



**PSWS COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE MEETING  
UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY, WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 | 6:45 PM  
Main Meeting Room**

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The agenda may be amended during the meeting to add or delete items, change the order of agenda items, or discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the meeting.

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**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4 STANDARD BUSINESS**

- 4.a. MOVE to accept the minutes from February 5, 2019 without reading.

**5 REPORTS**

- 5.a. Report of the Chief of Police
- 5.b. Report of the Fire Services Administrator
- 5.c. Report of the Fire Company
- 5.d. Report of Community Ambulance Association of Ambler
- 5.e. Report of Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad
- 5.f. Report of Public Works, Fleet & Facilities Director

5.g. Report of the Code Enforcement Director

5.h. Review of Applications to the Zoning Hearing Board

**6 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.a. Discuss Ordinance to amend regulations for Public Swimming Pools.

**7 NEXT MEETING: JUNE 4, 2019 AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWING EDF**

**8 ADJOURN**

## **Public Safety, Works & Services Committee Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2019

Submitted by: Deb Ritter

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section:

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### **Subject:**

MOVE to accept the minutes from February 5, 2019 without reading.

### **Suggested Action:**

### **Attachments:**

[MinutesBOC-PSWS-20190205.pdf](#)

A meeting of the Public Safety, Works and Services Committee (PSWS) of Upper Dublin Township (UDT) was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Building; Ronald Feldman presiding.

In attendance were Commissioners Ronald Feldman, Robert McGuckin and Liz Ferry. Also present were Paul Leonard, Township Manager; Jonathan Bleemer, Assistant Township Manager and Finance Director; Deputy Chief of Police Dan Wade; Tim Schuck, Fire Services Administrator; Fire Chief Andy Rathfon; Dan Supplee, Public Works Operations Director; Phil Juel, Captain of the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad; and Shaun Semmeles, Captain of the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Feldman dispensed from pledging allegiance to the flag since it had been done at the first meeting.

STANDARD BUSINESS:

Motion to Accept the Minutes from the October 2, 2018 Meeting Without Reading:

Mr. McGuckin motioned, with Ms. Ferry seconding, to approve the Minutes of the PSWS Meeting for the month of October 2018 without reading.

VOTE ON MOTION

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

Report of the Public Works Operations Director:

Dan Supplee reported as follows:

Limekiln Pike Pedestrian Bridge:	Has been installed, the sidewalks are in and the fencing was placed.
Street Light Project:	Completed to final reconciliation of the outstanding work and final payment has been submitted.
2019 Curb and Sidewalk Bid:	We did open two bids that were received, both were high. This will affect how many people use it.
2019 Mill and Overlay Project:	This will go out to bid in February. Bid docs are completed and ready to go.
Fleet:	All new vehicles are ordered except for the mid-size dump truck. We have completed the paperwork for the grant for the tub grinder.

Mr. Feldman asked what percentage of the cost of the tub grinder the grant was for.

Mr. Supplee stated it was for 90% of the cost.

Ms. Ferry asked if we would sell our old tub grinder.

Mr. Supplee stated that we will trade it in. If we were to sell it we would have to give back 90% of the cost to the DEP because that is what we paid for it.

Report of the Chief of Police:

Deputy Chief of Police Dan Wade gave the following report:

- Wanted to thank the BOC for allowing him to participate in the National FBI Training in Quantico, VA.
- This past Saturday the UDPD responded to a homicide on the 100 block of Girard Avenue. He thanked all of the parties involved for their outstanding efforts in handling the situation.
- On October 27, 2018, there was an armed robbery at the Smoke Shop on the 600 block of Welsh Road. One person was taken into custody. We are working with the FBI Task Force to have this case charged federally.
- We have had a successful narcotics investigation about a house at 100 Woodland Road. In January, we served a search warrant at the house and arrested two individuals.
- On January 23, we assisted the Pennsylvania State Police with a shooting on Route 309 Northbound.
- UDPD will host a mandatory FEMA NIMS training for all officers.

Mr. Feldman asked if the Commissioners should also be trained.

Mr. Leonard stated that yes, they should and he would look into setting that up.

- The UDPD will be doing active shooter trainings this summer.

Ms. Ferry asked if we applied for any school safety grants.

Deputy Chief Wade stated that at this time those are difficult to obtain. They are geared towards districts with higher rates of violent crime. We have talked to Dr. Yanni and as those funds become more readily available we will pursue them.

- On March 9 there is the Police Entrance Test at the Montgomery County Community College. We encourage people to apply at [montcopolicetest.com](http://montcopolicetest.com) or call to get more information.

Mr. Feldman asked how many police officers are we down.

Deputy Chief Wade stated that by March 1 we will be down 5 officers, 3 for retirement and 2 who are injured.

- A few reminders, please lock your cars and please keep those tips coming in.

Report of the Fire Services Administrator:

Tim Schuck, Fire Services Administrator, reported as follows:

- I have conducted inspections of all of the Township facilities to make sure it is up to code.
- We participated in the 6abc Save-A-Life program and obtained some smoke detectors for those in need.
- Newly purchased radios are being installed in all the apparatus.
- Swearing in of Fire Police Officer Howard Stein.
- I'd like to thank past President Bill Gordon and past Chief Eric Clauson for their years of service and dedication.

