



Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee Meeting

**June 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

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**Committee Members:**

Lisa Dorsey, Chair

Nicole Scimone

Brian McGinnis

**Chief of Police West Chester Police Department:** Joshua Lee

**Director of Parks & Recreation:** Keith Kurowski

**Borough Manager:** Sean Metrick

**Fire Chief West Chester Fire Department:** Mark Scanlon

**Director of Operations Good Fellowship Ambulance Club:** Justin Robbins

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**Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee Meeting:**

I. Call to Order

II. Announcements

III. Comments

Comments, suggestions, petitions by residents in attendance regarding items that are not on the agenda. Please be advised that all public comment has a 5-minute time limit.

IV. Reports

A. Monthly WCFD Report

B. Monthly WCPD Report

C. Monthly GFAC Report

V. Old Business

A. Approve May 2025 meeting minutes

VI. New Business

A. Motion to approve candidates submitted by the Mayor to Borough Council for hire as police officers.

*Issue: Borough Council approval of 2 candidates for hire*

B. Discuss traffic issues and pedestrian safety along East Virginia, North Matlack and North Franklin Streets.

*Issue: Residents seeking traffic study and possible traffic calming solutions for safety of neighbors walking in an area without sidewalks*

- C. Tiffany Stair, Co-Founder of Revolution Philadelphia, will share Humane Pet Shop presentation
- D. Motion to approve special events applications (attachment)
  - 1. St Agnes Feast of the Assumption, August 10, 2025.
  - 2. Mount Carmel COGIC Block Party, July 19, 2025

*Issue:* Review and approve special events applications

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

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# West Chester Fire Department

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## Monthly Report May 2025

### Incident Summary

Total Incidents for May:	154
West Chester Borough:	70
East Bradford Township:	12
West Goshen Township:	37
Birmingham Township:	3
Thornbury Township:	5
Westtown Township:	10
Mutual Aid Responses:	17
Total Time in Service:	68:21:03
Average Manpower:	7.5

Total Incidents for 2025:	529
West Chester Borough:	294
East Bradford Township:	59
West Goshen Township:	139
Birmingham Township:	10
Thornbury Township:	34
Westtown Township:	69
Mutual Aid Responses:	78
Total Time in Service:	316:50:59
Average Manpower:	8.4

### Training/Activity Summary

May	
Total Training Hours:	943:05
Total Activity Hours:	826:30

2025	
Total Training Hours:	5396:00
Total Activity Hours:	3959:00

### Property Loss

May		
	Property	Contents
Pre Incident Value:	\$2,614,500.00	\$2,302,750.00
Estimated Loss:	\$126,000.00	\$25,750.00

