



Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee Meeting
December 10, 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

Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee Meeting:

I. Call to Order

II. Announcements

- A. The Borough will be collecting canned goods to benefit the West Chester Food Cupboard at Borough Hall during business hours. Please stop by to contribute. More information can be found on the Borough website.

III. Comments

Comments, suggestions, petitions by residents, taxpayers and visitors in attendance regarding items that are not on the agenda. Please be advised there is a 5-minute time limit which is at the discretion of the Council President and/or Chair.

IV. Reports

- A. Monthly WCFD Report (attachment)
B. Monthly WCPD Report (attachment)
C. Monthly GFAC Report (attachment)

V. Old Business

- A. Discuss amendment to Chapter 80 – Peddling, Soliciting, Handbills
B. Approve November 2025 meeting minutes (attachment)

VI. New Business

- A. Discuss traffic calming solutions
B. Motion to direct the Civil Service Commission to create an eligibility list for the

position of Police Officer, Police Corporal, and Police Sergeant upon the retirement of Sgt. McFarlane effective December 22, 2025.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

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West Chester Fire Department

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Monthly Report November 2025

Incident Summary

Total Incidents for November:	164
West Chester Borough:	88
East Bradford Township:	17
West Goshen Township:	21
Birmingham Township:	2
Thornbury Township:	7
Westtown Township:	16
Mutual Aid Responses:	13
Total Time in Service:	65:45:42
Average Manpower:	7.6

Total Incidents for 2025:	1605
West Chester Borough:	748
East Bradford Township:	154
West Goshen Township:	289
Birmingham Township:	28
Thornbury Township:	75
Westtown Township:	149
Mutual Aid Responses:	162
Total Time in Service:	695:29:45
Average Manpower:	7.7

Significant Incidents

- November 06 - Brush Fire / Copeland School Road, East Bradford Township
- November 07 - Brush Fire / N New Street, West Goshen Township
- November 07 - Brush Fire / Birmingham Road, Birmingham Township
- November 10 - House Fire / Bainbridge Drive, Thornbury Township
- November 25 - Building Fire / S Church Street, West Chester Borough
- November 29 - Brush Fire / Copeland School Road, East Bradford Township

Training/Activity Summary

November	
Total Training Hours:	976:10
Total Activity Hours:	962:45

2025	
Total Training Hours:	11371:28
Total Activity Hours:	9445:10

Property Loss

November		
	Property	Contents
Pre Incident Value:	\$2,000,100.00	\$400,000.00
Estimated Loss:	\$110,100.00	\$30,000.00

2025		
	Property	Contents
Pre Incident Value:	\$37,064,537.00	\$31,632,500.00
Estimated Loss:	\$1,851,987.00	\$716,450.00



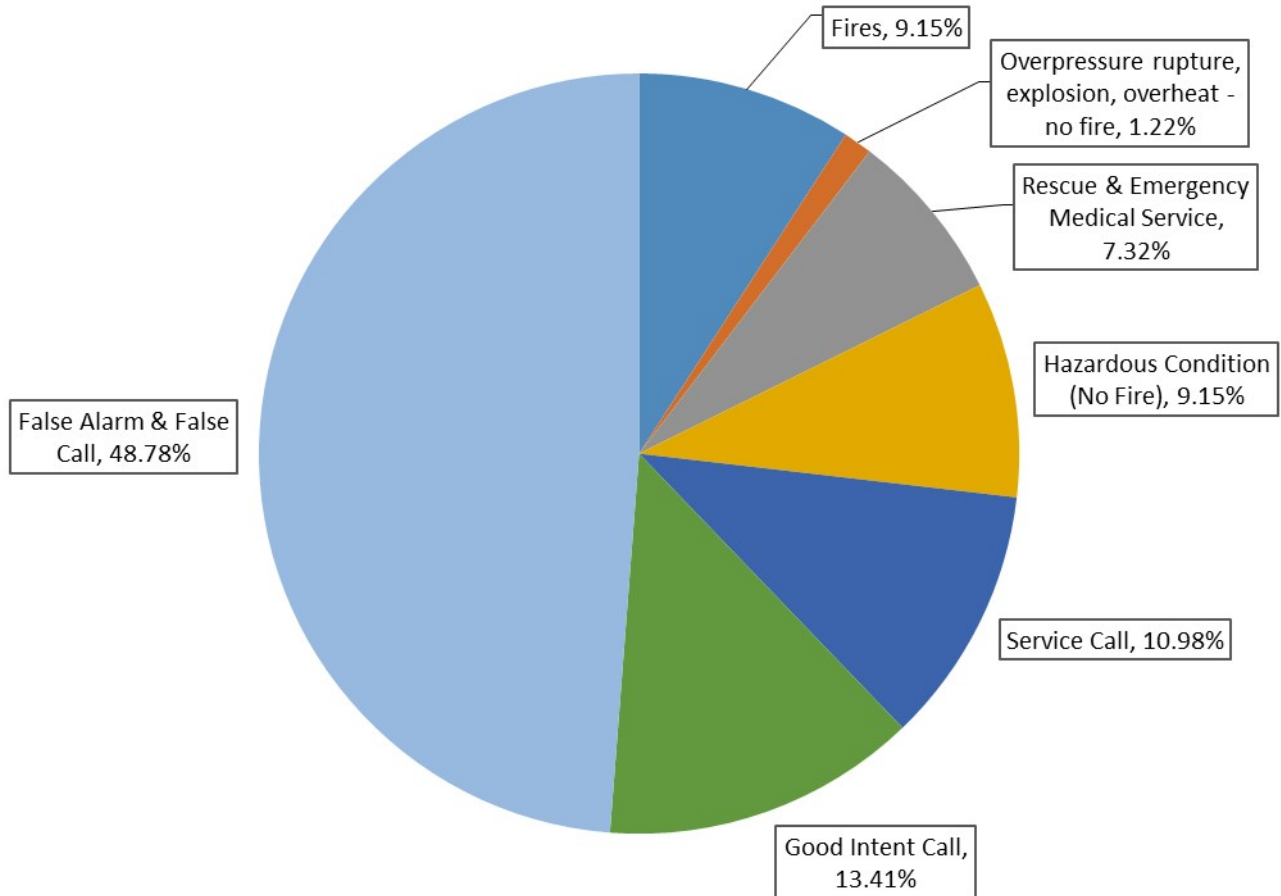
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Major Incident Types November 2025