Report of the Fort Washington Fire Company (FWFC):

Fire Chief Rathfon informed as follows:

- I'd like to thank Chief Clauson for his 8 years of service.
- Responded to 663 calls last year.
- In January we responded to 62 calls
  - 2 vehicle rescues
  - 7 stand by requests
- We assisted Lower Providence at Salters Ski Shop fire.
- Conducted several drills and assisted at Winterfest in many capacities.
- Purchased two new multi-gas meters which will help detect the presence of dangerous gases.
- We were awarded \$14,811.36 in a grant to offset the cost in purchasing a new breathing air compressor for the Burn Brae Station.

Newly elected President Mr. Ernie Racz discussed their recruitment and retention program. The fire company is making a significant investment in non-taxpayer funds towards this endeavor. The goal is to recruit ten new members this year. For more information please visit their website.

Report of Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA):

Captain Shaun Semmeles reported as follows:

- Responded to 1,035 calls in 2018.
- Responded to 108 calls from January 1 to date.
  - 70 advanced life support calls.
  - 31 basic life support calls.
  - 8 refusals, no services, and special services.
- EMS Appreciation Week May 19, many events planned.

Report of Second Alarmers Rescue Squad (SARS):

Captain Phil Juel reported as follows:

- In the process of tabulating our STEMI (heart attack) statistics and submitting them to the American Heart Association for Mission Lifeline initiative. This initiative tracks EMS and hospital successes as well as areas that could use improvement. SARS was awarded Gold Plus status over the last two years, which is the highest status that can be attained.
- Hosted a student intern to ride with our crews last month. The student seemed to have a really enjoyable experience.
- We will be having an Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support training this month.

- Total calls in Upper Dublin 634 year to date.
  - 565 were medical.
  - 61 were motor vehicle collisions.
  - 4 were fires.

Report of the Code Enforcement Director:

Mr. Leonard presented the Code Enforcement Department Report for December 2018 & January 2019:

	December 2018 & <u>January 2019</u>	December 2017 & <u>January 2018</u>
Building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, sewer inspections, fire, zoning, alarms, and grading certificates of occupancy	408	315
Property transfers	28	49
Actual revenues received	\$284,126.00	\$160,866.00
Revenues received YTD	\$225,368.00	\$1,019,254.00

- Monthly reports were filed with the United States Census Bureau and the Montgomery County Board of Assessments regarding residential and nonresidential permits.
- A quarterly report was filed in December with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development regarding permits issued and fees collected.
- Staff completed 366 plan reviews and 437 construction site inspections.
- Staff received 317 permit applications for building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, sewer, fire, zoning, alarms, and grading certificates of occupancy.
- Staff completed 51 point of sale inspections.
- Daily property maintenance complaints were addressed including high grass, weeds, etc. and numerous illegally placed signs which were removed.
- There are 25-30 vacant homes in UDT, which are being monitored.

Zoning Hearing Board Cases for February 2019:

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday February 25th starting at 7:30 pm to announce the decisions on Case #2283 and Case #2284 as well as hear two new applications Case #2289 and Case #2290.

Decisions:

#2283: For the property at 1537 Dillon Road, applicant Fox Hunt Farm requests the reversal of the Zoning Officer's determination on September 5, 2018 to cease the activity of goat yoga on the property. Alternatively, a variance is requested to allow the activity to continue, with conditions.

#2284: For the property at 3 Lindenwold Terrace, applicant Margaret Noble requests an amendment to a prior Zoning Hearing Board decision to allow a boarding home to continue to operate on the property, with conditions. In the alternative, a variance is requested.

Hearings:

#2289: *Upper Dublin School District, 1580 Fort Washington Avenue, Maple Glen, PA 19002*, for the property at 520 Twining Road, requests the following relief in connection with the redevelopment of the Sandy Run Middle School campus: from Zoning Code Section 255-43.B, a variance to allow more than 20% of the building area to have a building height in excess of 35 feet (approximately 46 feet maximum); from Section 255-165.C.(4), (8) and (14), variances to permit fill and grading in the floodplain, roads or driveways, and stormwater management facilities; and from Section 255-153.C.(a), variances to permit the placement of 5 wall signs, 5 directional signs, and 2 monument signs having a total sign area of 434 sq.ft. where the code allows a single sign of 32 sq. ft. The property is zoned A - Residential.

#2290: *Andrew D. Sandifer, Sr., 1358 Cinnamon Drive*, requests a variance from the 50 foot front yard setback requirement in the A-1 Residential district in order to build a 109 sq.ft. addition that will encroach approximately 4 feet into the setback area (Zoning Code, Section 255-43.1.A(2)).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Hagues Mill Traffic Calming:

Mr. Leonard explained that through the good work of our traffic engineer Boles Smyth we have a proposed temporary solution to try. This discussion has come from a complaint regarding speeding on Hagues Mill Road. We have attempted numerous other ways to deter speeding on that street including paint, signs and additional enforcement. Boles Smyth proposed taking flexible post delineators, which we already had from a previous project, gluing them down and providing a change in the right turn from Butler to Hagues Mill. We can try this new traffic pattern for a few months and if we are happy with the results we can implement something more permanent.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. McGuckin motioned, with Ms. Ferry seconding, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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Jesse Conte, Recording Secretary

Attest:

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Ronald P. Feldman, Chairperson

## **Public Safety, Works & Services Committee Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2019

Submitted by: Deb Ritter

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Reports

Agenda Section:

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**Subject:**

Report of the Fire Company

**Suggested Action:**

**Attachments:**

[FWFC-AnnualReport-2018.pdf](#)



