



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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June 2023 Monthly Activity Report

The May incident log shows 47 requests for emergency services. Average responses for the month of May over the past five years has been 51. Total for the year to date is 232 as compared to last year at this time of 190 responses.

EMS Calls

Medical	17
Trauma/Accident	9
Medical Assist	8
Standby	0
Cancelled	5
Alarms	0

FIRE and RESCUE Calls

Structure Fire	2
Wildland Fire	0
Powerline	0
Vehicle Accident/Fire	3
Gas Leak	0
Standby	0
Alarms /Good intent	2
Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
Public Education	0
Assist EMS/Police	1
Technical Rescue	0

EMS Total: 39

Fire Total: 8

(Of those calls 6 were intercepts, 14 were non-transport, and 7 were Mutual Aid)

Training:

94 personnel hours of classroom and practical training

Fire Training: Staff meeting – Trained on Adopt-a-Hwy safety
 Boat operations – rescue and fire
 Fast Fire Attack Operations with mutual aid

EMS Training: Water Rescue Operations

Revenues:

\$3,250.16	Ambulance Revenue
\$550.00	Intercepts
\$1,100.00	COOR Career Tech reimbursement
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\$4,900.16	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher attended Rotary meetings and assisted with the monthly food distribution. The duty Crew also helped with the food distribution.
- Several department members assisted with the COOR Technical Career Public Safety Training program at the RMS.
- Asst Chief Rodgers and Chief Fisher attended the Sunrise Run planning meeting.
- 2 smoke alarms and 1 carbon monoxide alarm installed.

Committees and Meetings:

- Asst Chief Gilliam provided six 1-on-1 peer contact conversations, one debriefing, and attended a peer support meeting for the NW MI Peer Support Team.
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended a meeting for planning the Mass Casualty Incident Simulation training to be held in August and involve all public safety agencies.
- Asst Chief Gilliam assisted with the 911 dispatch interviews for new dispatchers.
- Chief Fisher as the 911 Authority Board Chair met with 911 Director Stringham to discuss changes as a result of the Assistant Director resignation.
- Asst Chief Rodgers chaired the county FFs Association Meeting.
- All Officers attended our monthly officers meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed large self-storage development planned in the north part of the township.
- Chief Fisher attended a couple of budget meetings.

Department Activities:

- The Roscommon/Crawford County Firefighter 1+2 course was completed in May after 6 months of classes held every Monday and Wednesday and some Saturdays. Asst Chief Rodgers led this course for both counties working as an instructor, coordinating with the state and assuring the class met standards. Many Gerrish Firefighters also assisted with teaching and testing the students. This included a written test under the guidance of a state proctor and then a practical test consisting of 12 test stations of fire operations. The class had 12 successful students two of which are now Gerrish Twp Firefighters, Congratulations to Andrew Taylor and Alex Cole. *Recognize 13th*
- Two full-time employees (Matthew Wooten and Neal Dopp) have started their EMS instructor course which is primarily on line with the final days of class in person in Kalamazoo. They should complete the course in July.
- Three employees completed the Firefighter Instructor Course over two long weekends in Frankfort. Congratulations to Josh Sanford, Jason Budzinski and Neal Dopp. *Recognize 15th*
- Annual employee performance planning has started.
- The Rescue/Fire Boat project is almost complete. The hoist will be moved to the new dock location on Flag Point in the next couple of weeks and then the boat will be in the water. I do want to recognize that 2nd Lt Budzinski led this project with the help of several staff volunteering their time to complete this project. These improvements were completed with ARPA grant funds.
- Now that the boat is wrapping up the next project is to build the camper trailer up into a safety education trailer. Lt. Bentley is taking that project on. We have \$9,416 available through several grant to make these improvements. We have already purchased a 6500-watt Honda generator and have Nucraft designing stairs and small porch for the entrance door now. We hope to have the trailer done for our planned open house in August.
- May 6th and 7th we participated in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend by changing our outside lights on the building from white to red and posting information on social media.

Significant Events:

- Chief Fisher and Asst Chief Rodgers assisted with the Michigan Association of Fire Chief (MAFC) legislative day in Lansing. Approximately 25 fire chiefs from across the state attended. The morning started with a casual breakfast to mingle with legislators and aids from 8am-9:30am. Then the rest of the day we met with selected Representatives and Senators every half hour. We were grouped with Chief Menifee from Southfield Fire Dept and Chief Wyszczelski from Hamtramck Fire Dept. Chief Menifee is the chair of the MAFC. We had 4 main talking points related to fire service issues in Michigan seeking their support and answering questions. See the picture below.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- 2024 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Gerrish Township Fire and EMS Department. The department will start planning for a celebration next year and we look forward to working with the township as we move this planning effort forward.
- August 5th is our planned open house where we hope to have another movie night and similar activities as last year. Once we select the family movie to show we will let you know but please spread the word to the community.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Jim Fisher