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	15	9.15%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	2	1.22%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	12	7.32%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	15	9.15%
Service Call	18	10.98%
Good Intent Call	22	13.41%
False Alarm & False Call	80	48.78%
Total	164	100.00%



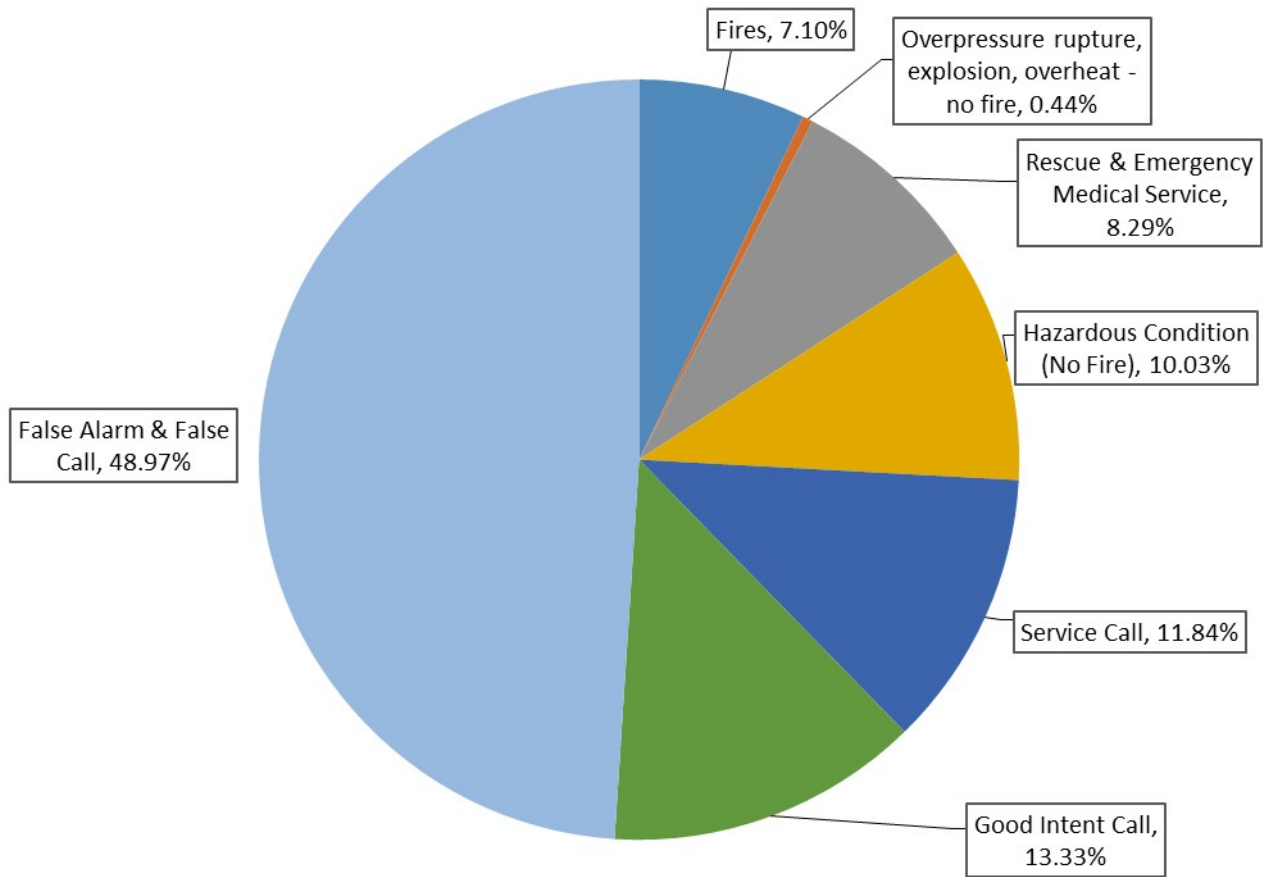
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Major Incident Types 2025



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	114	7.10%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	7	0.44%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	133	8.29%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	161	10.03%
Service Call	190	11.84%
Good Intent Call	214	13.33%
False Alarm & False Call	786	48.97%
Total	1605	100.00%