2025		
	Property	Contents
Pre Incident Value:	\$21,057,973.00	\$6,314,250.00
Estimated Loss:	\$327,723.00	\$51,150.00

### Significant Incidents

May 02 - Brush Fire / Sunset Hollow Road, East Bradford Township

May 07 - Building Fire / S High Street, West Goshen Township

May 08 - Vehicle Fire / Ashbridge Road, West Goshen Township

May 11 - Vehicle Fire / E Union Street, West Chester Borough

May 26 - Building Fire / S Church Street, West Chester Borough



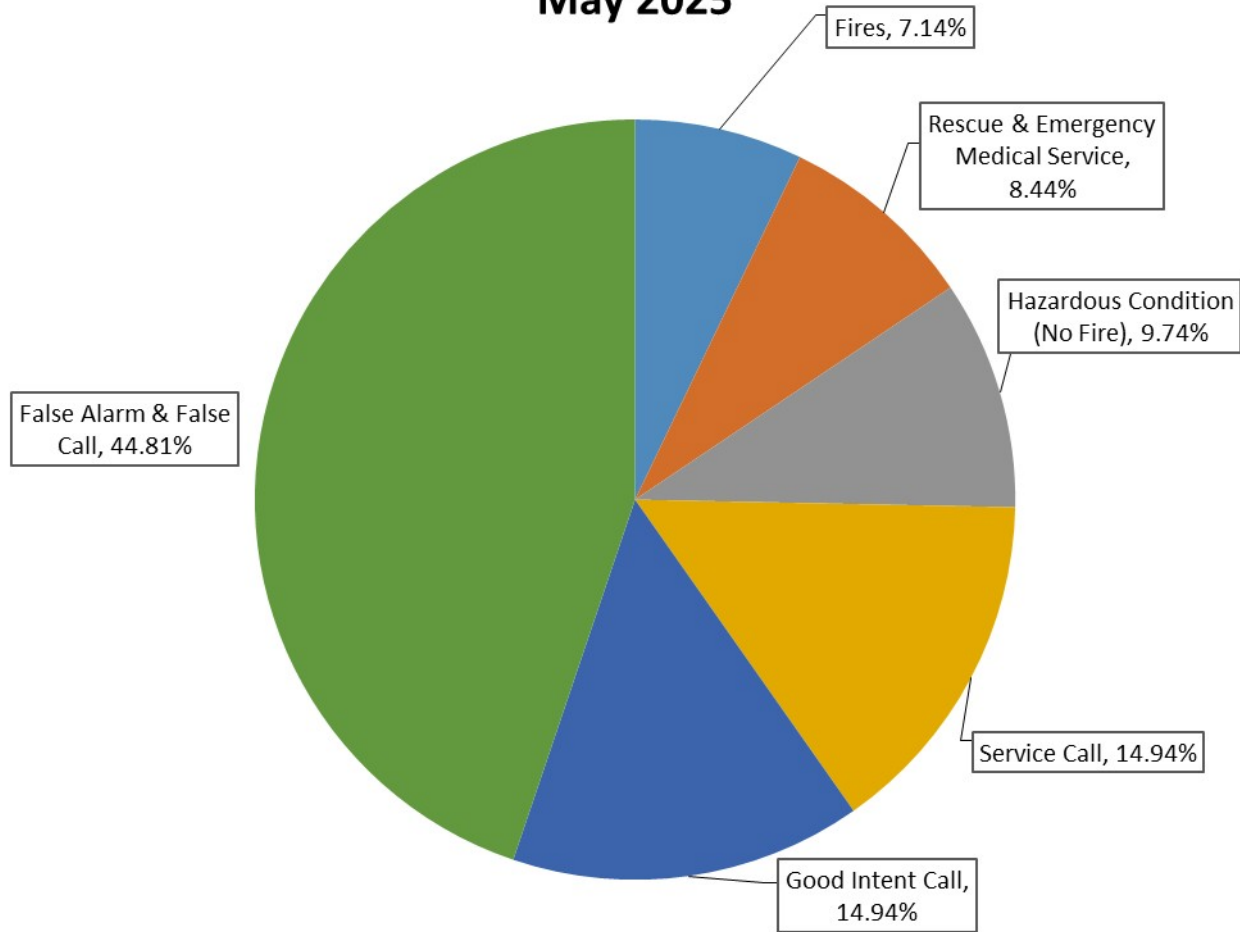
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## Major Incident Types May 2025



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	11	7.14%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	13	8.44%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	15	9.74%
Service Call	23	14.94%
Good Intent Call	23	14.94%
False Alarm & False Call	69	44.81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



