



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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May 2019 Monthly Activity Report

The April incident log included a total of 39 requests for emergency services.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical Calls	7	Carbon Monoxide Detector	2
Trauma/Accident	8	Unattended camp fire	1
Cardiac/Respiratory	9	Powerline	2
Standby for County	1	Vehicle accident	1
Medical Assist	4	Wildfire	2
Unable to locate	1		
		Fire Total:	9
EMS Total:	30	(of those calls 3 were intercepts and 5 Non-transport)	

In-house Training: 114 classroom and practical training hours.

EMS Training: Bloodborne and airborne pathogens – protocols

Fire Training: Staff meeting, family night, physicals and SCBA fit testing.
SCBA inspection and donning, search techniques
Ground Ladder use and safety

Leadership Training: The department officers are reading the book – “Full-Contact Leadership” by Alivio and Flood which is directed to fire service leadership. This month we reviewed Chapters 8-12.

Revenues: The department collected:

\$7,583.35	Ambulance Revenue
\$550.00	Intercepts
\$37,849.15	Miscellaneous (delinquent property tax 2018)
<u>\$0</u>	Reimbursements
\$45,982.50	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- Asst Chief Rodgers continued our efforts with Grayson's Gift by presenting sign language books to area police departments for each of their patrol cars.
- Asst Chief Gilliam is coordinating the Glo Golf fund raiser with our Gerrish Police Partners.

Committees and Meetings:

- All department officers attended a monthly officers meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and board meeting.
- Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the county Local Emergency Preparedness Team meeting.
- Asst. Chief Rodgers, Assist Chief Gilliam, and 2nd Lt. Hill attended a Grayson's Gift planning meeting.
- Chief Fisher, 2nd LT Hill, 2nd LT Budzinski, and Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the weekly web site development web meetings and the Saturday face to face meeting.
- 2nd Lieutenant Budzinski gathered all the measurements from department staff for their new uniforms and is sending that information to the uniform company
- Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the County EMS Association Meeting
- Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the County FF Association Meeting and also attended the County Chief's meeting in Chief Fisher's absence.
- Chief Fisher attended the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's meeting held here at GTFD.
- Asst Chief Rodgers and Chief Fisher assisted with teaching at the county Firefighter I+II class and the final practical test which completes this class of 2019.
- Asst. Chief Gilliam and Captain Figley attended the 911 Technical Committee meeting.
- Truck committee continues to work with CSI on the buildup of the new 220 Rescue Pumper. The committee has also had couple of vendors bring demo ambulances here to look at design, options, costs, and quality to start developing specifications for the replacement of 232. We also met with the Stryker cot vendor and discussed the option of purchasing a Powerload system for the new ambulance that will provide a much safer working environment when it comes to lifting heavy patients and the cot into the ambulance.

Department Activities:

- The web site project is continuing with weekly web meetings with an anticipated rollout later in May.
- As mentioned last month S.O. Lt. Bentley has researched an accountability program for scene safety. The officers agreed on the application for our phones and tablets, Mike will continue with the form development and Julie will include the bar code on our employee IDs.
- 2nd Lt Hill is gathering photos of our employees and will be making new employee ID cards.
- Still thinking about what we want to do with 220 and how much money to put into it to keep it functioning and certified as we go through the replacement process.
- Chief Fisher visited the COOR/ROOC administrative building at the request of the COOR director Shawn Petri to do a walkthrough to help him with budget planning for improvements to the facility that could include life safety improvements.

- Asst. Chief Gilliam, Lt. Bentley and 2nd Lt. Budzinski attended FDIC International that is a huge trade show that includes classes, training, workshops, evolutions, products and services. These three officers each attended separate training classes so they could each learn different things to bring back and share with the department. This was an excellent opportunity for them to learn new skills, new theories, new processes, and to see new products and tools that might be useful here.
- Asst Chief Gilliam and LT. Bentley attended the ICS 400 course in Saginaw.
- Chief Fisher attended the Midwest Fire and Rescue Expo and Workshop in Novi representing the Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs Association. There were several good speakers and the expo of vendors and equipment offered an opportunity to see new tools, trucks and gear.
- April and May bring a little warmer weather and melting snow but it also brings wildfires and we've been on two so far. One was a squirrel in a transformer that shorted himself out and sparks started a grass fire off Birch Rd. The other was mutual aid to Beaver Creek FD at the township line at the corner of M-76 and South Grayling Rd. Both fires were brought under control easily and on the Birch Rd fire we protected one structure from damage.

Significant Events:

- Chief Fisher attended the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's meeting as mentioned above and has been working closely with them and other local chiefs over the past month as we review the proposed new Michigan Fire Firefighters Training Council General Rules. These rules will be the new guidelines for training and qualification requirements for all levels of the fire service. The state Fire Marshal's office and the state board are planning to have these rules in effect by Oct 1, 2019. Their goal is to help improve the professional standards of the fire service in Michigan and to meet national standards but our concern and our hope is that it's done so in a reasonable manner that considers the limitations of the rural fire service. There's a lot of work to be done yet and a lot of negotiating to get through this process by October.
- For some time, we have been smelling propane gas near the rear door of the fire department and near the cooking stove in the kitchen. We had DTE come out and inspect the gas piping in and near the building and he found a leak at the meter outside (which he fixed on site) and a leak in the wall behind the stove. We had our heating and cooling contractor come in and fix the leak in the wall. There were several smaller leaks throughout system that can be addressed at another time when the entire system can be shut down.
- Station #2 near the South State Park was damaged on 4/25 when a tree behind the building fell. The rear side of the roof had 4 holes about 3-4 inches in diameter poked through it from the limbs of the tree and the outside light was knock down and broken. The debris has been cleared and the roof has a tarp over it for now until we figure out what we are going to do to repair it.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- Now that the department has the Mission and Vision statement completed, we are moving into setting goals and objectives and then from there developing a short- and long-range plan. The boards input into these will be valuable during our process so please give this some thought and as we move forward, we'll be talking.
- As we move ahead with the goals for the department, we'll also be updating old policies and developing new policies. Currently we need to get a Haz Mat policy in place prior to the annual ambulance inspection in August.

- We're working on an annual report that we hope to complete each year in the future. This first one is taking some time as we're developing it and gathering the information we feel should be included. We hope to have it complete in April this year and then next year prior to the annual state of the township report.
- The Firefighter I+II class that we have been assisting with teaching just finished with the student taking the written test on April 24th and the practical test on April 27th. This class started last November and students have been taking classes every Monday and Wednesday and some Saturdays since then. So, these classes and final tests were a huge accomplishment. GTFD had two students in them – Rachel LaBonte and Garrett Joles. We know they both passed the practical test but we are waiting for the results of their written test. So, I'm going to congratulate them now knowing they will both be successful in their written test and we'll have two new firefighters here at Gerrish in the next few weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Fisher, Chief
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