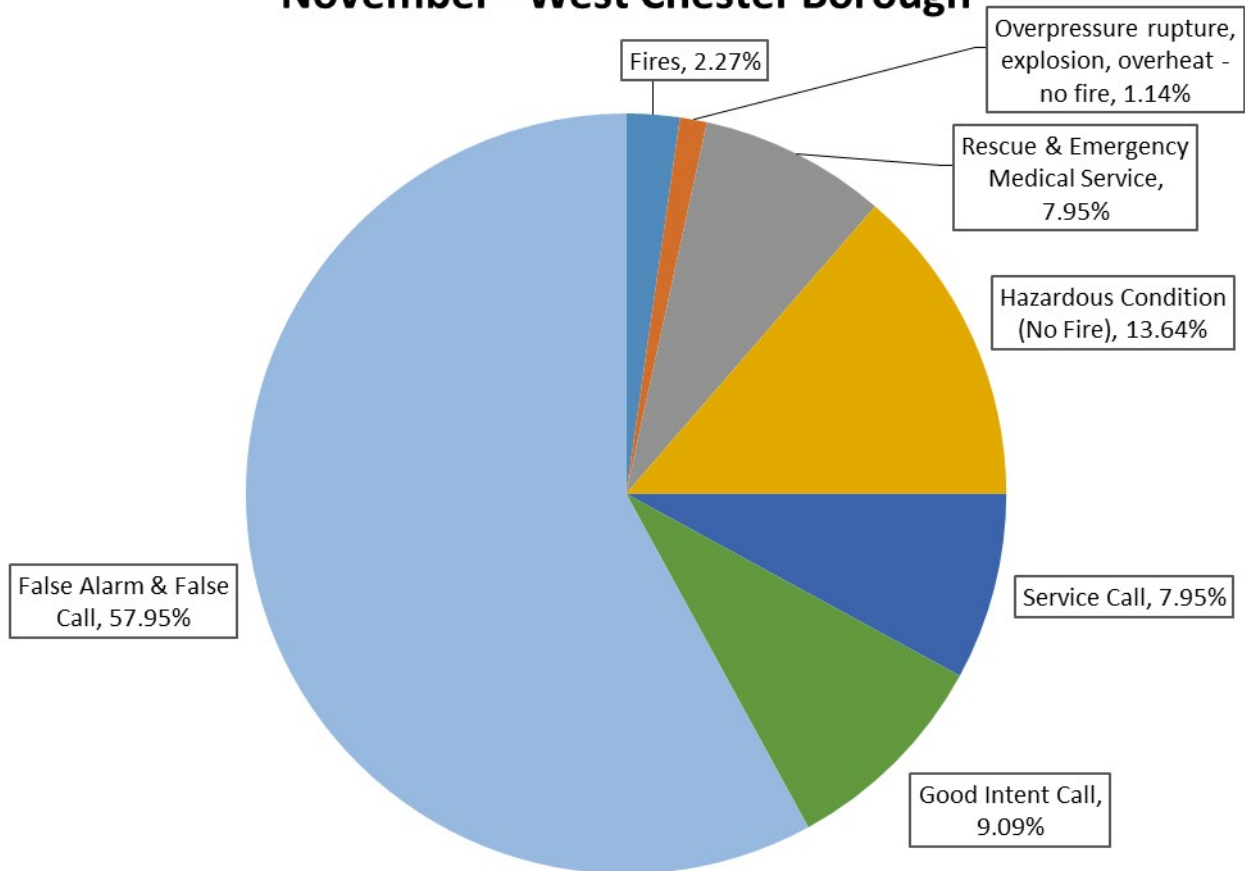
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Major Incident Types November - West Chester Borough



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	2	2.27%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	1.14%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	7	7.95%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	13.64%
Service Call	7	7.95%
Good Intent Call	8	9.09%
False Alarm & False Call	51	57.95%
Total	88	100.00%