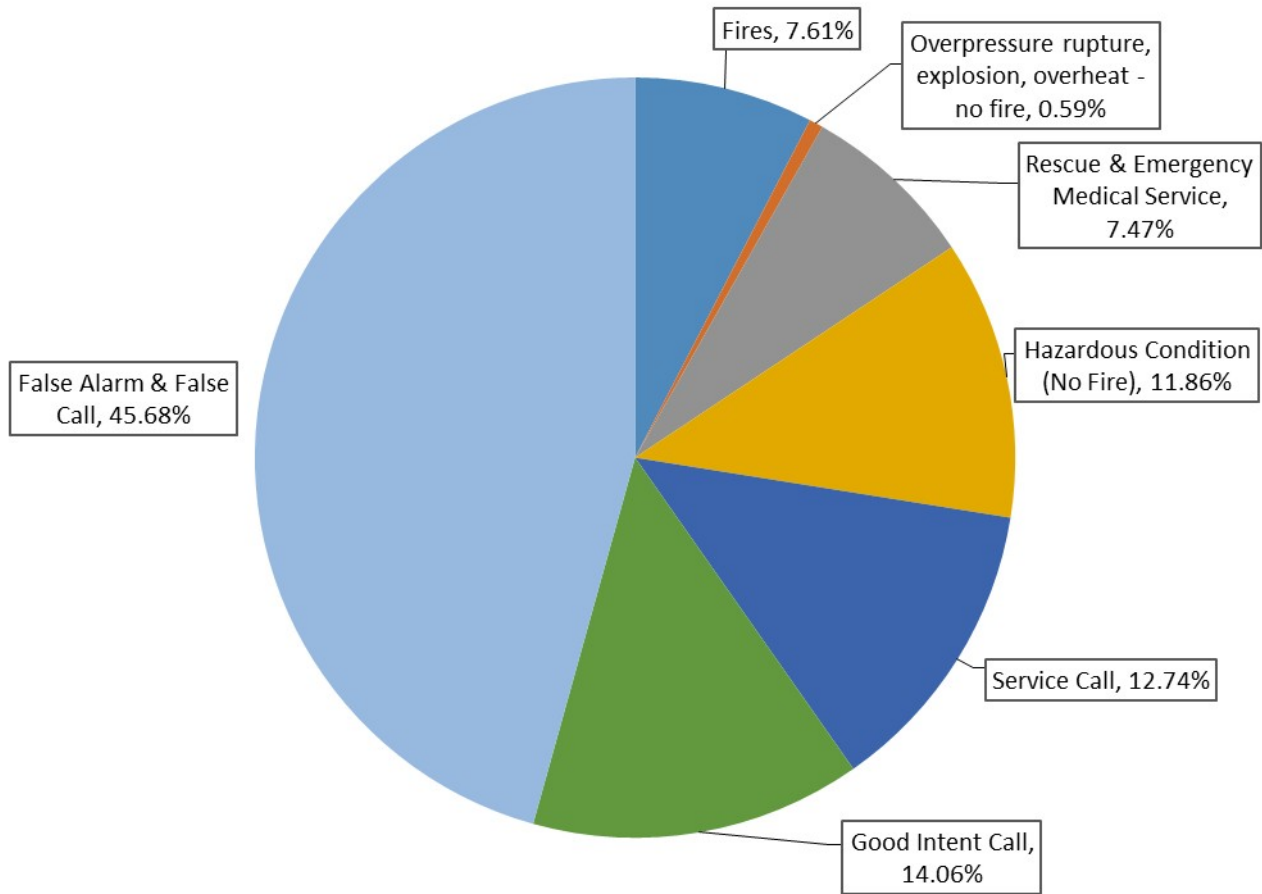
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## Major Incident Types 2025



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	52	7.61%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	4	0.59%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	51	7.47%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	81	11.86%
Service Call	87	12.74%
Good Intent Call	96	14.06%
False Alarm & False Call	312	45.68%
<b>Total</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



