

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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An overview of the cooperative partnerships and emergency services provided



WARWICK EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION
August 2020

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Welcome to the WESC report!

Welcome to our report on the local fire, police and emergency medical services (EMS) provided in Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough and Warwick Township. It is my goal that this report helps educate you and provide answers to your questions about our local emergency services. All of our local emergency service providers take great pride in serving our communities, and we are focused on providing a safe environment for our residents, businesses and visitors.

In addition to fire, police and EMS; Emergency Management is also a critical role in the community's emergency services. By Pennsylvania law, each municipality is required to prepare, maintain and keep current an emergency operations plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disaster, prompt and effective response to disaster and disaster emergency relief and recovery in consonance with the Commonwealth Emergency Operations Plan.

Locally, our municipalities are required to nominate an individual to serve as their Emergency Management Coordinator to manage these requirements.

This person is then appointed by the Governor to serve as the municipal emergency management coordinator. In addition, assistance is provided to local businesses, churches, schools, etc. in the communities who seek assistance in disaster planning for their properties. All emergency management planning is a coordinated effort by emergency management, fire, police and EMS leaders. Our best efforts to plan, prepare and protect our communities would be wasted if it wasn't for the united efforts by all of these disciplines to work together for the good of our communities. The best examples of these coordinated efforts are recognized each year as we create safety plans for events such as the 4th of July events, the Rotary Club Craft Show, Fire and Ice Festival and other events that bring large crowds to Downtown Lititz Borough.

In addition to my role as Fire Commissioner, I serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Lititz Borough and Warwick Township. In Elizabeth Township, the Emergency Management Coordinator is Dennis Strauss.

Thank you for your interest to learn more about your local emergency services. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information. More information can also be found at www.warwicktownship.org/wesc.

Duane Ober

WESC Fire Commissioner | Lititz Borough & Warwick Township Emergency Management Coordinator

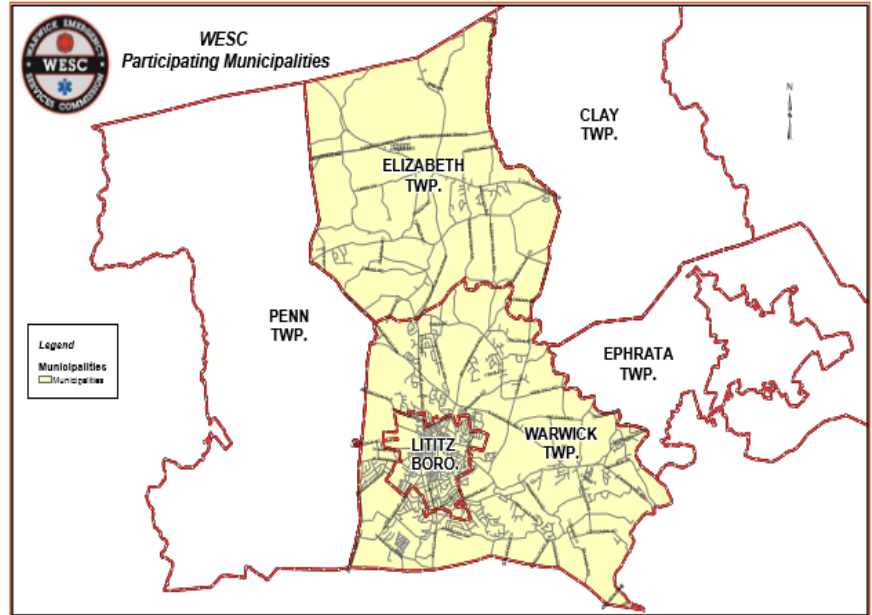
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Introduction and Overview of WESC

The Warwick Emergency Services Commission (WESC) formed in 2013, but began as the Warwick Emergency Services Alliance (WESA) in 2001. The region first started working together as the result of a recruitment and retention program that was developed for the Warwick School District. Since 2001, the Commission has progressed to the multi-municipal emergency services commission it is today.

The WESC Board of Directors is composed of 13 voting members, consisting of one member from each municipality, one member from each fire company, one member from each ambulance organization and three citizens-at-large (one from each municipality). The Fire Commissioner is a non-voting member of the WESC Board of Directors.



Participating Municipalities: **ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP** | **LITITZ BOROUGH** | **WARWICK TOWNSHIP**



MISSION STATEMENT: To protect and enhance the quality of life of those who live, work and visit our shared communities, by protecting life, property and the environment, doing so in the most efficient and safe manner.

WESC is led by Fire Commissioner Duane Ober, the only full-time employee in WESC. The partners of WESC are focused on sustaining the volunteer fire service in the region, as well as providing around-the-clock emergency medical care. The two biggest concerns in the volunteer fire service relate to funding and staffing.

Funding comes from local fund raisers, municipal support and grant programs. Financial support from the community has remained fairly consistent throughout the years, however, only 33% of the community donates to support the fire protection that 100% of the community receives. Adequate funding is necessary to pay for daily operating costs for each fire company, pay for capital improvements to the fire stations and to purchase fire apparatus when needed. Fire apparatus is normally replaced after 20-25 years and the current cost for a new fire engine (pumper) is nearly \$600,000. It would cost nearly 1.3 million to replace the current ladder truck owned by Lititz Fire Company.

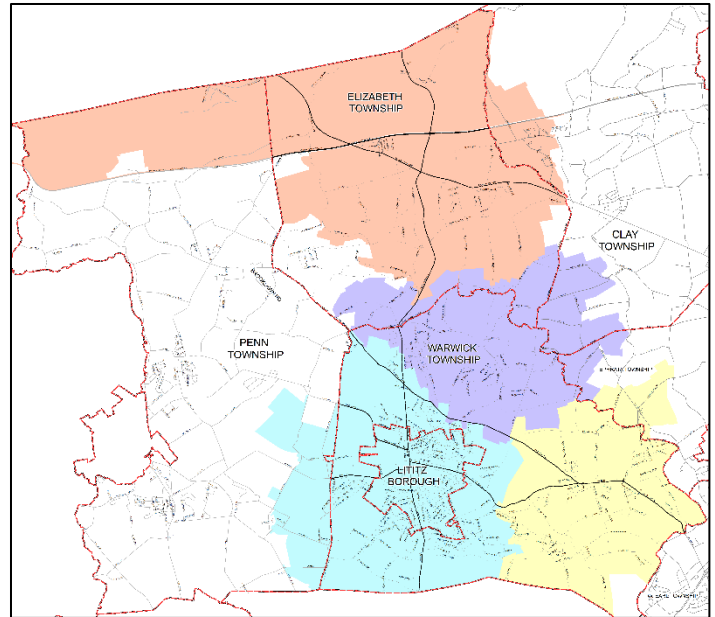
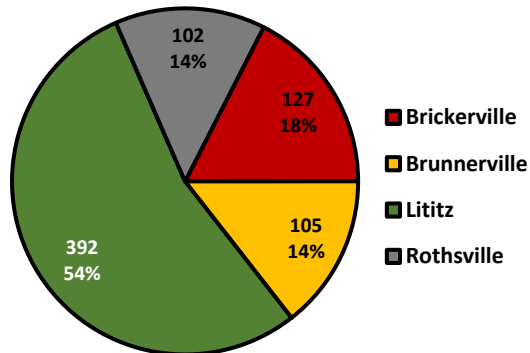
Right next to funding, staffing is the most critical factor of the volunteer fire service. Recruitment and retention of the volunteers is a high priority of WESC. It is very important to keep our trained personnel for as long as possible and to continually recruit the next generation of firefighters. Advertising campaigns in the community, as well as personal recruitment of friends and family have proven to be successful, however, there is a need to constantly find ways to encourage residents to serve their communities.