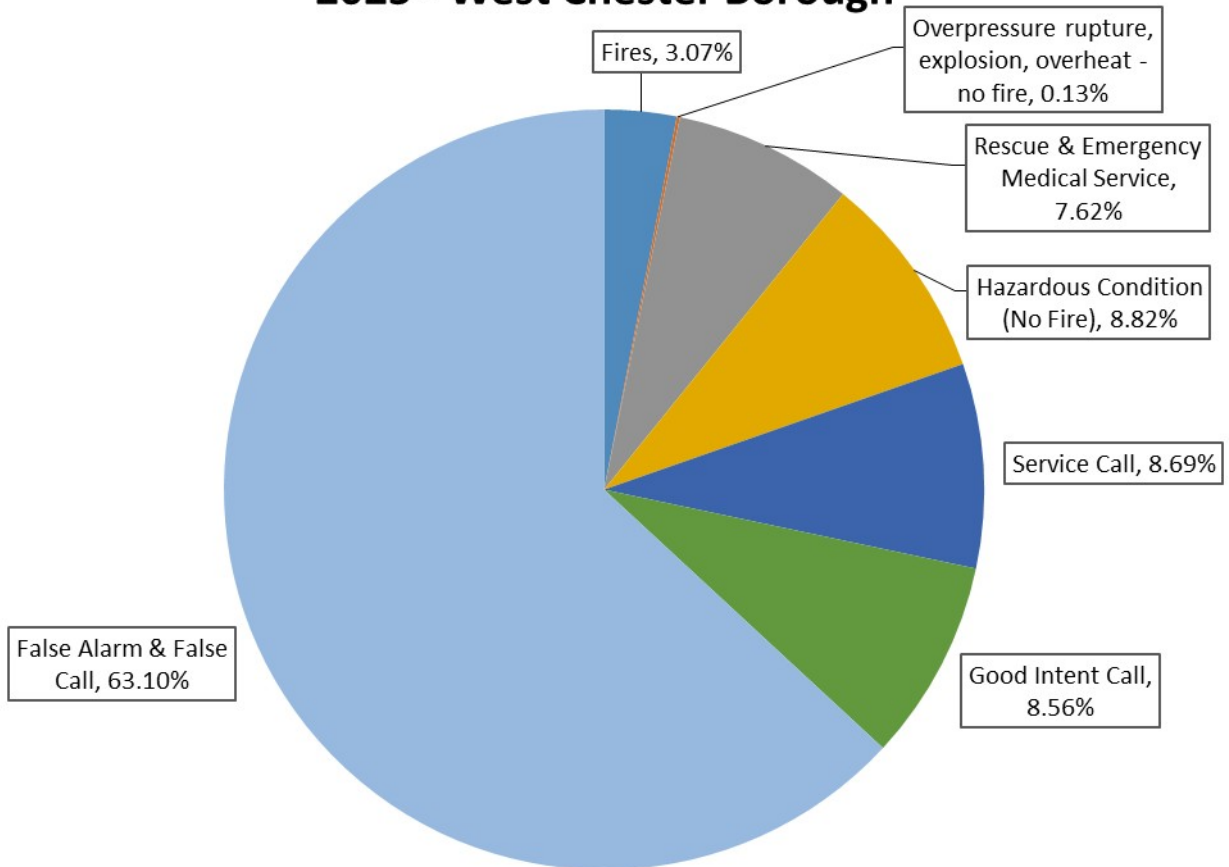
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Major Incident Types 2025 - West Chester Borough



Major Incident Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fires	23	3.07%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.13%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	57	7.62%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	66	8.82%
Service Call	65	8.69%
Good Intent Call	64	8.56%
False Alarm & False Call	472	63.10%
Total	748	100.00%