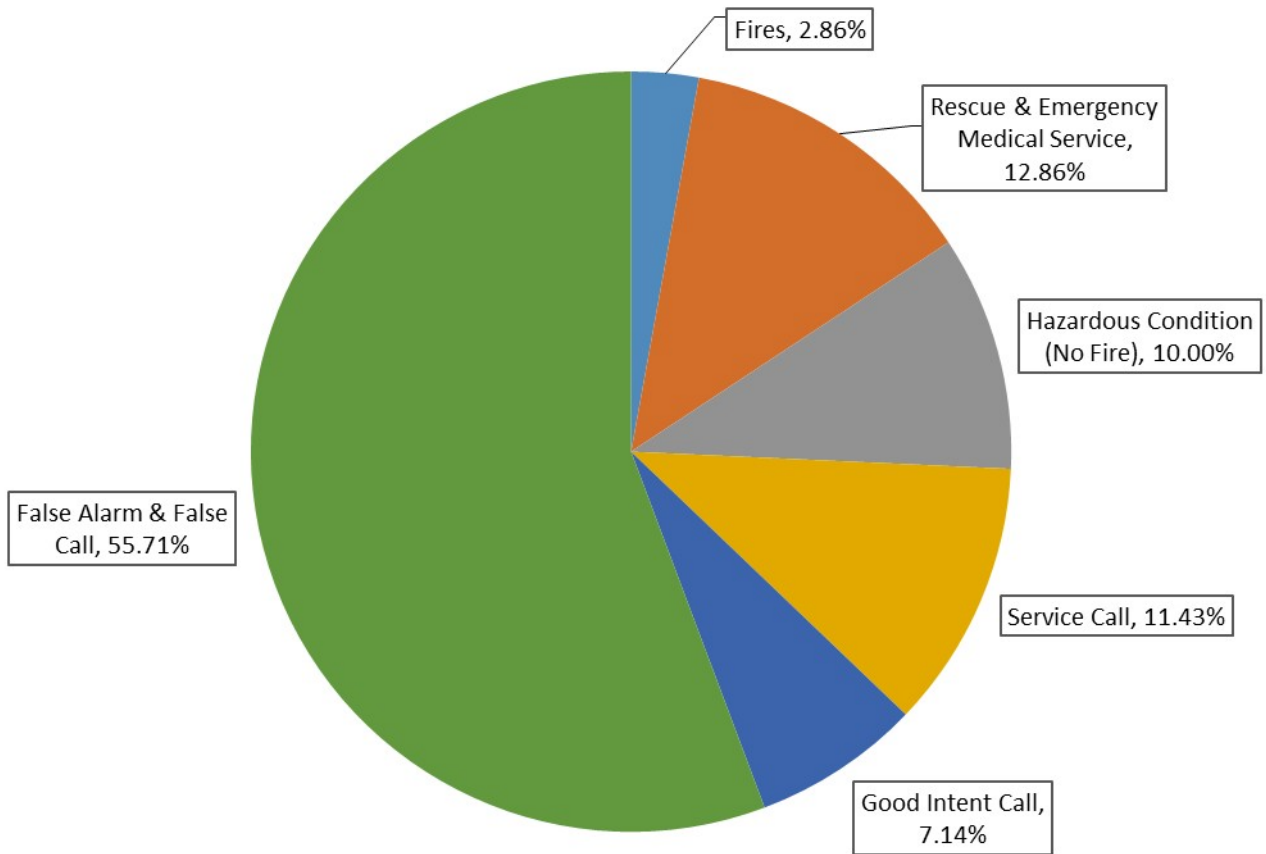
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## Major Incident Types May - West Chester Borough



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	2	2.86%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	9	12.86%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	10.00%
Service Call	8	11.43%
Good Intent Call	5	7.14%
False Alarm & False Call	39	55.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