Only 1 out of 3 households donate towards the fire service that 100% of the households receive!

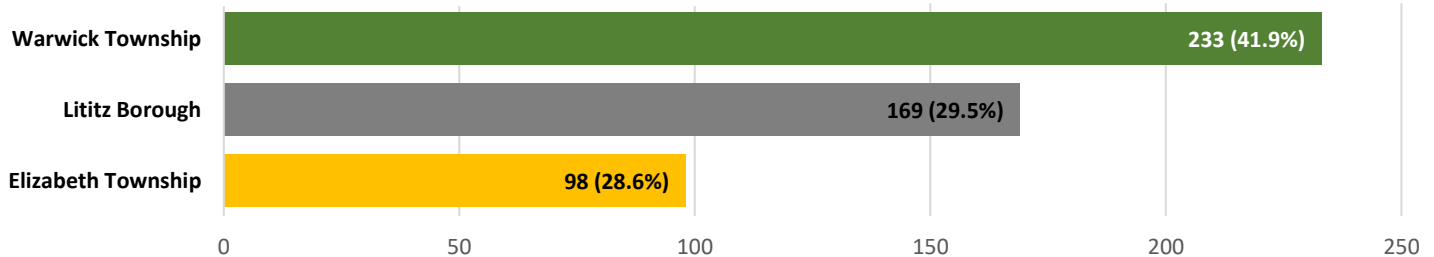


Overview of Fire-Rescue Services

2019 EVENT DISTRIBUTION BY FIRE COMPANY
(Includes responses outside of WESC region)



2019 FIRE EVENT DISTRIBUTION BY WESC MUNICIPALITY



Beyond emergency response, members of WESC teach fire prevention in schools, daycares, etc., teach community fire safety programs and free smoke detector installations.



Brickerville Fire Company
10 Hopeland Road (Elizabeth Township)
Fire Chief: Dennis Strauss

Active Firefighters

25



Brunnerville Fire Company
1302 Church Street (Warwick Township)
Fire Chief: Lynn Mearig

Active Firefighters

25



Lititz Fire Company No. 1
24 West Main Street (Lititz Borough)
Fire Chief: Mike Smith

Active Firefighters

30



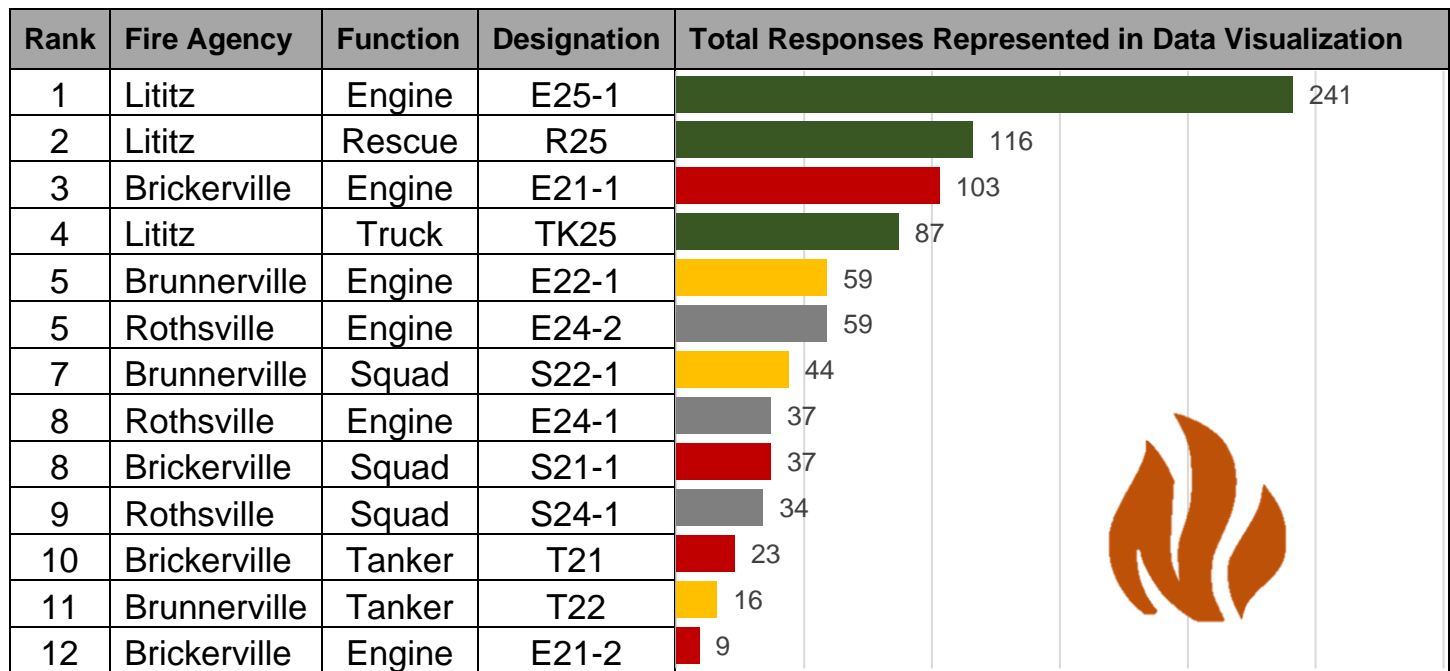
Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company
2071 Main Street (Warwick Township)
Fire Chief: Greg Young

Active Firefighters

30



2019 FIRE Unit Responses (Function: ENGINE, TRUCK, RESCUE, TANKER and SQUAD)



WESC FIRE Standards of Coverage Model

In 2014, a Standard of Coverage was adopted by WESC to show the expectation of the response capabilities of the local fire companies. The standards are designated around “emergency calls” (i.e. structure fires, vehicle crashes, etc.) – calls that have potential loss of life or property at risk.

The following standards were adopted in 2014:

Elizabeth Township – The standard is to be on location within fourteen (14) minutes from the time of dispatch with one (1) fire suppression vehicle and four (4) qualified firefighters, 80% of the time.

- ✓ **Brickerville Fire Company had an average response time for ALL incidents in 2019 of 10.5 minutes.**

Lititz Borough – The standard is to be on location within nine (9) minutes of the time of dispatch with one (1) fire suppression vehicle and a minimum of one (1) driver and two (2) suppression-level firefighters, 90% of the time.