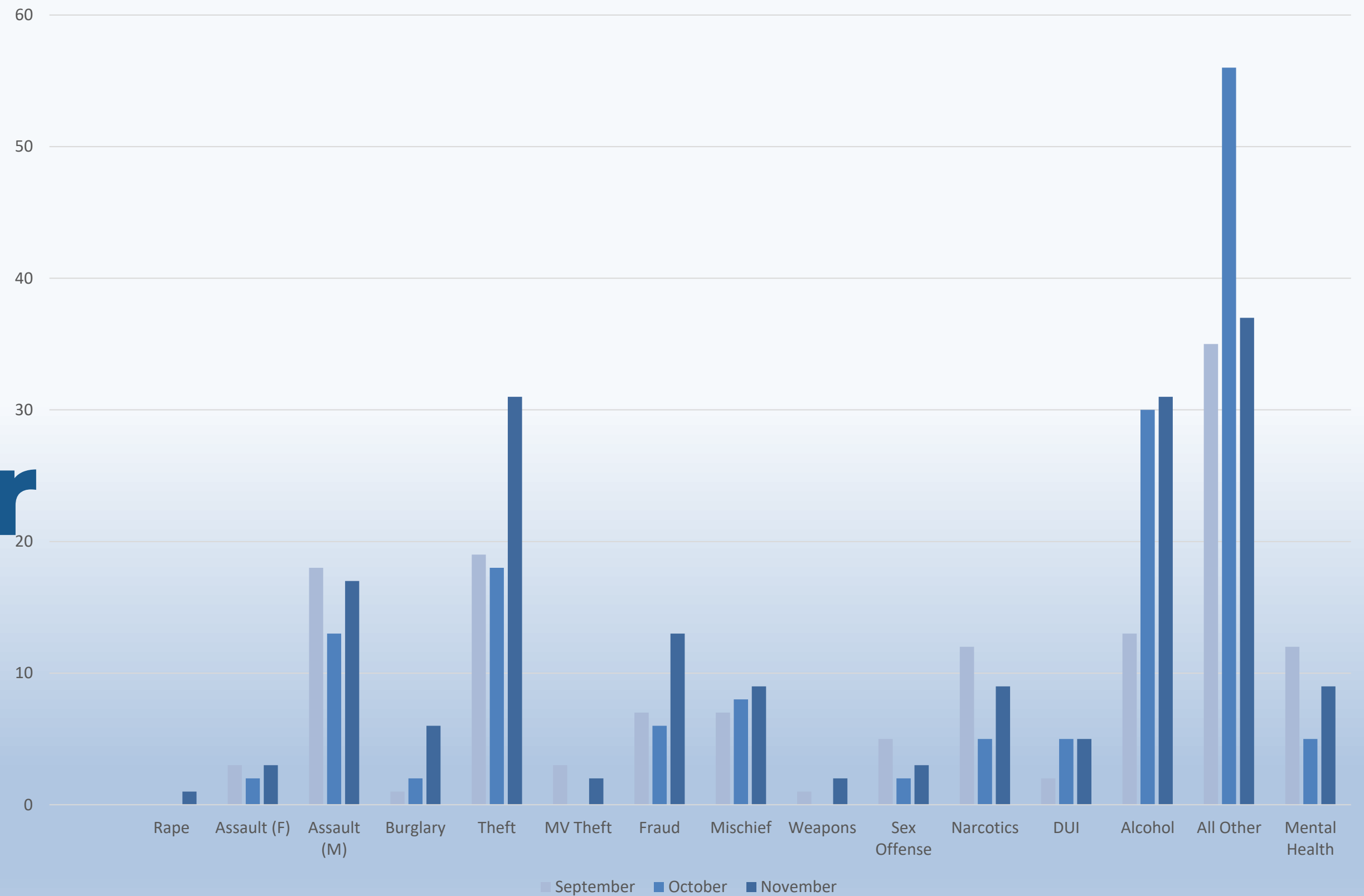
WCPD Monthly Report

November 2025

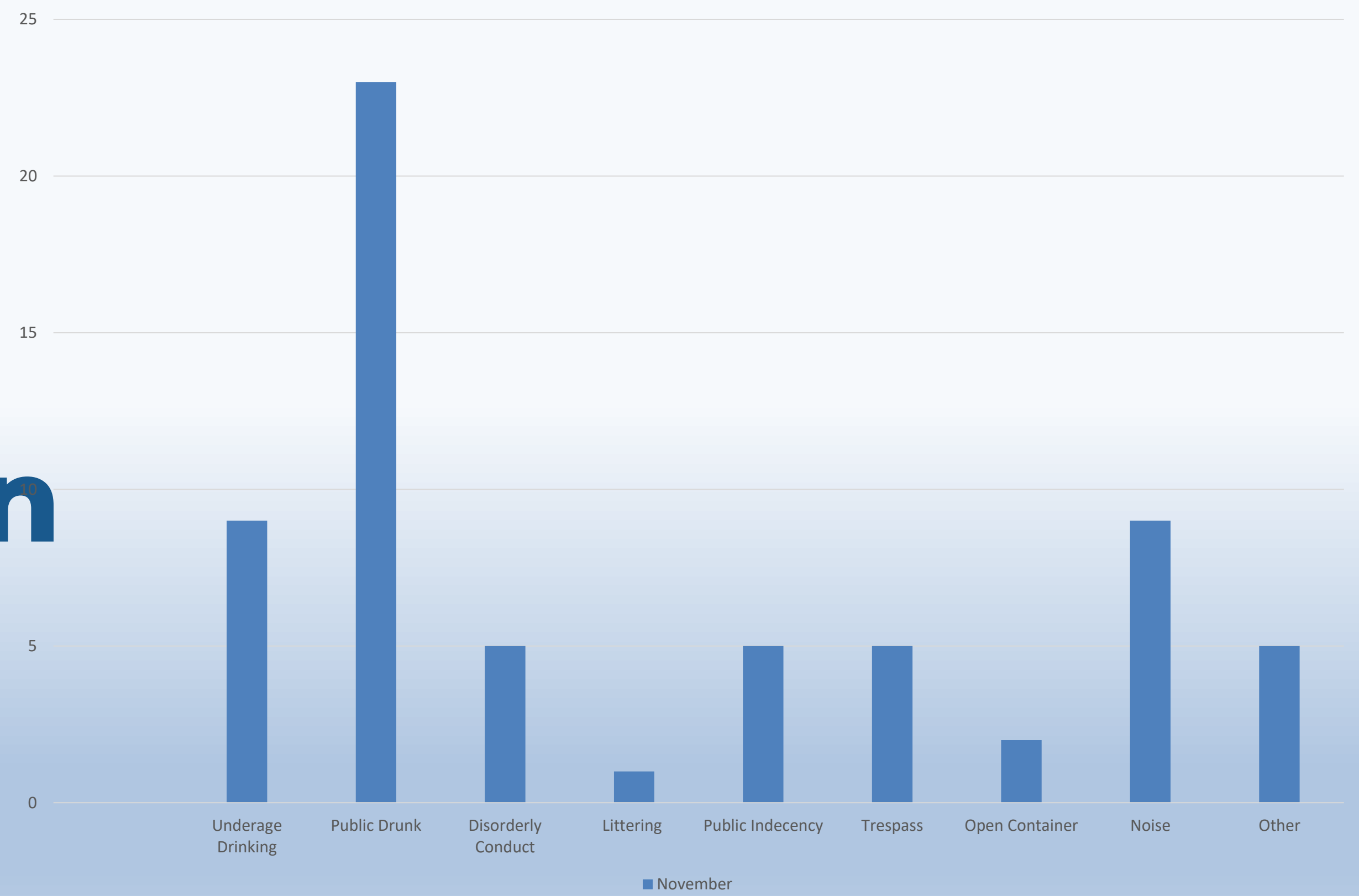




Calls for Service Reported: November 2025



Nuisance Crime Breakdown





Noise in November:

48 Complaints


9 Citations

Get in Touch:

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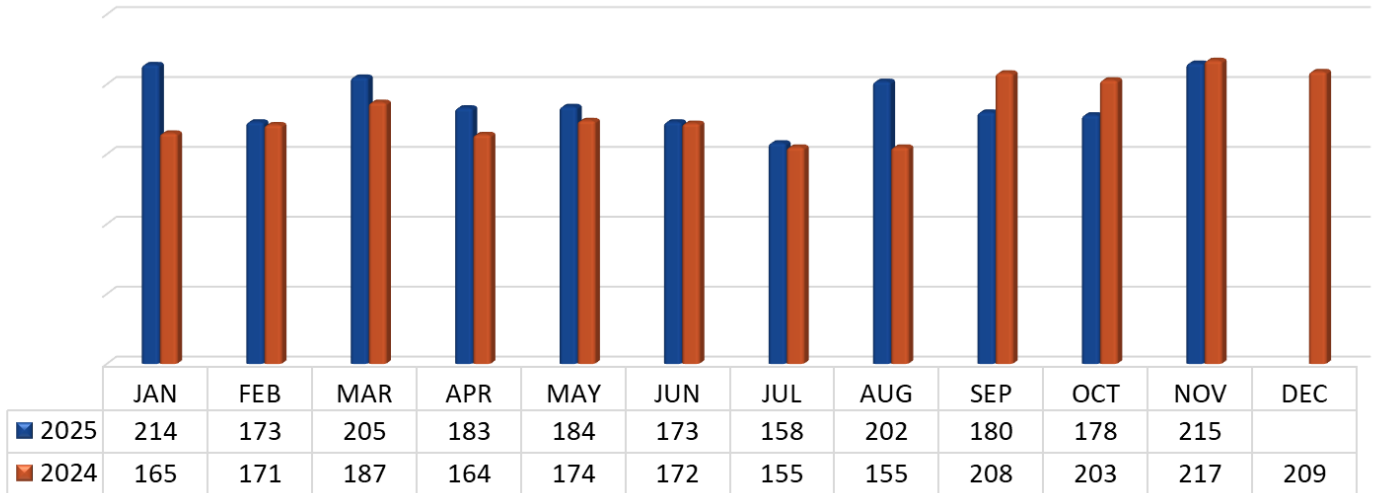
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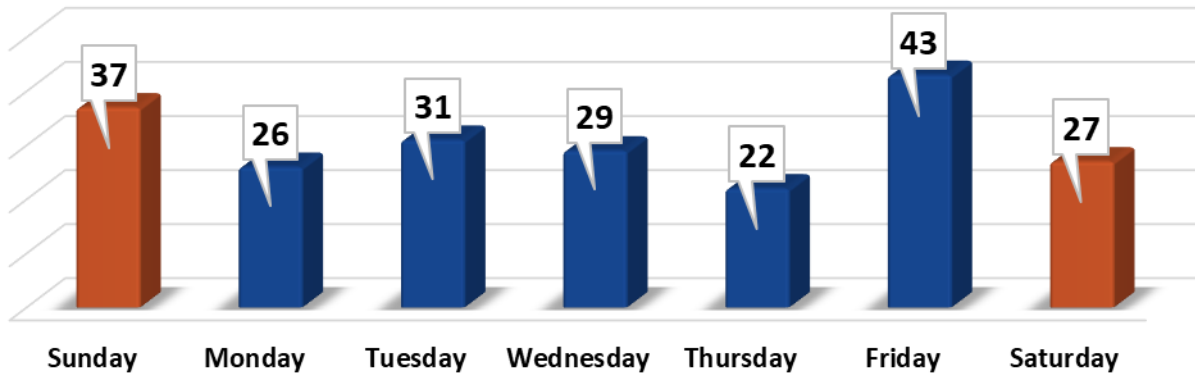
WEST CHESTER BOROUGH REPORT