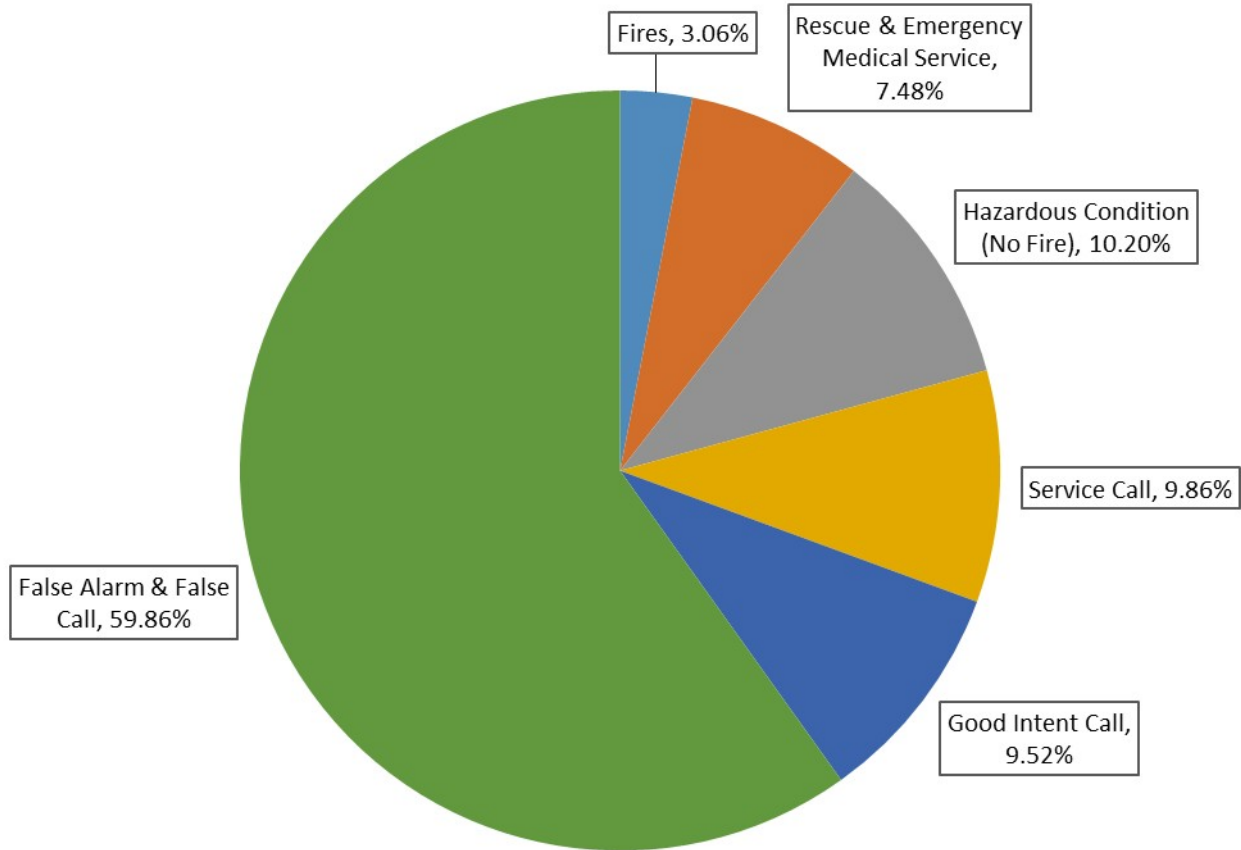
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## Major Incident Types 2025 - West Chester Borough



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	9	3.06%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	22	7.48%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	30	10.20%
Service Call	29	9.86%
Good Intent Call	28	9.52%
False Alarm & False Call	176	59.86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# WCPD Monthly Report