## 2018 Incident Statistics

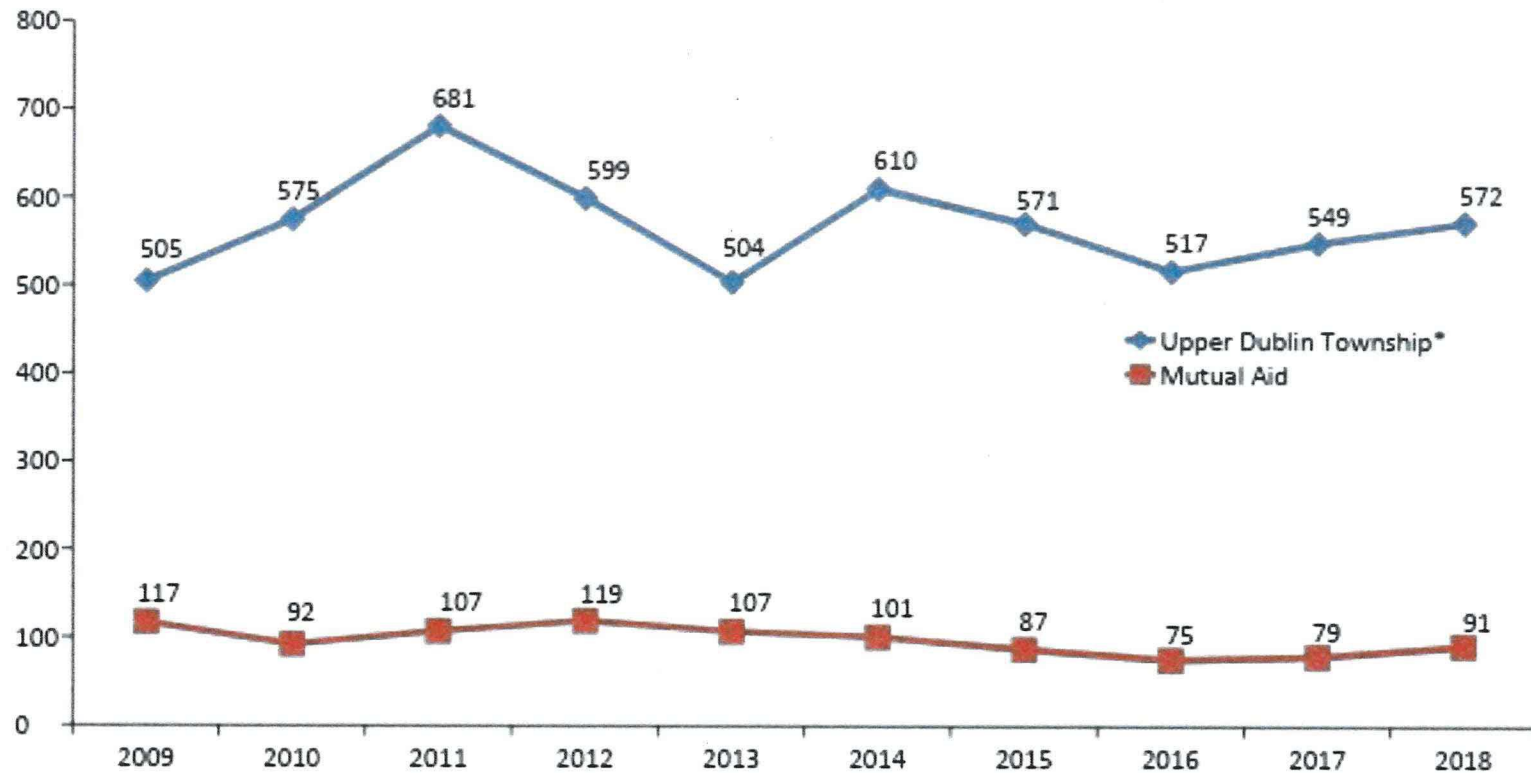
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Andrew Rathfon, Chief  
Jeffrey Fogel  
Andrew Krimmel