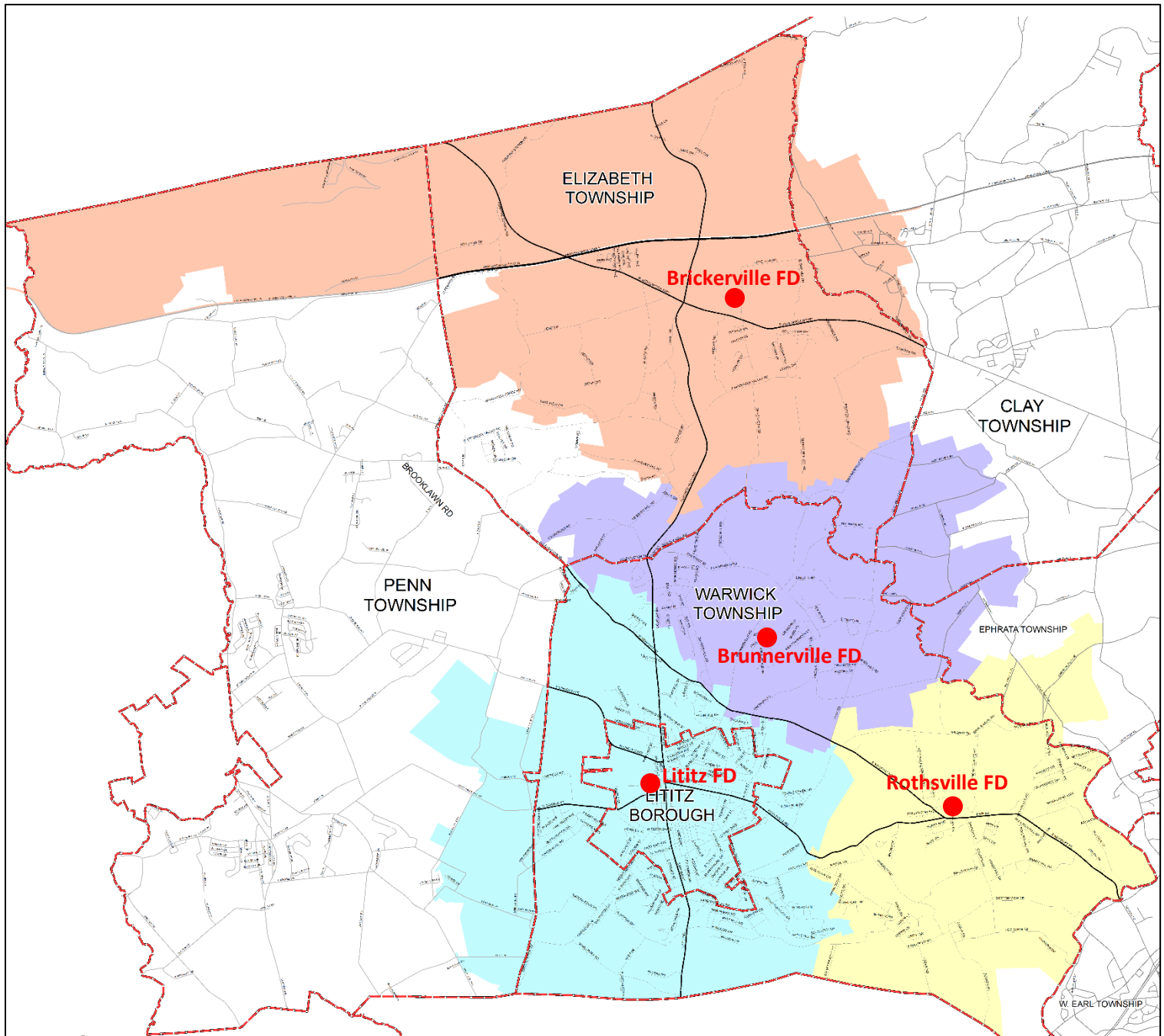
- ✓ **Lititz Fire Company had an average response time for ALL incidents in 2019 of 7.5 minutes.**

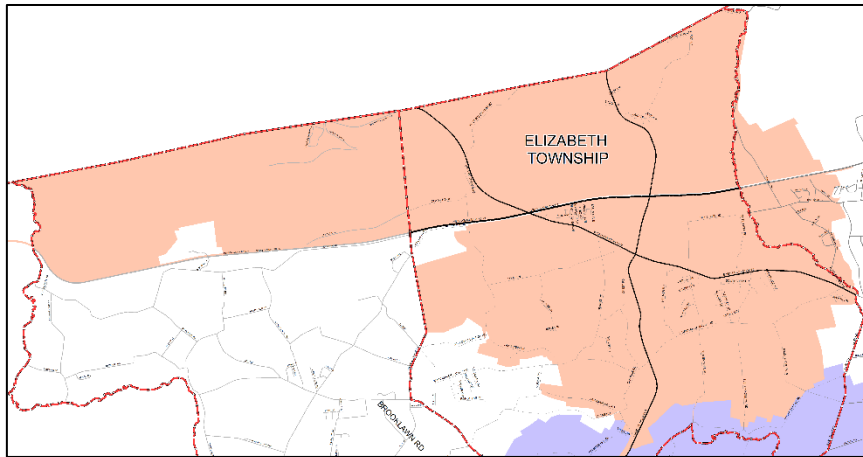
Warwick Township – The standard is to be on location within ten (10) minutes of the time of dispatch with one (1) fire suppression vehicle and a minimum of one (1) driver and two (2) suppression-level firefighters, 90% of the time.

- ✓ **Brunnerville Fire Company had an average response time for ALL incidents in 2019 of 8 minutes.**
- ✓ **Lititz Fire Company had an average response time for ALL incidents in 2019 of 7.5 minutes.**
- ✓ **Rothsville Fire Company had an average response time for ALL incidents in 2019 of 8.5 minutes.**

Overview of Fire-Rescue Services (continued)

This map represents the primary FIRE agencies in the WESC Region and their primary service area by municipality. It should be noted that some WESC FIRE agencies have primary jurisdiction in municipalities outside of the WESC Region – they are also shown on this mapping. It should also be noted that some WESC municipalities receive primary FIRE service from a FIRE agency that does not participate in WESC.





Station 21

120 Dispatches
5-year average



8 Volunteers
Per Call (Average)



800 Incident Hours
Annually Donated



1700-1800
Busiest Time Frame



Vehicle Crash
38% of Total Calls



Reported Fires
26% of Total Calls



Fire Alarms
7% of Total Calls

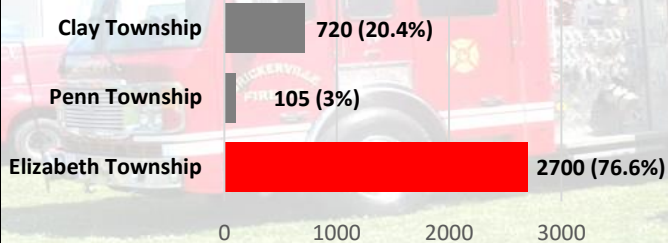


All Others
29% of Total Calls



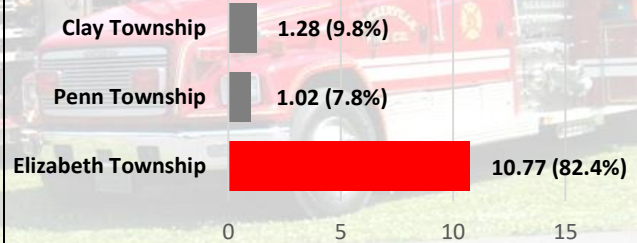
POPULATION SERVICED BY MUNICIPALITY

76.6% of Brickerville FC population is within the WESC Region
Total population = 3,525