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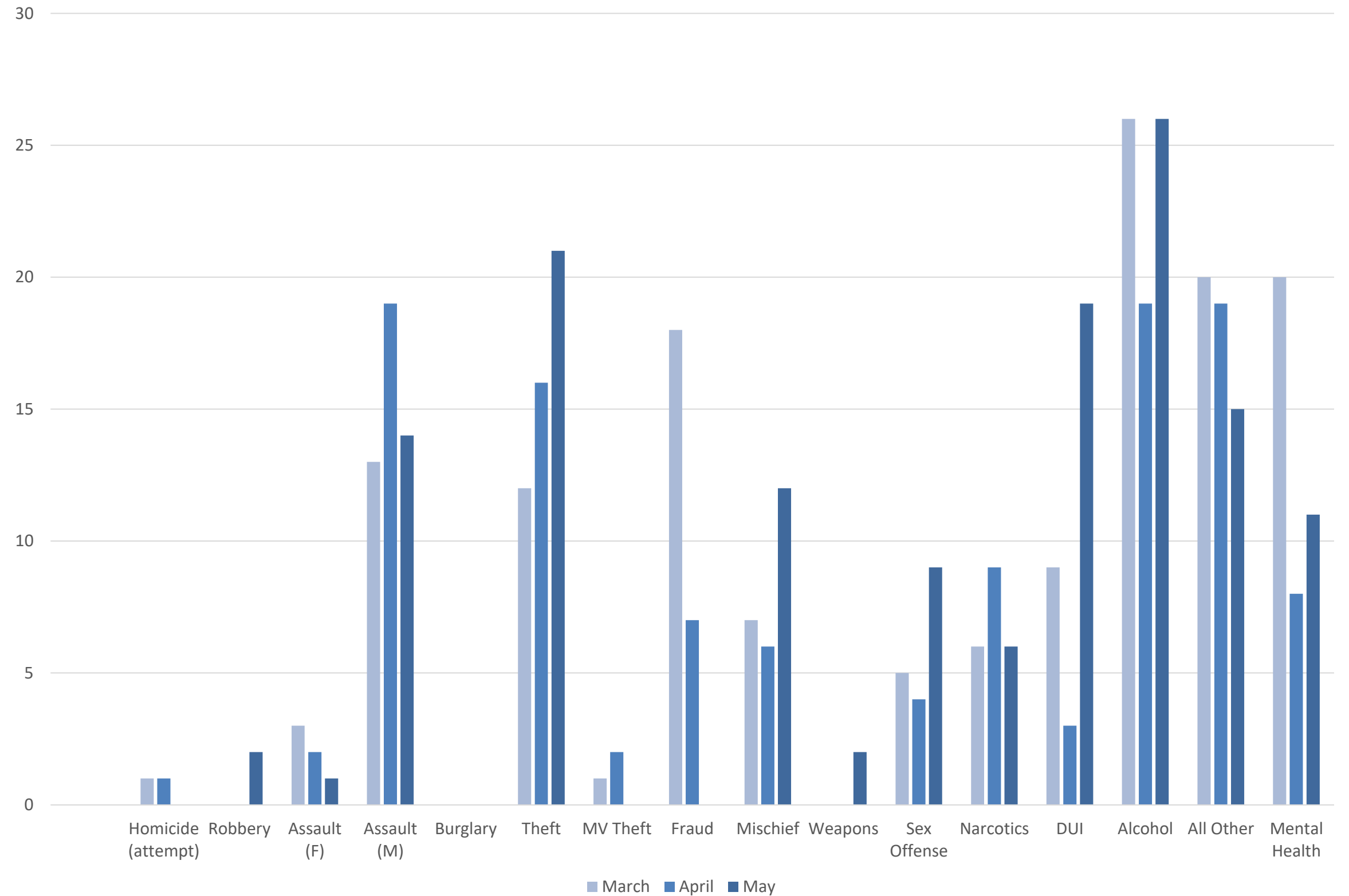
## PAUL MILLER'S LAW

### PA. DISTRACTED DRIVING

- Hand-Held Devices Banned While Driving
- Includes Use at Traffic Lights & Stop Signs
- 12 Month Warning Period:  
**Starting June 5th**
- **\$50 Fine** Thereafter



# Calls for Service Reported





# DUI Checkpoint on May 17:

- **10 drivers arrested for DUI**



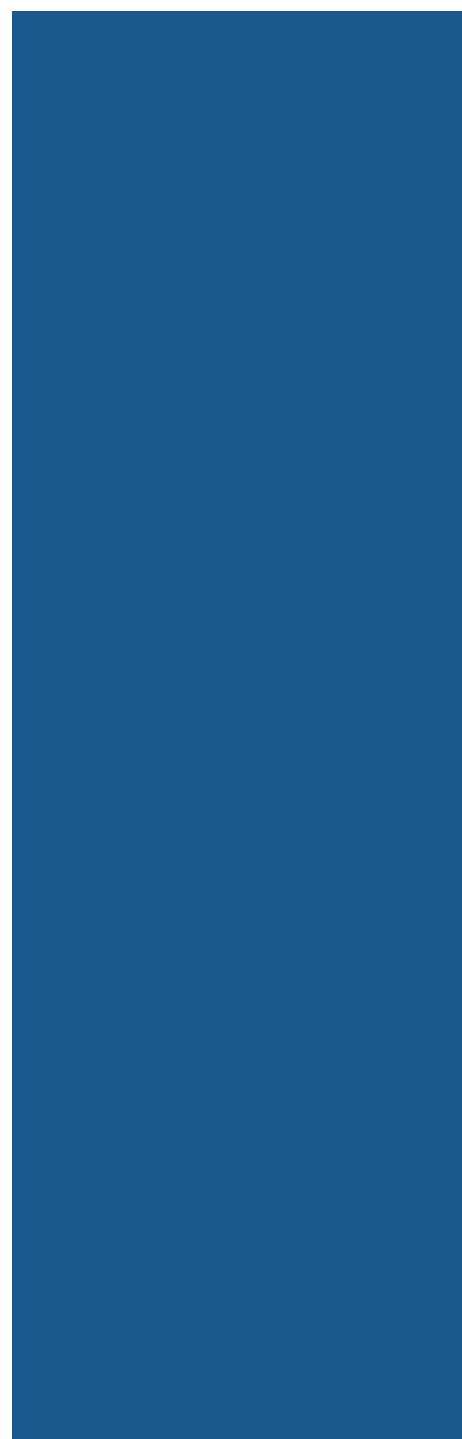
# Internal Updates:

Hiring two new police officers in July

Social Worker Hired

2025 - WCPD

# Get in Touch:



For more information



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**Accident data for the following areas over the last 10 years:**

- Franklin Street between Marshall Street and Goshen Road
- Virginia Avenue between High Street and Franklin Street
- Matlack Street between Marshall Street and Goshen Road

**Injury Crashes - 0**

**No Injury Crashes - 2**

**July 29, 2021** - Driver swerved to avoid a dog and struck a pole in the area of Virginia Avenue and Walnut Street. Arrested for DUI

**December 12, 2018** - Driver turned westbound onto Virginia Avenue from Walnut Street and struck a car that was stopped at the stop sign on Virginia Avenue.

**Hit and Run Crashes - 3**

**December 12, 2022** - Hit and run in the 500 block of North Matlack Street of a parked car – minor damage

**November 26, 2020** - Hit and run in the 500 block of North Matlack Street of a parked car – minor damage

**August 8, 2020** - Hit and run in the 700 block of North Franklin Street of a parked car – minor damage



# **Ordinance to prohibit the retail sale of cats, dogs and rabbits**

West Chester Borough Council

June 11, 2025

*Paul Turner/Humane World for Animals*

# Humane pet shop ordinance

## What it will do:

- Prohibit the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores
- Still allows pet stores to coordinate adoption day events with local shelters and rescues

Intentionally narrow, proactive ordinance to address one issue.

Similar to laws in 8 states and over 500 localities across 32 states, **including 13 in Pennsylvania** (recently, Doylestown, New Britain and West Norriton).



*Meredith Lee/Humane World for Animals*



## Model language and impact

*“It shall be unlawful for a retail store to sell or offer for sale a dog or cat [or rabbit].*

*Nothing in this section shall prohibit a retail pet store from providing space to an animal shelter or animal rescue organization, provided that such store shall not have any ownership interest in the animals, nor shall the host store receive a fee for providing such space.”*

- Residents can continue to get the pet of their choice from a local shelter, rescue or responsible breeder
- New pet stores remain welcome under the more humane model

# Most pet store puppies come from puppy mills

## Puppy mills

- Inhumane, commercial breeding facilities that focus on profits over welfare, and quantity over quality
- Puppies taken at just 7-8 weeks old, trucked across country and placed in pet store cages

## Puppy mill stores pose serious consumer protection issues

- Misleading sales tactics
- Predatory lending practices
- Sick puppies
- Zoonotic disease

# Stopping the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline



- Since 2021, according to public records, **hundreds of puppies were imported** from Midwest puppy mill breeders and brokers to be sold in pet stores.
  - Based on health certificates that are only required for interstate transfers; does not include puppies purchased from PA breeders or brokers.
- Many of the puppies were **purchased from massive brokers** in Missouri, Indiana and Iowa.
  - Use of brokers further limits publicly available breeder information.
- Inspection reports included observations of hundreds of dogs held in overcrowded conditions; contaminated feeders and dog food; emaciated dogs; dogs with wounds, infections, and matted fur, and more.
- Without this ordinance, nothing is stopping this pipeline from entering West Chester.

# Questions?

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