# Ten Year Incident Volume History



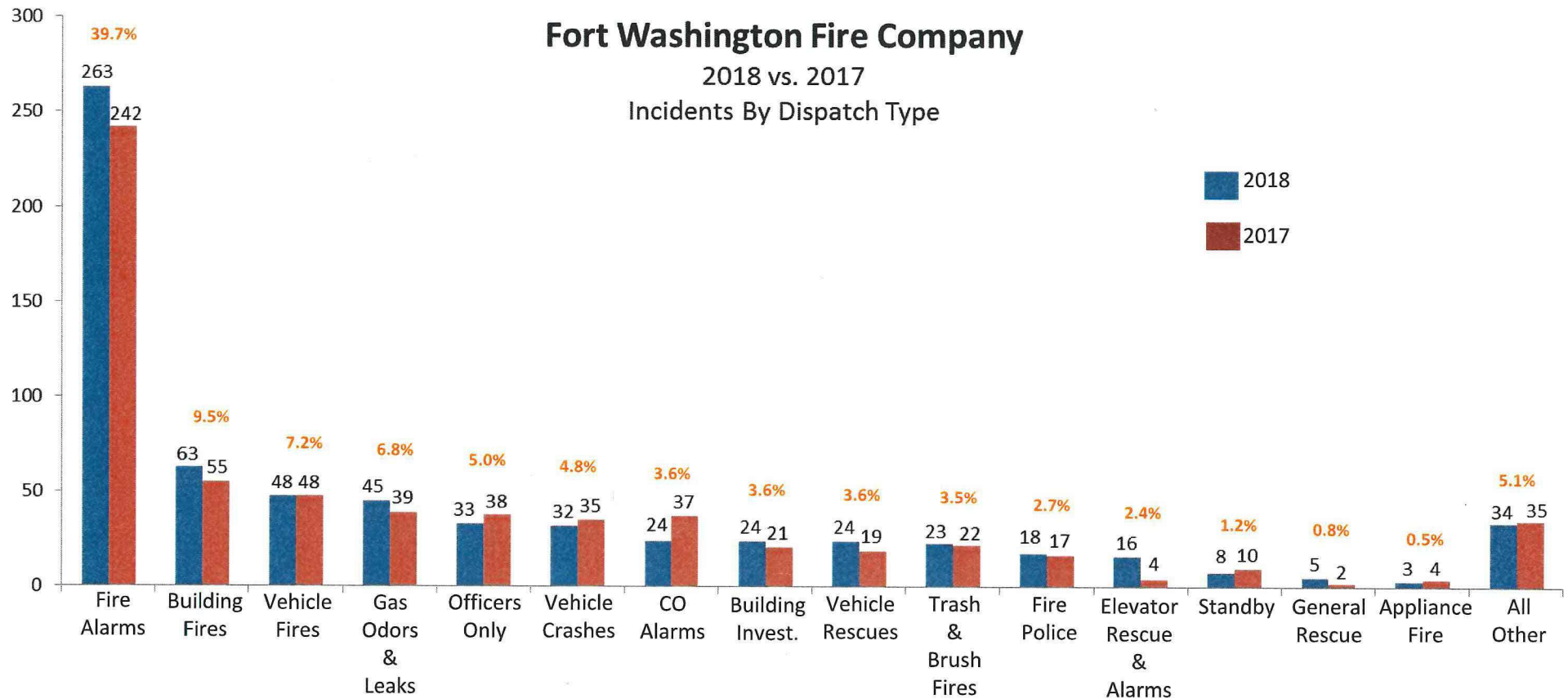
**Fort Washington Fire Company**  
Total Incidents - Ten Year History



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	10 Year Avg.	5 Year Avg.
Upper Dublin Township*	505	575	681	599	504	610	571	517	549	572	568.3	563.8
Mutual Aid	117	92	107	119	107	101	87	75	79	91	97.5	86.6
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>665.8</b>	<b>650.4</b>

\* Incidents on the PA Turnpike and Route 309 are included in the Upper Dublin Township figures.

# 2018 Incidents – By Dispatch Type (Total Calls)



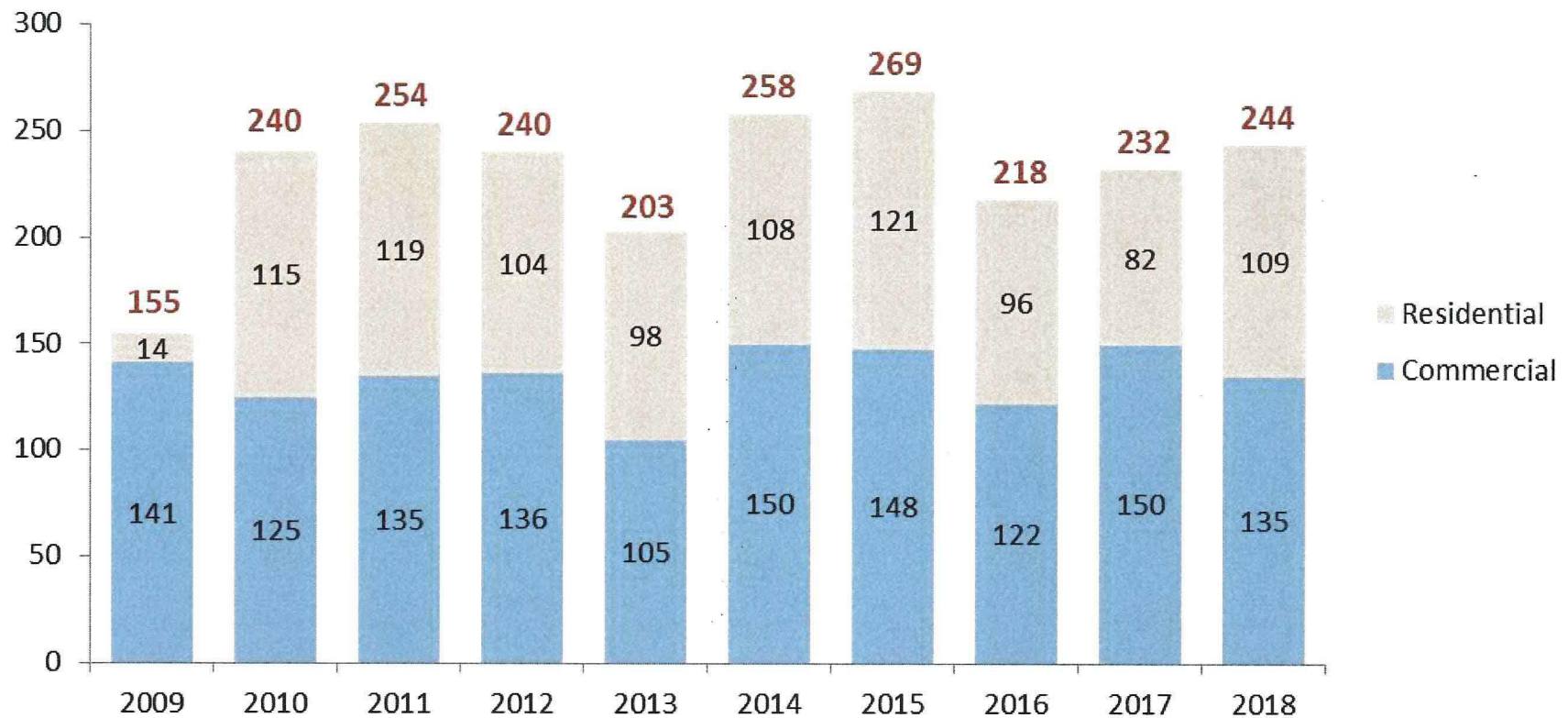
Percentages shown are based on 2018 incidents.

