to life and the environment. The International Fire Code (IFC) and Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) offer guidance and regulations authored by industry experts; if adopted and enforced, these tools can help create a safer workplace and protect our citizen and our environment.

The revenue related to the Permits and Processes included with these texts can significantly offset the costs associated with inspections and enforcement. May I remind you that I included several pages with my July 2020 report (over 2 years ago) regarding the Operational Permits available to us should we adopt the International Fire Code.

Trafford may not have ALL of these types of activity in progress today... however; you would be shocked to know just how many of these potentially hazardous processes are already happening in our Borough. The increased level of protection and overall safety of our citizens and first responders should be YOUR first priority.

I continue to offer my assistance and to present these Codes and Programs to Council as they apply to specific hazards in several occupancies in Trafford TODAY, and urge we move swiftly to mitigate some of these hazards.

- For more than a year, I have reported to Borough Officials that vacant or dangerous structures continue to present a hazard to neighboring properties and the general public; however, to date there has been no meeting or conversation between the Fire Chief and Public Officials to address these concerns. Fighting Fires is inherently dangerous in any structure. These dangers are significantly increased when dealing with structures that have sat vacant for several years and may contain weakened structural components. **I continue to offer to work with Council and Code Enforcement to identify and placard these structures to warn Firefighters and the general public. I am again requesting a meeting with the Borough Council decision makers as soon as possible to expedite this process.**
- The fence erected over a year ago (September 2019) on the corner of Third Street & Cavitt Ave is still blocking fire department access to the fire hydrant located in front of this structure.
- The fire department has experienced a significant increase in the number of “tree down over a roadway” alarms. One obvious contributing factor is the general overgrowth of trees and tree limbs that are extending well into the road right of way. I urge Borough Council to make the cutting of tree limbs back from the roadway a priority. It is only a matter of time before one of these tree related incidents severely injures or kills a motorist.

**~ COVID-19 Situation Report (SITREP) is continued on the next page ~**

## COVID-19 Situation Report (SITREP) for: August 2021

### Personnel Status:

One staff member was confirmed positive for Covid. This illness was determined to be “non-work related; however, it did result in lost work time. 3 other family members were also confirmed positive. One remains hospitalized in intensive care in critical condition.

The **COVID-19 Exclusion Area status continues** for all Fire Department areas of the first and third floors – the “**NO VISITOR**” policy remains in effect. Advance notice is requested should Public Works require access to these areas. DPW personnel should be made aware that the personnel working inside these areas may have been exposed to the corona virus – contact tracing is required by PADOH. We also need to sanitize after DPW departs, as we cannot confirm their status prior to their visit.

### Operations:

Our EMS Units transported 100 patients in **August 2021**; none of these patients were confirmed to be Positive for COVID-19 prior to transport.

Breakdown of the total confirmed positive COVID-19 patients transported:

April 2020 - 4 of 148	October 2020 – 1 of 164	April 2021 – 3 of 169
May 2020 - 16 of 166	November 2020 – 4 of 145	May 2021 – 2 of 155
June 2020 - 6 of 173	December – 14 of 159	June 2021 – 0 of 153
July 2020 - 7 of 192	January 2021 – 11 of 156	July 2021 – 0 of 117
August 2020 – 1 of 141	February 2021 – 11 of 151	August 2021 – 0 of 100
September 2020 – 1 of 188	March 2021 – 1 of 157	

### Vehicles / Apparatus:

2 Ambulances are in service (primarily in use for Non-Emergency Medical Transports) – Both ambulances are available to surge into local emergency use if requested by Council or Penn Township EMS – No flex to emergency service is expected in next operational period (**September 2021**).

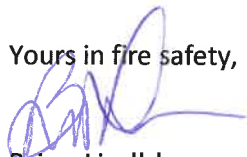
1 Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit is in service **24/7 for 911 Dispatch Emergencies**. This unit currently responds to serious medical emergencies and vehicle accidents within the Borough of Trafford. 3 other Fire Department Vehicles are in service and available.