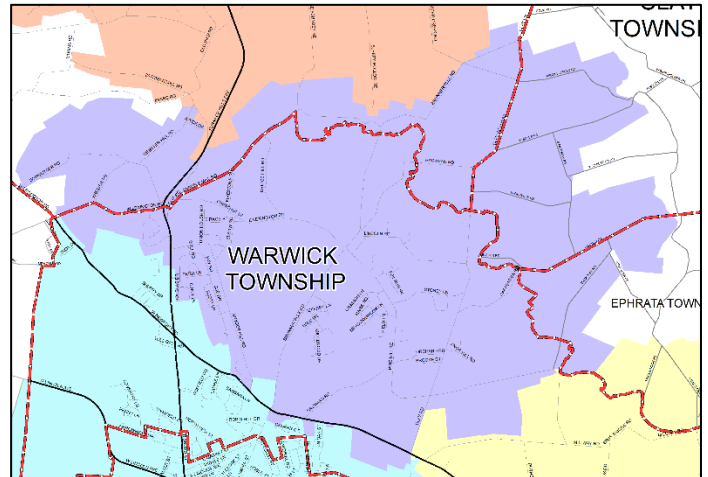
LAND AREA SERVICED BY MUNICIPALITY

82.4% of Brickerville FC area is within the WESC Region
Total area = 13.07 sq. miles





Station 22



120 Dispatches
5-year average



9 Volunteers
Per Call (Average)



600 Incident Hours
Annually Donated



1800-1900
Busiest Time Frame



Vehicle Crash
27% of Total Calls



Reported Fires
41% of Total Calls



Fire Alarms
5% of Total Calls

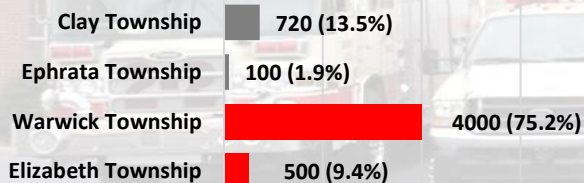


All Others
27% of Total Calls



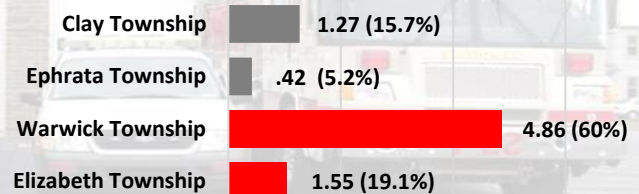
POPULATION SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY

84.6% of Brunnerville FC population is within the WESC Region
Total population = 5,320

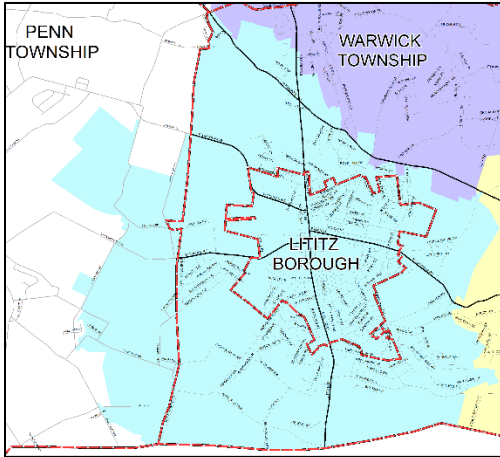


LAND AREA SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY

79.1% of Brunnerville FC area is within the WESC Region
Total area = 8.1 sq. miles



Lititz Fire Company No.1



Station 25

**390 Dispatches
5-year average**



**10 Volunteers
Per Call (Average)**



**1,450 Incident Hours
Annually Donated**



**1400-1500
Busiest Time Frame**



**Vehicle Crash
17% of Total Calls**



**Reported Fires
21% of Total Calls**



**Fire Alarms
30% of Total Calls**

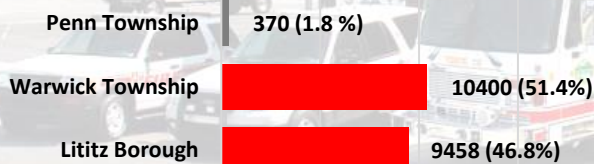


**All Others
32% of Total Calls**



POPULATION SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY

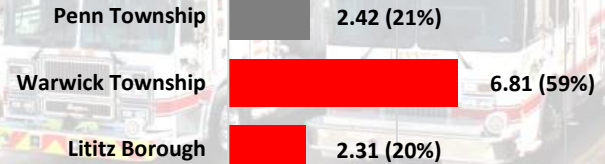
98.2% of Lititz FC population is within the WESC Region
Total population = 20,228



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LAND AREA SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY

79% of Lititz FC area is within the WESC Region
Total area = 11.54 sq. miles

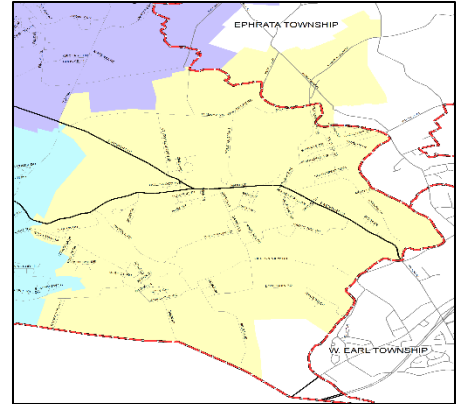


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Station 24



115 Dispatches
5-year average



10 Volunteers
Per Call (Average)



865 Incident Hours
Annually Donated



1200-1300
Busiest Time Frame



Vehicle Crash
21% of Total Calls



Reported Fires
42% of Total Calls



Fire Alarms
7% of Total Calls



All Others
30% of Total Calls



POPULATION SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY

97.8% of Rothsville FC population is within the WESC Region
Total population = 5,012

Ephrata Township 112 (2.2%)

Warwick Township 4900 (97.8%)

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LAND AREA SERVICED BY MUNICIPALITY

90.8% of Rothsville FC area is within the WESC Region
Total area = 8.04 sq. miles

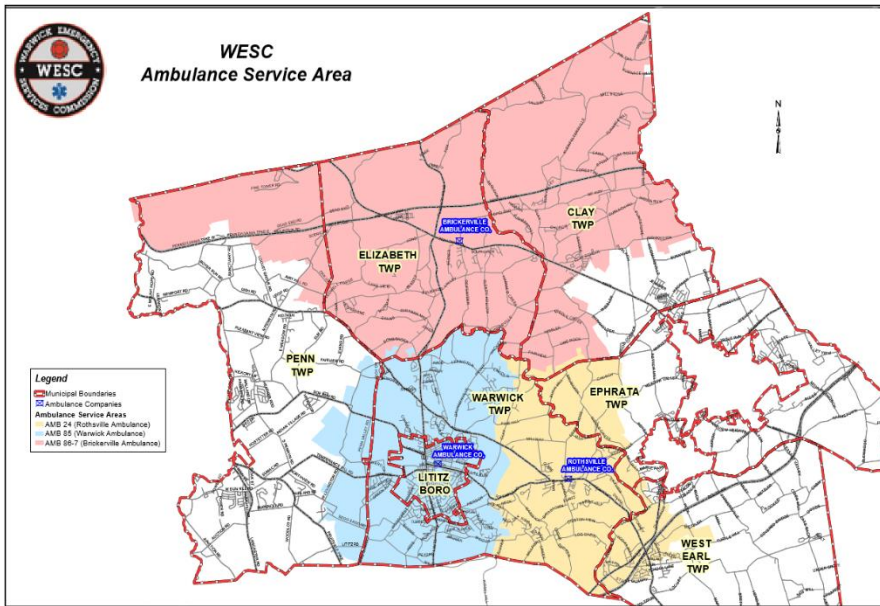
Ephrata Township 0.74 (9.2%)

Warwick Township 7.3 (90.8%)


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Overview of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)