# Fire Alarms – Upper Dublin Only



## Fort Washington Fire Company

Fire Alarm Dispatches  
(Upper Dublin Only)



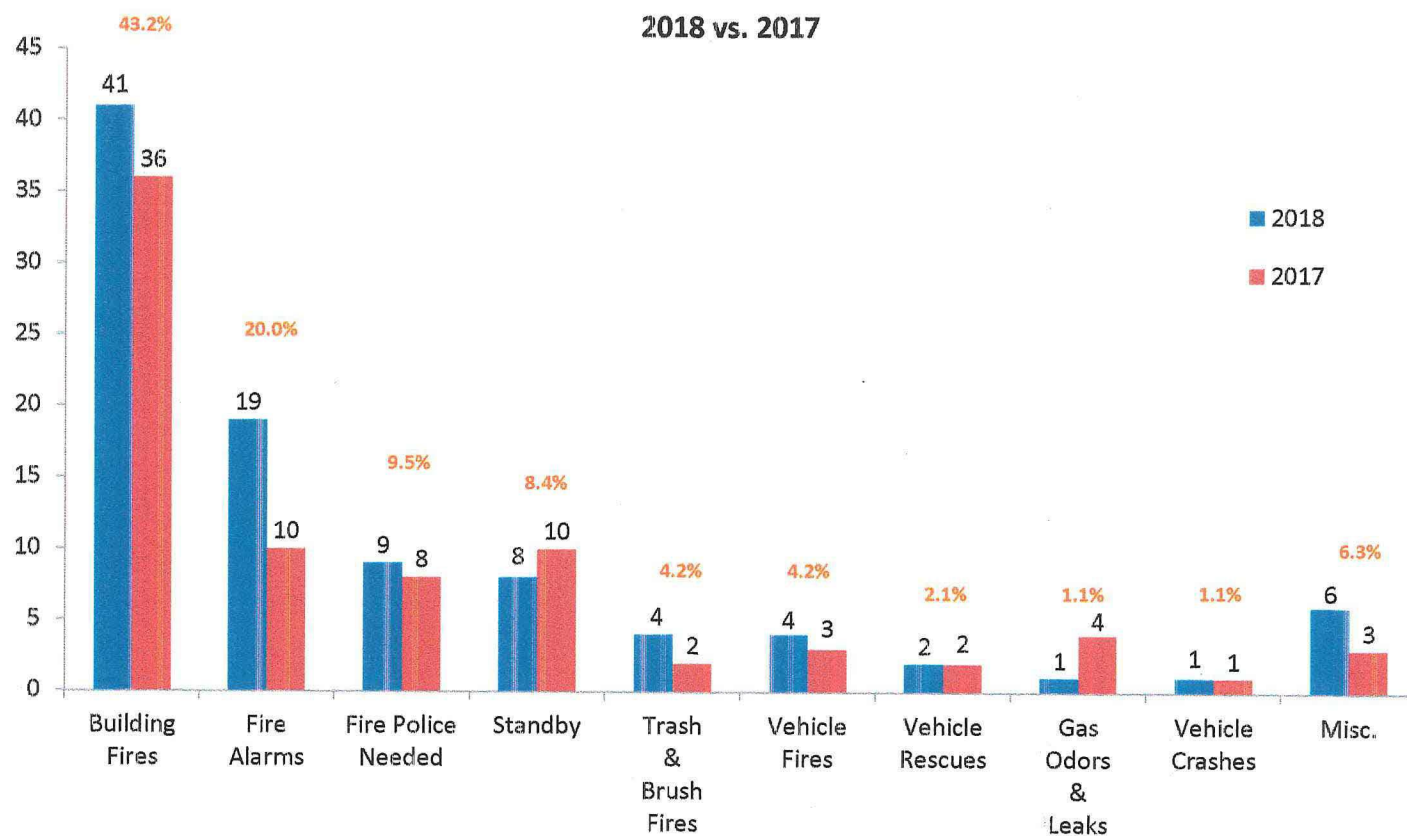
# 2018 Incidents – By Dispatch Type (Mutual Aid)



## Fort Washington Fire Company

### Mutual Aid Responses

(excluding PA Tpke & 309)