CALL VOLUME

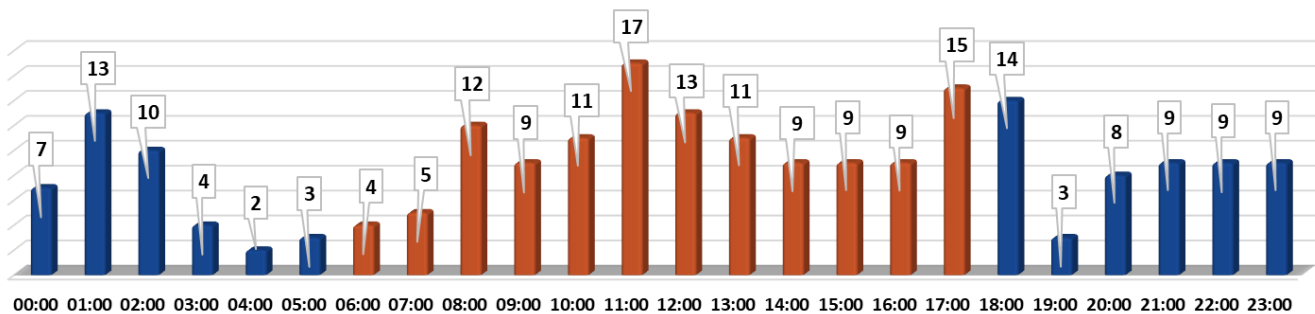
Call Volume By Month



Call Volume By Day of Week



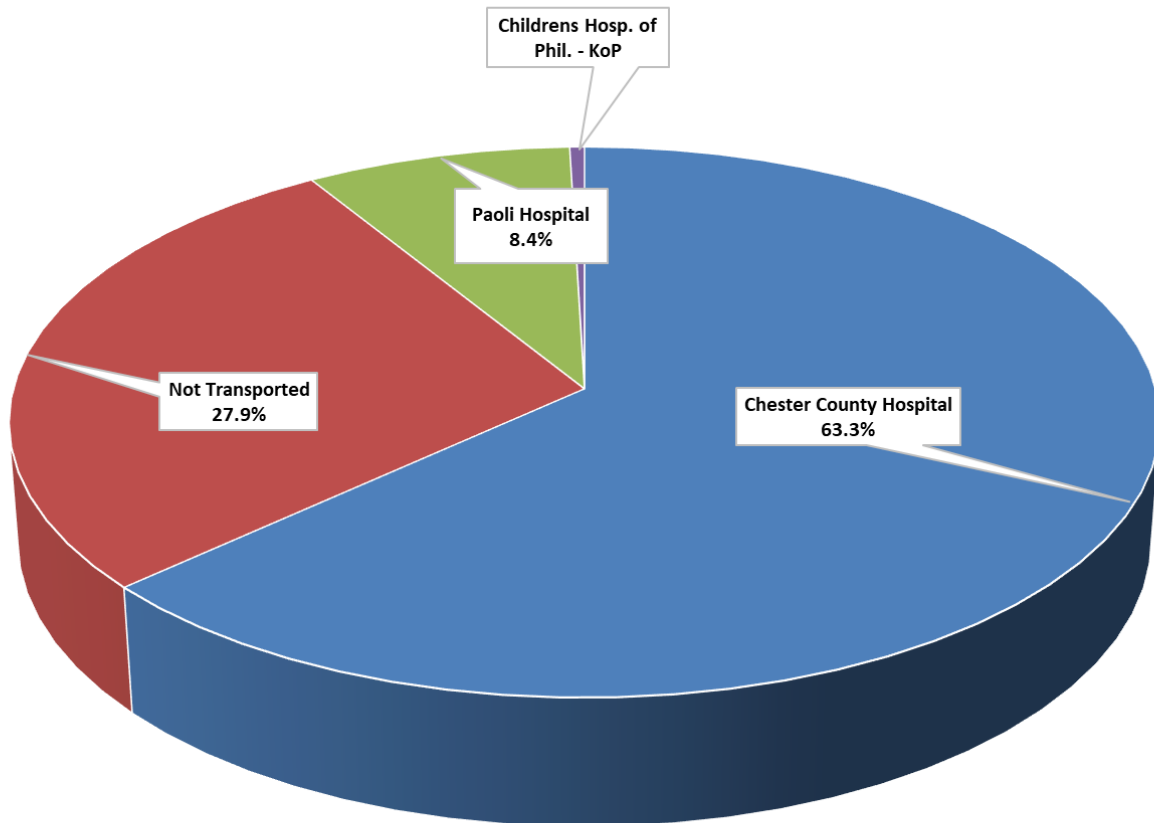
Call Volume By Hour



HOSPITAL DESTINATION INFORMATION

Receiving Hospital	Total	%
Chester County Hospital	136	63.3%
Not Transported	60	27.9%
Paoli Hospital	18	8.4%
Childrens Hosp. of Phil. - KoP	1	0.5%
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Transported:	155	72.1%
Not Transported:	60	27.9%
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Call Outcomes	
Transported BLS	111
Transported ALS	37
Refusal	28
No Services	13
Recalled Enroute	8
Transported IALS	7
Recalled On Scene	6
Public Assist	4
DOA	1
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MISCELLANEOUS CALL INFORMATION

Call Types

BLS - Sick Person	58	27.0%
BLS - Injured Person	19	8.8%
BLS - Fall / Lift Assist	19	8.8%
BLS - Overdose	15	7.0%
ALS - Respiratory Difficulty	12	5.6%
ALS - Heart Problems	11	5.1%
Accident - BLS	10	4.7%
ALS - Syncope	9	4.2%
BLS - Emotional Disorder	6	2.8%
BLS - Seizures	5	2.3%
BLS - Back Pain	5	2.3%
EMS - Standby - Fire	4	1.9%
Alarm - BLS Medical	4	1.9%
ALS - Unresponsive Person	4	1.9%
ALS - Overdose	4	1.9%
ALS - Fall	4	1.9%
BLS - Syncope	3	1.4%
BLS - Abdominal Pain	3	1.4%
BLS - DOA	2	0.9%
BLS - Assault w/Injury	2	0.9%
ALS - Diabetic Emergency	2	0.9%
ALS - Allergic/Med Reaction	2	0.9%
ALS - Abdominal Pain	2	0.9%
BLS - Hemorrhaging	1	0.5%
BLS - Allergic/Med Reaction	1	0.5%
Accident - Pedestrian	1	0.5%
Accident - ALS	1	0.5%
ALS - Seizures	1	0.5%
ALS - Injured Person	1	0.5%
ALS - Hemorrhaging	1	0.5%
ALS - Emotional Disorder	1	0.5%
ALS - CVA/Stroke	1	0.5%
ALS - Assault w/Injury	1	0.5%

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Alcohol / Drug Suspicion

	Total	%
Alcohol	28	13.0%
Alcohol and Drugs	3	1.4%
Drugs	6	2.8%
Total:	37	17.2%
Unknown / Unable to Determine	2	0.9%

West Chester University Calls

Total WCU Calls	21
% Of Calls in West Chester	9.8%

Average Times

Dispatch To Enroute	01:07
Enroute To On Scene	04:46
On Scene Time	15:28
Transport Time	06:50
Dispatch To Available	42:22

High Acuity Average Times

Dispatch To Enroute	00:56
Enroute To On Scene	03:34
On Scene Time	08:39
Transport Time	21:15
Dispatch To Available	28:54

MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee of Borough Council

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Committee Members: Lisa Dorsey, Chair
Nicole Scimone
Brian McGinnis

Staff & Representatives: Joshua Lee, Chief - West Chester Police Department
Keith Kurowski, Director of Parks & Recreation
Sean Metrick, Borough Manager
Mark Scanlon, Fire Chief West Chester Fire Department
Justin Robbins, Director of Operations Good Fellowship Ambulance Club

- I. Call to order By Lisa Dorsey
- II. Announcements Borough is collecting food donations for the West Chester Food Cupboard.
- III. Comments, suggestions, petitions by residents in attendance regarding items not on the agenda. *(Please be advised that all public comments have a 5-minute time limit.)*

Lisa Kearns, West Biddle Street, shares that Kelly Goff received confirmation from PennDOT that the borough may paint the crosswalk lines at the intersection of New and Chestnut Streets. Don Anderson has included this on Public Works list of intersections to be painted.