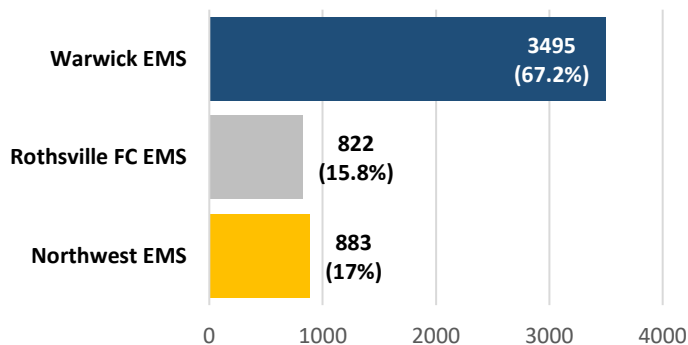

Rothsville Fire Company Ambulance
 2071 Main Street (Warwick Township)


Northwest EMS (Brickerville Station)
 10 Hopeland Road (Elizabeth Township)

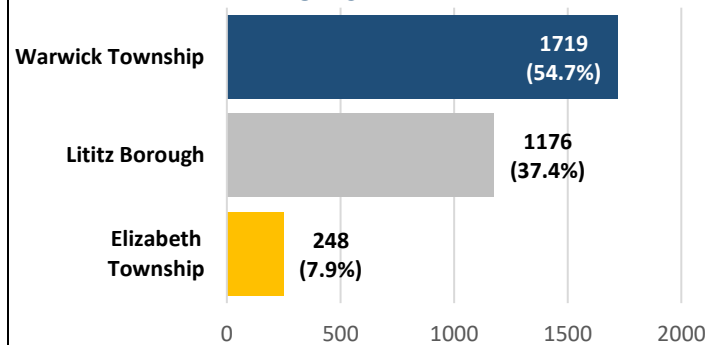

Warwick EMS
 151 North Lane (Lititz Borough)

Warwick EMS, Rothsville Fire Company EMS and Northwest EMS (Brickerville Station) cover approximately 70 square miles and serve approximately 38,000 residents. The three ambulance agencies respond to an average of 5,000 medical emergencies per year in the WESC area.

2019 EMS EVENT DISTRIBUTION BY WESC AGENCY

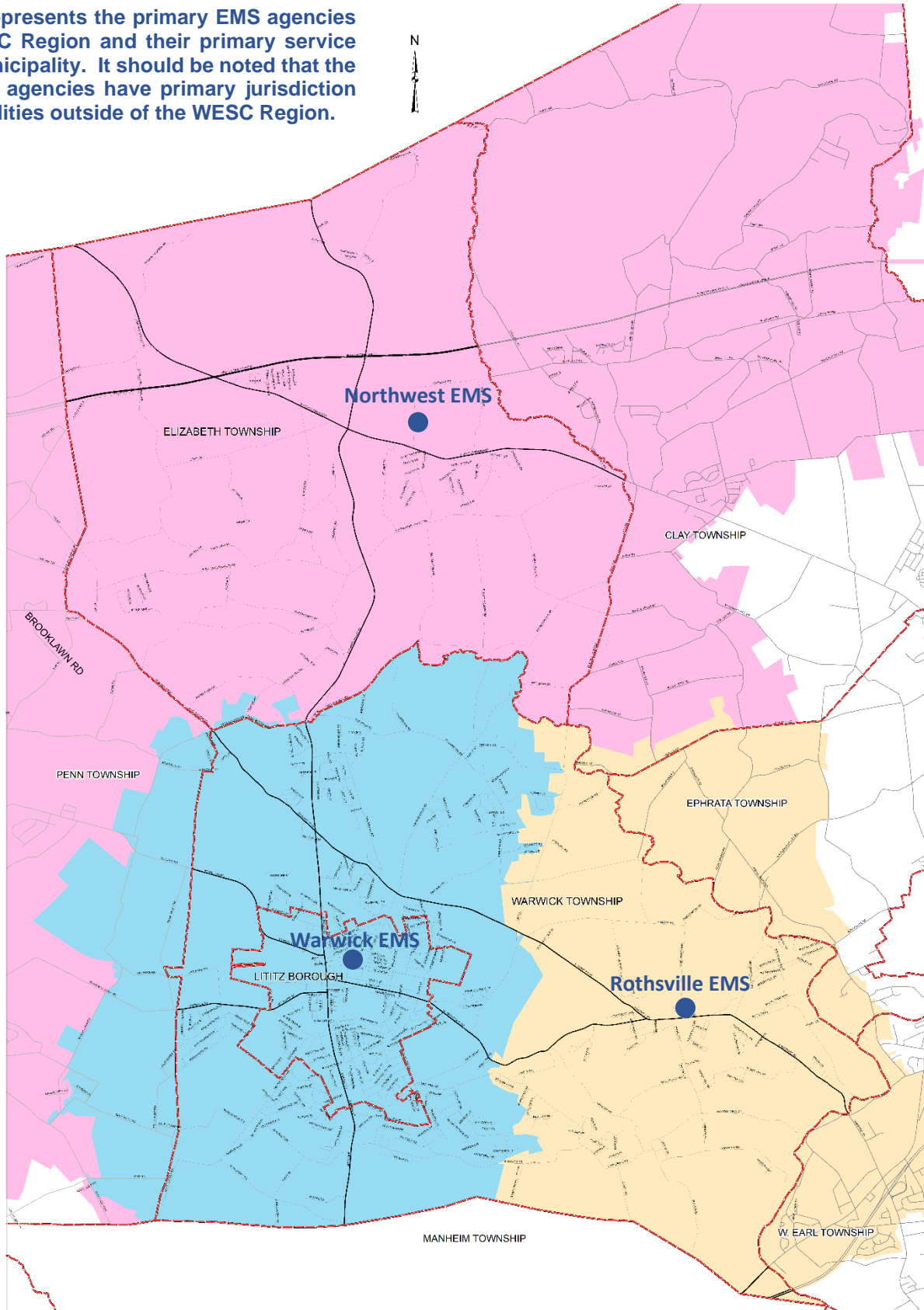


2019 EMS EVENT DISTRIBUTION BY WESC MUNICIPALITY

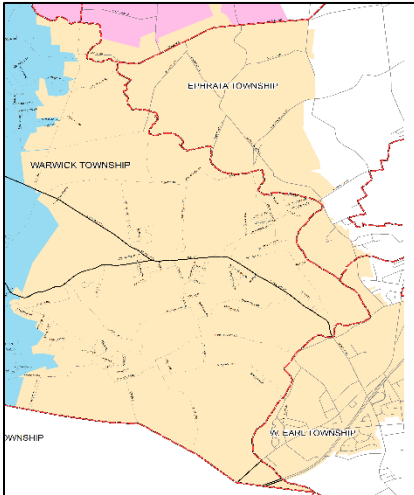


Overview of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (continued)