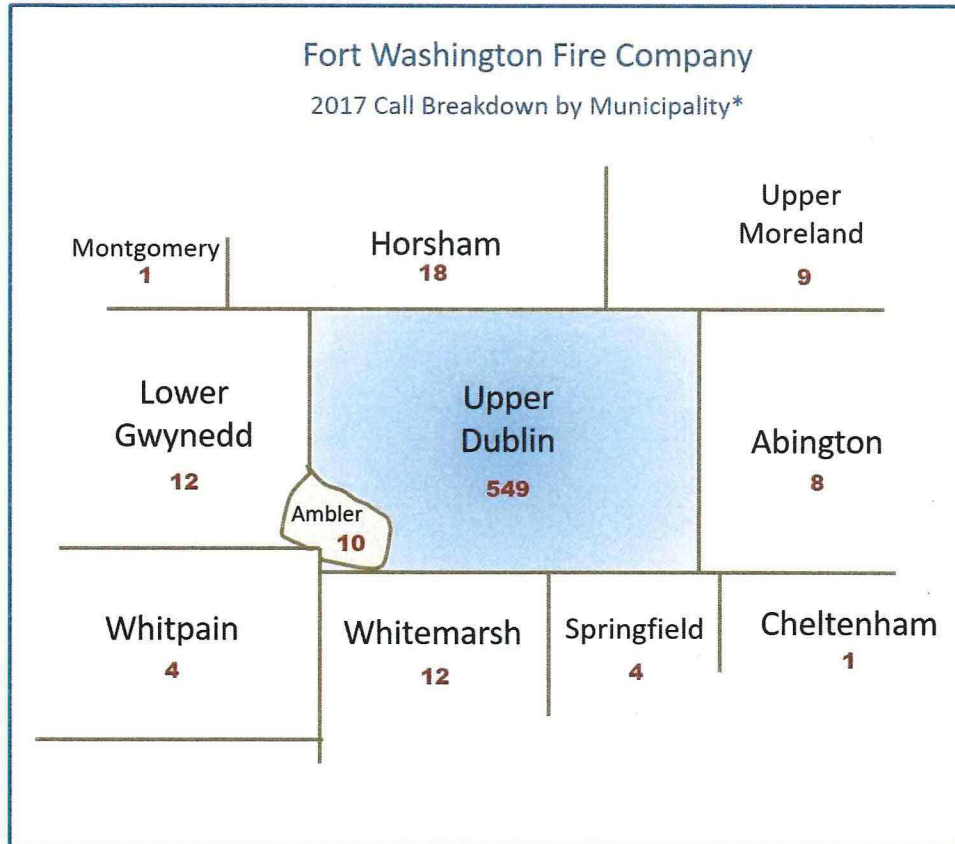


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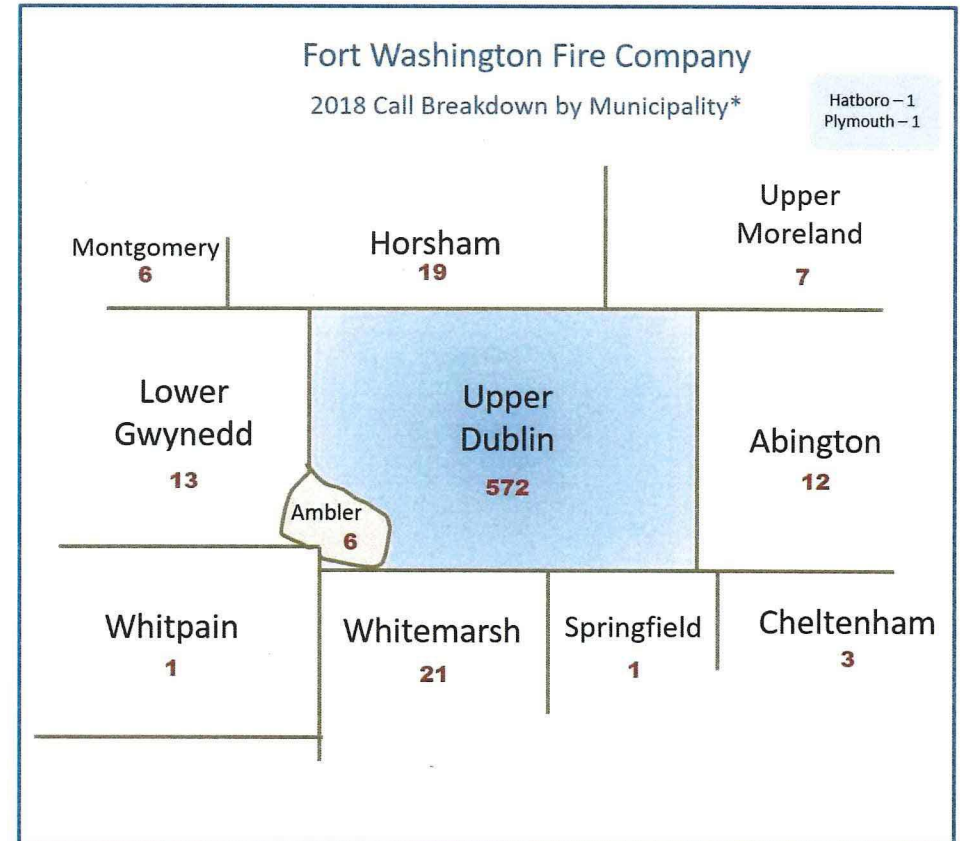
# Mutual Aid Breakdown