Decontamination of the Fire Station, our vehicles & equipment, and our personnel during the Covid 19 Pandemic continues. The Coronavirus will obviously impact **Fire/EMS Operations** for the foreseeable future. We have sufficient N95 masks and personal protective equipment for the next several months.

### Critical COVID 19 Related Needs:

None expected in the next operational period.

Yours in fire safety,



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# Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

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## 7-day Metrics | [7-day Percent Change](#)

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Community Transmission	High
Cases	2,139
% Positivity	5.43%
Deaths	18
% Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated	64.8%
New Hospital Admissions	228

# Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

[State Health Department](#)

## 7-day Metrics | [7-day Percent Change](#)

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Community Transmission	High
Cases	715
% Positivity	7.67%
Deaths	11
% Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated	57.1%
New Hospital Admissions	27

# Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

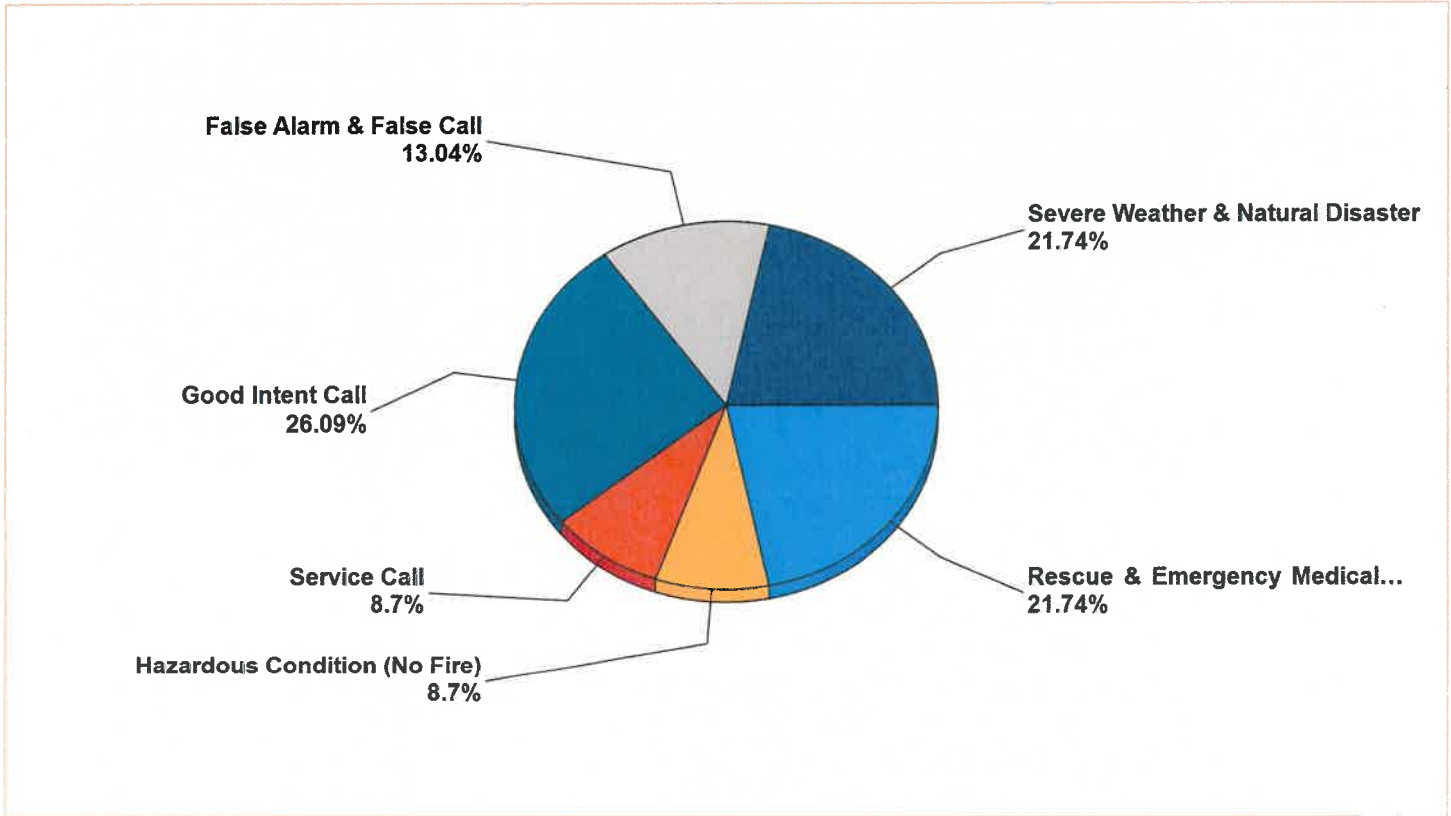
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	5	21.74%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	8.7%
Service Call	2	8.7%
Good Intent Call	6	26.09%
False Alarm & False Call	3	13.04%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5	21.74%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Non-Emergency Medical Transports (August 2021): 100