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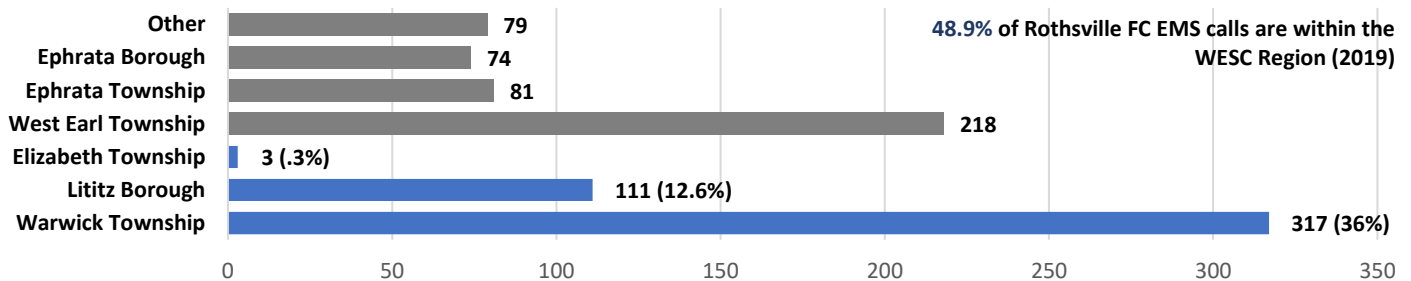
Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company EMS



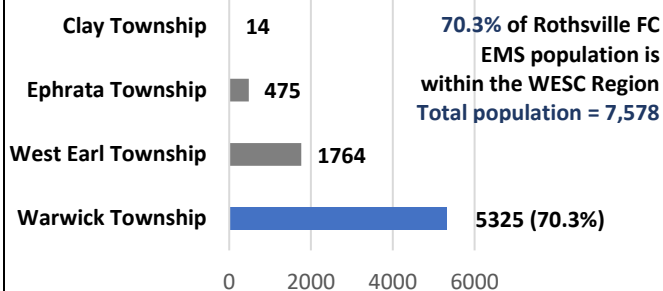
Station 24

883 Dispatched Calls in 2019

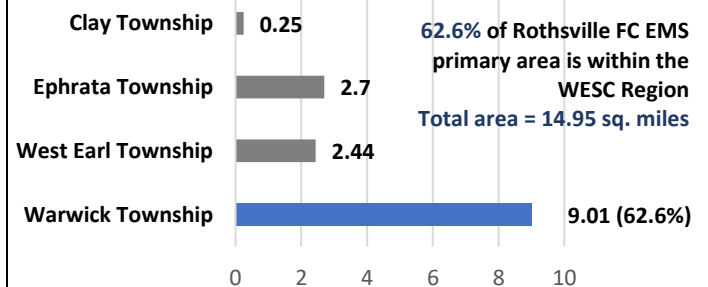
Rothsville EMS 2019 Responses by Municipality



POPULATION SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY

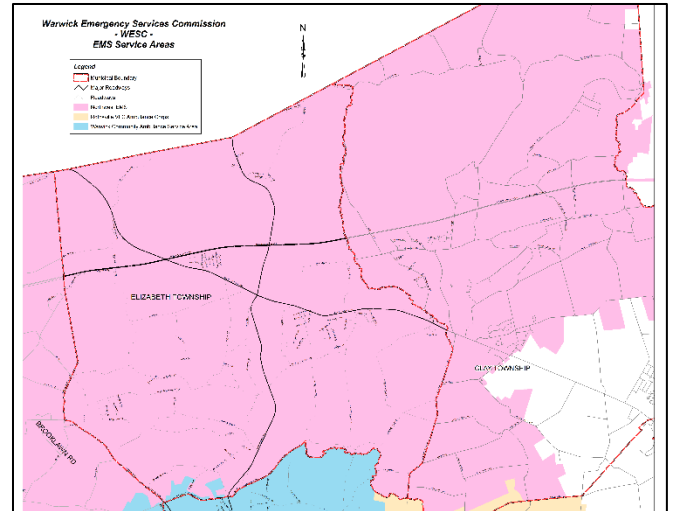


PRIMARY AREA SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY (sq. mile)



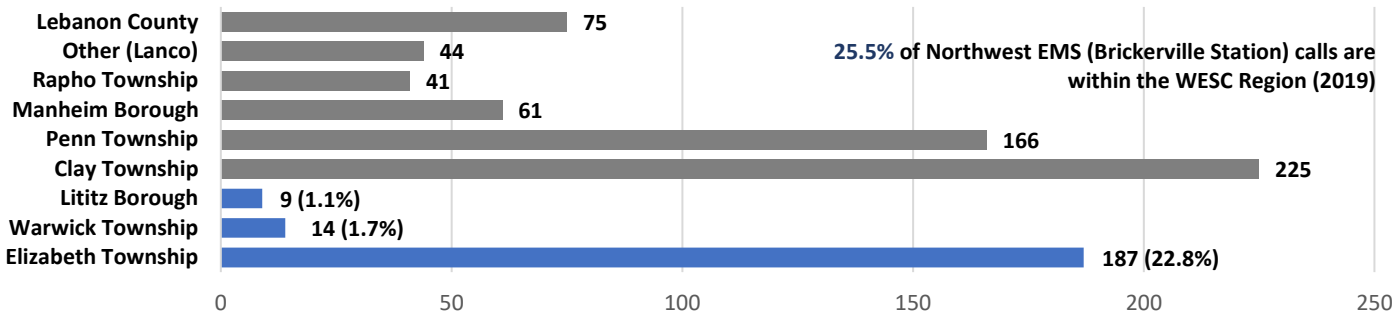


Station 86

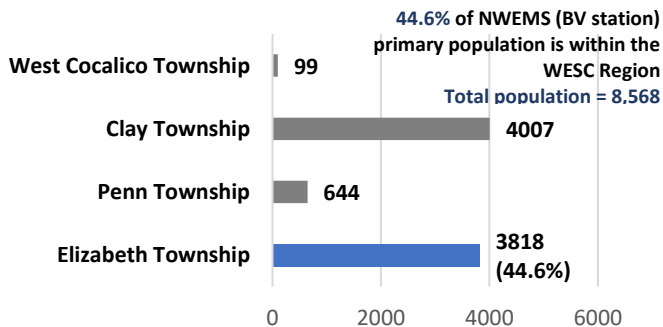


822 Dispatched Calls in 2019

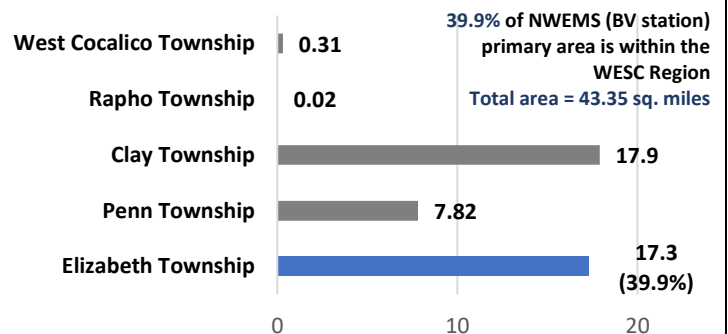
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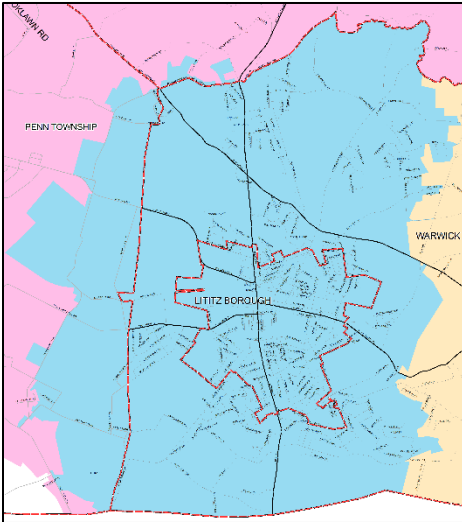
POPULATION SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY