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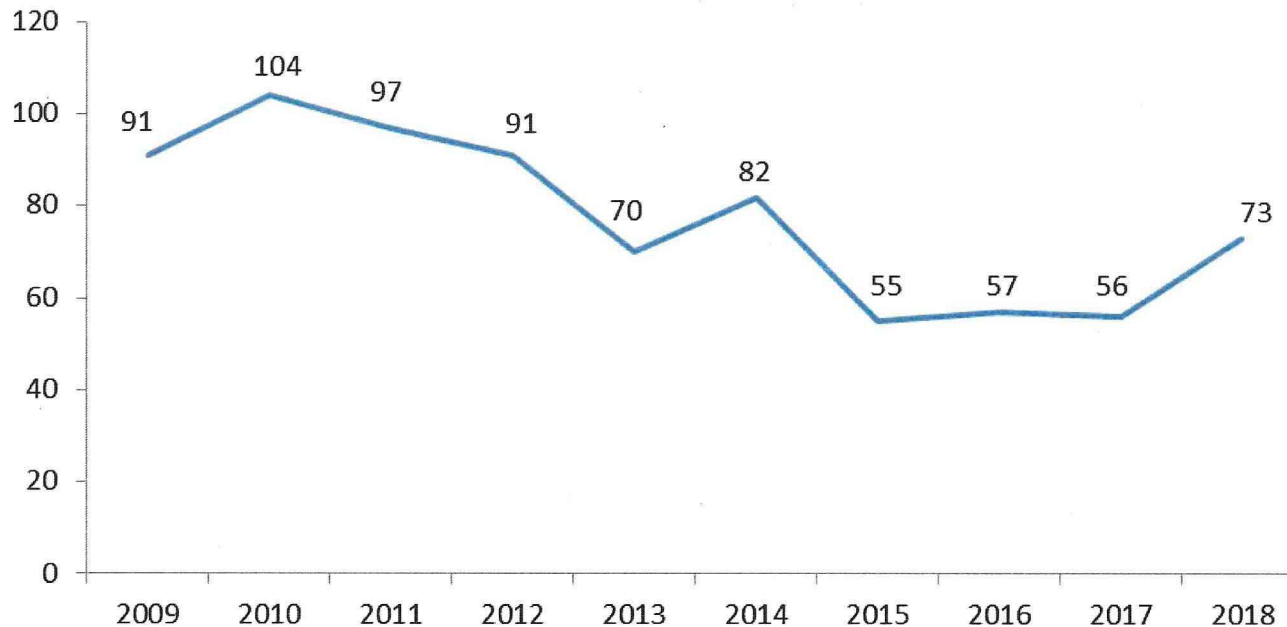
2018



# PA Turnpike Responses



**Fort Washington Fire Company**  
Pennsylvania Turnpike Incidents



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Vehicle Accidents	53	68	54	58	44	38	24	19	25	26
Vehicle Fires	27	22	25	16	14	31	21	28	22	23
Vehicle Rescues	9	5	6	7	7	4	6	4	6	15
Other	2	9	12	10	5	9	4	6	3	9
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>73</b>

Notable increase in vehicle rescues during 2018

# PA Turnpike Responses – Vehicle Accidents



NOTE: These “no response” zones are only for vehicle accident dispatches. The FWFC is dispatched for all other incident types on the PA Turnpike that fall within these response zones.

**Pennsylvania Turnpike**  
Vehicle Accident Calls



The Fort Washington Fire Company instituted a procedural change in mid-2012, which changed our response procedures to vehicle accidents (VAI) on the PA Turnpike. This change was implemented to reduce call volume to the Turnpike when it was highly unlikely that any services would be rendered. The FWFC is no longer dispatched as a secondary fire company when the accident is reported in a location that is not in the immediate direction of travel from the Fort Washington Interchange. In other words, there is no response from the FWFC in locations where we are not the primary fire company. The primary fire company will handle the incident and can dispatch FWFC if they require assistance or if the direction of the incident cannot be determined at the time of dispatch. This change has resulted in a significant reduction in calls to the Turnpike, as seen on the graph to the left.

## **Public Safety, Works & Services Committee Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2019

Submitted by: Deb Ritter

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Reports

Agenda Section:

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### **Subject:**

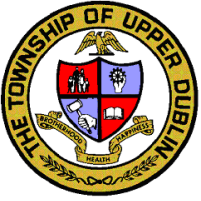
Report of the Code Enforcement Director

### **Suggested Action:**

### **Attachments:**

[DirectorOfCodeEnforcement-MonthlyReport-201903.pdf](#)

[PublicSafetyReport-201902-201903.pdf](#)



**Township of Upper Dublin**  
**Director of Code Enforcement and Inspections**

801 Loch Alsh Avenue, Fort Washington, PA 19034  
Voice: 215-643-1600 x3210 Fax: 215-643-8843 email: jfielder@upperdublin.net

**To:** Board of Commissioners, Paul Leonard, Jonathan Bleemer  
**From:** Joseph J. Fielder  
**Date:** April 1, 2019  
**Subject:** Monthly Report for March 2019

**A. BUILDING PERMITS AND REVENUE DATA**

During March the Department processed **225** permits (building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, sewer, zoning, alarm, use & occupancy) and collected **\$61,682.00** in fees associated with these permits.

