

# Monroe Township Fire Department

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## Monthly Report: April 12, 2023 meeting

**Inspections: Attached**

**Plus 700 possible home inspections through Fire Prevention.**

**Fire prevention:**

**The Uniform Fire Code authorizes inspections for all structures, except for checking for smoke detectors in Residential Homes on resale.**

**As such, Fire Prevention inspections were conducted in Residential Homes in the form of a Home Inspection Checklist Contest, along with tips to 700 school students in our District. Each returned inspection form entry was an entry for a Barnes and Nobel gift card that was awarded to one student in each grade level. Judging by the amount of forms returned in the entry box when I dropped of the award gift cards, the program was a success.**

**The true number of fire-related incidents prevented is not known. But here are some known “Saves” that are the result of previous Public Education programs and Fire Fighters checking and replacing smoke detectors after fire calls:**

- As a result of the Home Inspection Form previously sent home by the schools, a smoke detector was replaced that resulted in a safe evacuation for a family from a laundry room fire, quick extinguishment, and minimal damage as opposed to total destruction of the room / structure.**
- Two Monroe students who are now adults escaped a house fire because they learned how to escape a second floor window through lessons learned from the Fire Prevention Fire Safety Trailer that uses artificial smoke to simulate real life fire conditions.**
- An elderly women was woken up during the middle of the night by a smoke detector installed by the Fire Department.**
- A family was alerted by a smoke detector replaced by the Fire Department hours after a fireplace fire when embers in the wall rekindled.**

**Fire Investigation: Nothing pending**

**Money: Attached**

**Money from two Fire Watches reimbursed to Bureau.**

**PayPal: As a result of an email from PayPal indicating that an additional (unauthorized) user was added, PayPal was contacted and fraud was averted. Additional two-factor security is now in place along with keeping a balance of no more than \$500 in the account.**

Registrations:

Life Hazard: 44  
 Local: 111  
 Closed: 142  
 Total: 297

	Regist. fees	Inspect. fees	Permit fees	Penalty fees
Priors, payment:	18 2,050.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Priors, waived:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Billed this per:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Payments:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Waived:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Due:	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00

	Ded. Penalty
Priors, payment:	0 0.00
Priors, waived:	0 0.00
Billed this per:	0 0.00
Payments:	0 0.00
Waived:	0 0.00
Due:	0 0.00

Inspections:	Local	LHU	Smoke Detector Insp:	19	810.00
Periodic:	17	6	Misc. Permits:	0	0.00
Re-inspect:	4	2	Other Misc. Fees:	1	1,727.05
Complaint:	0	0	Annual Permits:	0	0.00
Follow-up:	1	0	Misc. Penalties:	2	725.00
Other:	0	0			
Total:	22	8	Correspondence:	123	

Note: Amounts paid and waived include partial payments and fee reductions.

Correspondence form description	Number sent
Inspection Report Worksheet - Blank	24
Notice of Violations, with list and explanation	46
Violations list, no notice, no explanation	36
Certificate of Inspection	14
Fire Safety Permit	1
Request for Time Extension	2