PRIMARY AREA SERVICED BY MUNICIPALITY (sq. mile)



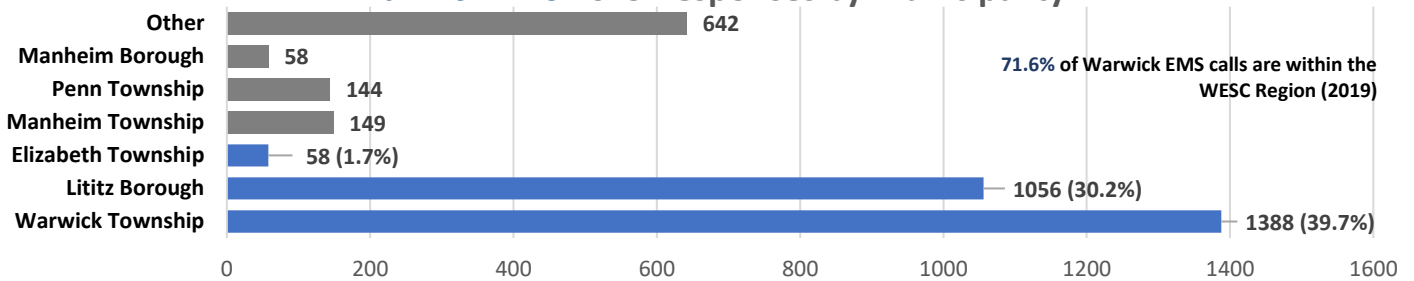
Warwick EMS



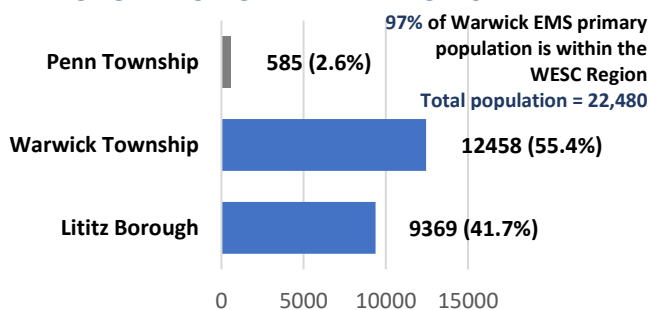
Station 85

3,495 Dispatched Calls in 2019

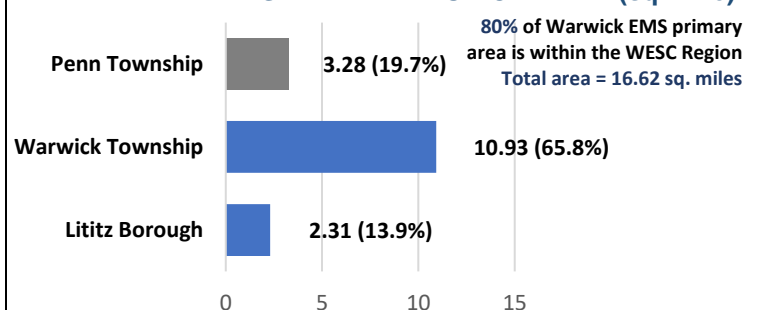
Warwick EMS 2019 Responses by Municipality



POPULATION SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY



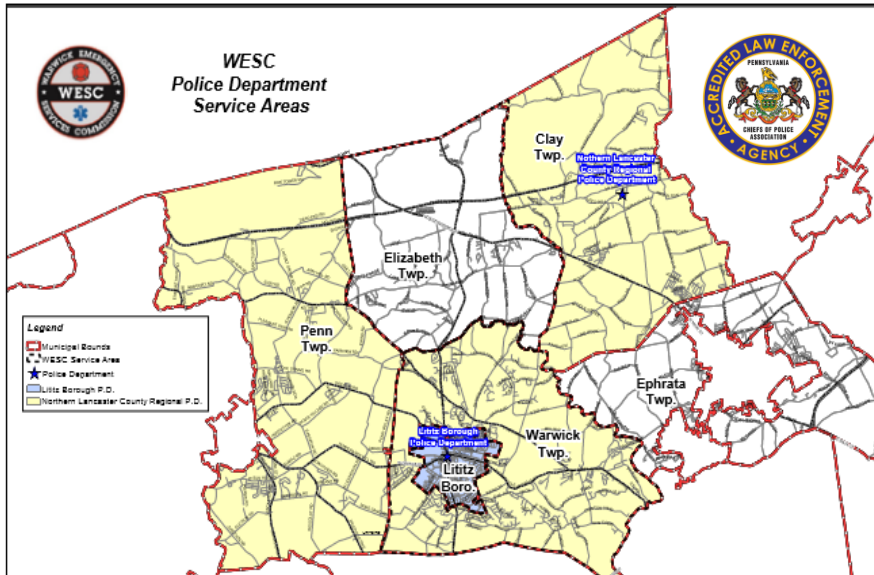
PRIMARY AREA SERVED BY MUNICIPALITY (sq. mile)



Warwick Community Ambulance Association



Overview of Police Services



Although police services are not included in WESC, they are an important piece of the total public safety picture. Therefore, WESC works closely in a coordinated manner with the local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety needs are met in all aspects of emergency planning, incident response and event recovery.

The Lititz Borough Police Department, Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police are all Accredited through the PA Chiefs of Police (PCPA) "Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC)."



Lititz Borough Police Department
7 South Broad Street, Lititz, PA 17543
(717) 626-6393
Chief Kerry D. Nye



Lititz Borough



Northern Lancaster County Regional Police
860 Durlach Road, Stevens, PA 17578
(717) 733-0965
Chief David E. Steffen



Warwick Township
 Clay Township
 Penn Township
 East Petersburg Borough



Pennsylvania State Police
2099 Lincoln Highway East,
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 299-0765



Elizabeth Township



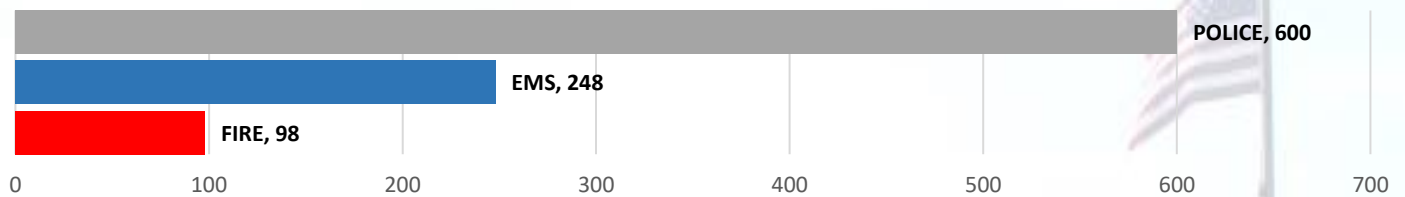
Overview of Elizabeth Township Emergency Services



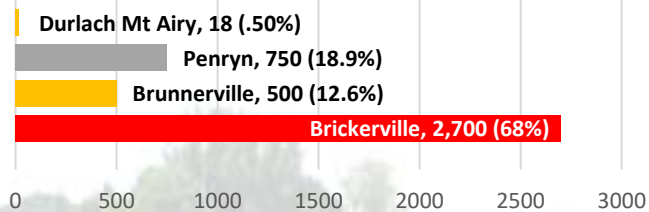
Municipal Office:
423 South View Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
(717) 626-4302