Significant building projects include:

- 100 Magnolia Street – Lot 1 (Regency at Upper Dublin): New Single Family Dwelling = 7,730 sq. ft.
- 532 Cardinal Drive: Interior Alterations throughout House
- 1901 East Pennsylvania Avenue (Emlen House): Interior Alterations throughout House
- 520 Twining Road (Sandy Run Middle School): Interior Alterations for ADA
- 501 Office Center Drive, Suite 410: Tenant Renovations for M3 USA
- 220 Commerce Drive, Suite 101: Tenant Fit Out for US Realty Capital = 2,316 sq. ft.
- 240 New York Drive, Suite 5: Tenant Fit Out for Dr. Natalie Masiuk Dental Office = 2,800 sq. ft.
- 1300 Virginia Drive, Suite 310: Tenant Fit Out for RMSB Law = 2,155 sq. ft.

PERMITS ISSUED	
	March 2019
Building	92
Electrical	37
Plumbing	24
Mechanical	26
Sewer Inspection	7
Zoning	10
Alarm	1
Certificates of Occupancy	28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>

PROPERTY TRANSFERS	
	March 2019
Property Transfers	32

## B. ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, April 22 at 7:30 pm concerning these applications:

**#2292:** *Omar Zlam and Nesrine Alasha-Zlam of 5 Bittersweet Drive, West Chester, PA 19382*, for the property at 1530 Butler Pike, request an interpretation of the Zoning Code or a variance under Section 255-18.B.3 to construct a private drive to serve a total of six dwellings rather than five. The applicants propose to subdivide the subject 2.63 acre property into two lots. The property is zoned A - Residential. The applicant received conditional use approval on February 12, 2019 to extend a private driveway to serve two homes on his property, with conditions. One of the conditions was to obtain a variance to allow the driveway to serve a total of six homes, rather than five as permitted.

**#2293:** *Jennifer Arevalo of 433 Bannockburn Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002* requests variances from the building and impervious coverage standards of the C – Residential district in order to convert a gazebo to a detached garage. The proposed building coverage is 25% of lot area vs. 20% allowed, and the total impervious coverage is 40% of lot area vs. 30% allowed (Zoning Code, Section 255-45.B).

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**Code Enforcement Department**  
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PERMITS ISSUED		
	February & March	
	February – March 2019	February – March 2018
Building	156	96
Electrical	75	66
Plumbing	53	46
Mechanical	48	43
Sewer Inspection	19	15
Zoning	28	9
Alarms	6	4
Certificates of Occupancy	45	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>311</b>

PROPERTY TRANSFERS		
	February & March	
	February – March 2019	February – March 2018
Property Transfer	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>

ACTUAL REVENUES RECEIVED				
	February & March		Year to Date	
	2/19 - 3/19	2/18 - 3/18	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Building & Zoning	\$449,337	\$179,643	\$588,301	\$251,583
Electrical	\$256,777	\$37,101	\$302,252	\$50,700
Plumbing	\$100,781	\$16,975	\$112,060	\$22,325
Mechanical	\$204,127	\$19,175	\$230,977	\$27,987
Sewer Inspection	\$1,942	\$930	\$2,692	\$1,080
Certificates of Occupancy	\$3,521	\$3,889	\$4,501	\$5,589
Property Transfers	\$3,555	\$3,285	\$4,725	\$4,770
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,020,040</b>	<b>\$260,998</b>	<b>\$1,245,508</b>	<b>\$364,034</b>

Monthly reports were filed with the U.S. Census Bureau, Montgomery County Board of Assessment, and Dodge Data & Analytics regarding residential and nonresidential permits.

**Public Safety Report**  
**Code Enforcement Department**  
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Quarterly reports will be filed in April with PA Department of Community & Economic Development regarding permits issued and fees collected.

**Code Enforcement:**

Staff completed 430 plan reviews and 603 construction site inspections.

Staff received 510 permit applications for building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, sewer, zoning, fire, grading, highway opening, and alarms.

**Property Maintenance and Point-of-Sale Inspections:**

Staff completed 61 point-of-sale inspections. In addition, daily property maintenance complaints were addressed (i.e. snow and ice, etc.) and numerous illegally placed temporary signs were removed.

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Submitted by: Deb Ritter

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Ordinance

Agenda Section:

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### **Subject:**

Discuss Ordinance to amend regulations for Public Swimming Pools.

### **Suggested Action:**

### **Attachments:**

[1EX6080-DRAFT-OrdinanceAmend218-10.G.pdf](#)

**AN ORDINANCE**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Upper Dublin, Chapter 218 "Swimming Pools," Article II "Public Pools," Section 218-10. "Requirements," Subsection 218-10. G. "Lifeguards," To Exempt Any Public Pool Owned And Operated By A Community Association Formed Pursuant To The Pennsylvania Uniform Planned Community Act, 68 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §§ 5101 et seq.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Upper Dublin hereby enacts and ordains:

**Section 1.** The Code of Upper Dublin Township, Chapter 218 thereof entitled Swimming Pools, Article II, "Public Pools," § 218-10. "Requirements," § 218-10.G. "Lifeguards," shall be amended to add a new subsection (3) to read as follows:

\* \* \* \* \*

(3) Any public pool owned and operated by a community association formed pursuant to the Pennsylvania Uniform Planned Community Act, 68 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §§ 5101 et seq., shall not be required to comply with this § 218-10.G.

**Section 2.** Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 218 of the Code of the Township of Upper Dublin, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 218 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

**Section 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of this court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take affect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Enacted by the Board of Commissioners of Upper Dublin Township this       day of  
, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DUBLIN

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Ira S. Tackel, President

ATTEST:

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Paul A. Leonard, Secretary/Township Manager