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.

**Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b># INCIDENTS</b>	<b>% of TOTAL</b>
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	17.39%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	4.35%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	4.35%
444 - Power line down	1	4.35%
511 - Lock-out	1	4.35%
553 - Public service	1	4.35%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	17.39%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	4.35%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	4.35%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	4.35%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	2	8.7%
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	5	21.74%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

Trafford, PA

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## Incident Statistics

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021

INCIDENT COUNT			
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS	
EMS		5	
FIRE		18	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>	
TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
<b>TOTAL</b>			
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES	
\$0.00		\$0.00	
CO CHECKS			
<b>TOTAL</b>			
MUTUAL AID			
Aid Type		Total	
Aid Given		5	
Aid Received		4	
OVERLAPPING CALLS			
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING	
7		30.43	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 (Headquarters)	0:04:40	0:04:13	
<b>AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS</b>		<b>0:04:18</b>	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 (Headquarters)	0:01:40	0:01:20	
<b>AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS</b>		<b>0:01:21</b>	
AGENCY		AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1		38:45	

Only Reviewed Incidents included. EMS for Incident counts includes only 300 to 399 Incident Types. All other incident types are counted as FIRE. CO Checks only includes Incident Types: 424, 736 and 734. # Apparatus Transports = # of incidents where apparatus transported. # Patient Transports = All patients transported by EMS. # Patient Contacts = # of PCR contacted by apparatus. This report now returns both NEMSIS 2 & 3 data as appropriate. For overlapping calls that span over multiple days, total per month will not equal Total count for year.

# Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

Trafford, PA

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## Hours Spent per Activity Code for Date Range

Start Time: 00:00 | End Time: 23:00 | Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021

ACTIVITY CODE	# OF ITEMS	TIME SPENT	% TOTAL TIME
Detail - Fire Dept related activity - other	2	13:00	4.02
Drill - Proficiency Drills	6	10:30	3.25
Duty Shift - Duty Shift - Duty Responder	2	51:30	15.92
Meeting - Attend meeting, conference, or committee	9	25:30	7.88
On Duty - On duty in station - Available for calls	22	220:00	68.01
Station Cleaning - Station Cleaning Assignment	1	3:00	0.93
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>323:30</b>	<b>100%</b>

Displays total time spent (HH:MM) by all Personnel on current ACTIVITY CODES. % TOTAL TIME is calculated by dividing the total TIME SPENT for all activities in to the TIME SPENT for an individual activity within the DATE RANGE provided. Note: this only includes time for activities where personnel have been associated to it.





# Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

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## Personnel Hours for Incidents for Date Range (Not Payroll Related)

Start Date: 08/01/2021 | End Date: 08/31/2021

PERSONNEL	TIME SPENT ON INCIDENTS (Hours:Minutes Dispatched to Cleared Scene)
Batzel, Justin	1:58
Boonie, Mathew	8:06
Demarchi, Shane	7:15
Dobrinick, Thomas	9:57
Durso, Daniel	5:37
Ellig Jr., Michael	8:22
Lindbloom, Brian M	17:00
Park, Lucas	2:01
Park, Sarah	0:13
Petrillo, Dean	3:32
Shugart, Jim	1:13
Strezo, Andrew	4:40
Walter, Elizabeth J	1:13
Total:	71:07

Only Personnel responding to incidents on an apparatus included. Only REVIEWED incidents included.