Resident Population: 3,974 (approximately)

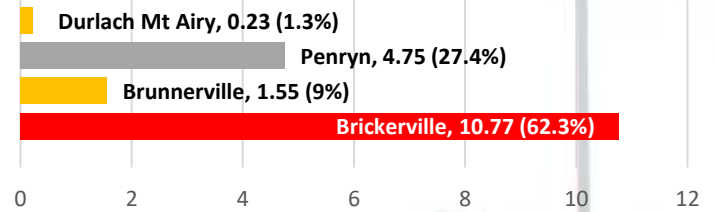
2019 Municipal Event Distribution by Emergency Service Function



Population Served by Primary FIRE Agency



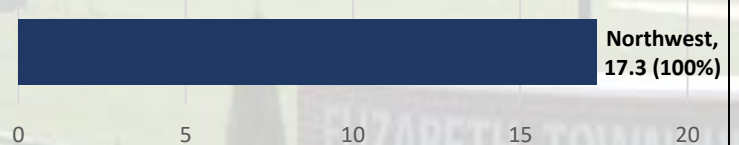
Land Area Served by Primary FIRE Agency (sq. miles)



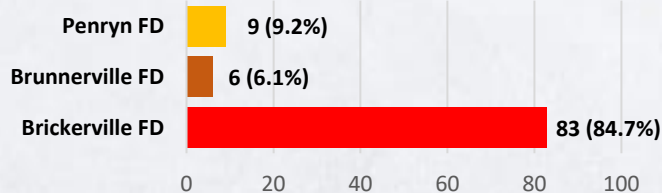
Population Served by Primary EMS Agency



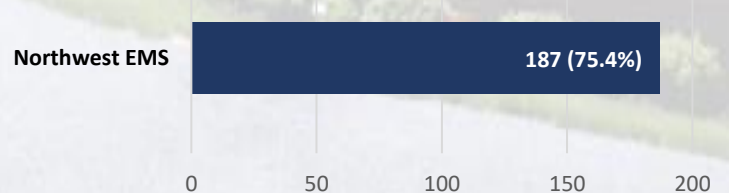
Land Area Served by Primary EMS Agency (sq. miles)



2019 Responses by Primary FIRE Agency



2019 Responses by Primary EMS Agency



Overview of Lititz Borough Emergency Services



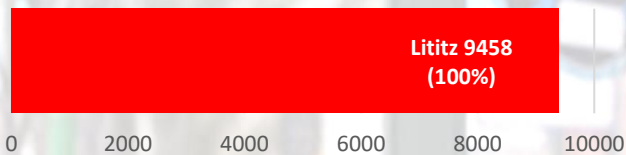
Municipal Office:
7 South Broad Street
Lititz, PA 17543
(717) 626-2044

Resident Population: 9,458 (approximately)

2019 Municipal Event Distribution by Emergency Service Function



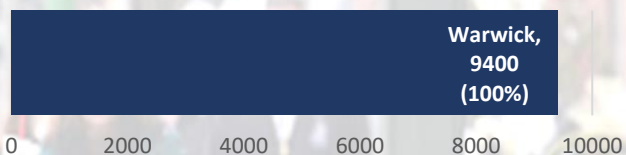
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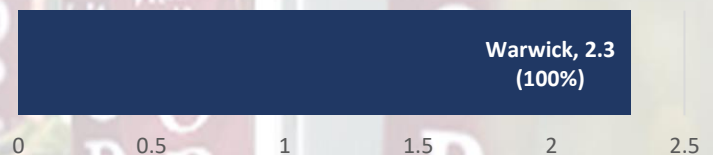
Land Area Served by Primary FIRE Agency (sq. miles)



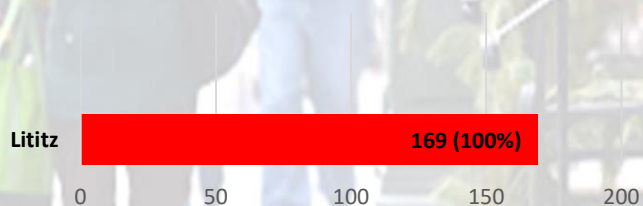
Population Served by Primary EMS Agency



Land Area Served by Primary EMS Agency (sq. miles)



2019 Responses by Primary FIRE Agency



2019 Responses by Primary EMS Agency



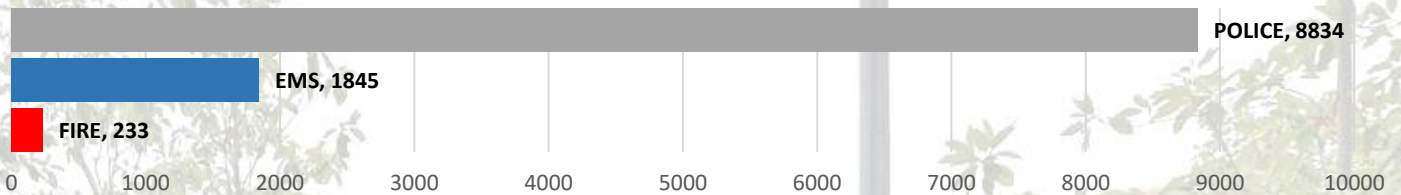
Overview of Warwick Township Emergency Services



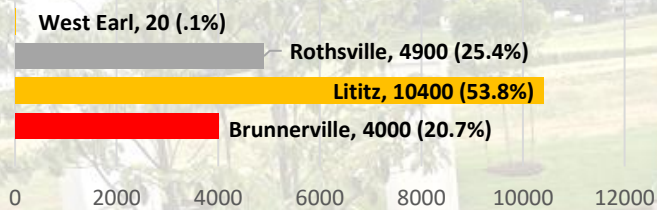
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Resident Population: 19,320 (approximately)

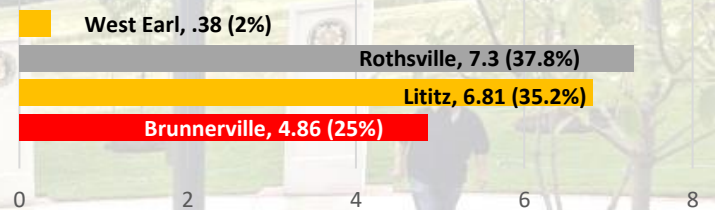
2019 Municipal Event Distribution by Emergency Service Function



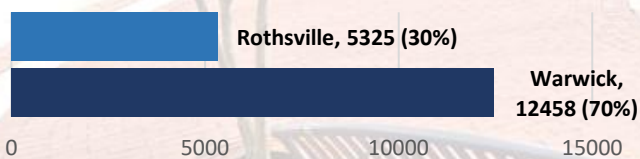
Population Served by Primary FIRE Agency



Land Area Served by Primary FIRE Agency (sq. miles)



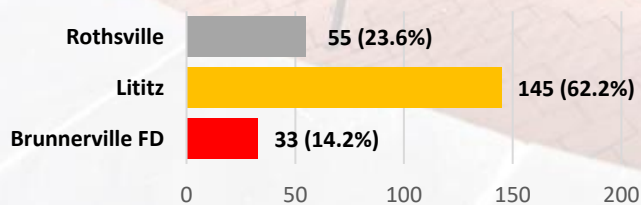
Population Served by Primary EMS Agency



Land Area Served by Primary EMS Agency (sq. miles)



2019 Responses by Primary FIRE Agency



2019 Responses by Primary EMS Agency