IV. Reports - (Attachments)

A. Monthly WCFD Report – budget comments

Fire Chief Mark Scanlon reports that WCFD responded to 172 incidents in October with 97 of them occurring in the borough. The total number of incidents as of October 31, 2025 is 1,441. Notable incidents in the Borough in October include: 10/10- house fire on Granite Alley, 10/18 – house fire on East Gay Street. Alarms are spread among the area, not concentrated in one area. The fire department handed out Halloween candy this year. The ladder truck is complete and will be released once payment is received from the Borough. Fame Fire Company has been invited to bring their antique historic hose cart to be part of the America250 Parade in Philadelphia in July 2026.

B. Monthly WCPD Report – budget comments

Chief Lee shares that the WCPD Honor Guard made their debut at in the Halloween parade and also joined the Veteran’s Day parade. There are six officers who are members of the team. Chief Lee gives the calls for service report for October. Just a reminder - there has been an increase in auto thefts and a vast majority of the keys were in the cars, the electronic key fobs were left in the vehicles, making them easy to steal. In October there was an increase in crimes such as disorderly conduct, public urination, open container, and other quality of life violations over WCU homecoming weekend. Noise complaints, 53 complaints resulting in nine citations. If it was attached to a residence it was sent to the Codes Department. Nicole Scimone and Chief Lee have a discussion concerning borough and police regulations and accountability for who are disruptive. Chief Lee explains that the noise citations are not the only citations individuals are receiving and he will break down the report to reflect all the citations issued in the southeast and beyond next month. This may help the neighbors to understand all that is being done for their quality of life.

C. Monthly GFAC Report – budget comments

Justin Robbins reports that GFRAC responded to 889 calls to service with 178 of those in the Borough. Calls from homecoming were lower than last year. GFAC includes high acuity times on the report, which shows calls where seconds matter for the crews to get to the patients. October Borough public events: Chili Cookoff and Halloween parade where the new ATV was used for the events. Justin gives a shout out to GFAC’s Assistant Director for Clinical Care for preparing and

presenting to WCU Greek life a program that focuses on the dangers of alcohol overdoses – how to avoid it and how to recognize the signs of it. It is presented twice a year, with the first one prior to Homecoming. This may have contributed to the lower number of incidents at Homecoming.

V. Old Business

A. Motion to schedule a public hearing on December 17, 2025 to adopt the amendment to Chapter 80 – Peddling, Soliciting, Handbills (attachment) – **TABLED**

B. Discuss Holidays and Special Events – planning and public safety approaches with WCU
Nicole would like to know if there is a plan for known holidays, special events and pop-up events with public safety issues. Chief Lee states that it is not a matter of throwing overtime or additional staff at an issue. It is doing so with some preparation. It is dependent on the day of the week, anticipating staff based on prior years (not just officers, but dispatchers as well to assist with the increase of phone calls coming in), dependent on weather and do this with intention and organization. Nicole asks about events that involve students and quality of life of residents. Halloween is discussed and Chief Lee will prepare a report of the cost of overtime for this holiday.

C. Approve October 2025 meeting minutes (attachment) - **APPROVED**

VI. New Business

A. Motion to approve Special Event Permit – Stanley's Dream – 5K Race; January 1, 2026 (Attachment) **APPROVED**

Issue: Review Special Event Application

B. Discuss Trash receptacle locations in SE quadrant.

Nicole Scimone discusses with Don Anderson, Interim Public Works Director, about bringing additional trash receptacles that residents in the southeast quadrant have been asking if they could have and any other location that may benefit from it. They will work together to come up with a plan and options for the kind of receptacle would work best at the discussed locations.

VII. Other Business

-Lisa Dorsey discusses traffic calming and safety issues along borough streets. It is a topic that has been brought to the attention of the committee for the last several months by residents at several different locations in the borough. Lisa would like to start the process to have a traffic study, including pedestrian safety completed in the Borough. Chief Lee hears concerns about congestion, speed and trucks. Borough Council would need to authorize at truck study. He recommends council reach out to surrounding municipalities who have completed a traffic study and see how they define what a truck is. This will also assist the borough in determining where we can prohibit trucks and allow the police to enforce those regulations. Brian McGinnis agrees that we need a larger scale study. Don Anderson offers to look at the current ordinance where trucks are currently prohibited then make sure there is proper signage on these roads. Anne Carroll, South Franklin Street, asks if for now the borough can focus on the narrow streets where there currently have tractor trailers that continue to come down the small, narrow streets and get stuck.

-Brian McGinnis asks Chief Lee for the breakdown of the donation from the West Chester Foundation for the WCPD overtime for Homecoming.

VIII. Adjournment at 7:06pm

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