



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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July 2023 Monthly Activity Report

The June incident log shows 57 requests for emergency services. Average responses for the month of June over the past five years has been 56. Total for the year to date is 290 as compared to last year at this time of 257 responses.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	21	Structure Fire	1
Trauma/Accident	9	Wildland Fire	2
Medical Assist	12	Powerline	1
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	2
Cancelled	1	Gas Leak	2
Alarms	0	Standby	1
		Alarms /Good intent	2
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
		Public Education	2
		Assist EMS/Police	0
		Technical Rescue	0
EMS Total:	44	Fire Total:	13

(Of those calls 3 were intercepts, 20 were non-transport, and 9 were Mutual Aid)

Training:

139 personnel hours of classroom and practical training

Fire Training: Staff meeting – Family night
 Water supply – tanks at Pinewoods and Hydrant at Maplehurst Rd
 Electrical Vehicle Extrication
 Boat pump and rescue ops with Sheriff Dept cadets

EMS Training: Tim Phalen EKG Stemi class

<u>Revenues:</u>	
\$8,656.17	Ambulance Revenue
\$825.00	Intercepts
\$164.36	Training reimbursement from County Fund
\$792.00	COOR Career Tech reimbursement
<u>\$10,437.53</u>	<u>Total for Month</u>

Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher attended Rotary meetings.
- Department members completed our first road cleanup. We adopted Co Rd 200 or West Higgins Lk Dr from West Pine north to Yorty Drive, about 2.5 miles.
- 5 smoke alarms and 1 carbon monoxide alarm installed.
- Supported the Sunrise Run event with both ambulances staffed and available.

Committees and Meetings:

- Asst Chief Gilliam provided four 1-on-1 peer contact conversations and a webinar on Food for Thought, Mental Health.
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended a meeting for planning the Mass Casualty Incident Simulation training to be held in August and involves all public safety agencies.
- 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.
- Asst Chief Rodgers chaired the county Fire Training Committee meeting.
- Asst Chiefs Gilliam and Rodgers attended the 4th of July planning meeting for the South Higgins Lake State Park.
- Chief Fisher attended a planning meeting with Law Enforcement and the new Sundrop Montessori School at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Asst Chief Rodgers is scheduling a Pre-incident Planning meeting with the school.
- Chief Fisher attended a couple of budget meetings.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended a webinar on EMS Getting Beyond Overwhelmed and one on Managing Diversity.
- Chief Fisher attended the MABAS Meeting with department from several surrounding counties.
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended the County LEPC meeting.

Department Activities:

- The Rescue/Fire Boat project is basically complete just waiting for the hoist to be moved. The Safety Education Trailer project is now started with the hopes of having it available at the Open House Aug 5th.
- GTFD Hosted two special training events in June:
 - The Tim Phalen EKG Stemi class for Medics and EMTs. The class was open to all area providers and was sponsored by Stryker who sells ambulance cots and other related EMS equipment. About 30 participants.
 - The Electric Vehicle Extrication class put on by Rescue Resources LLC who sold us our rescue tools a few years ago. This was also open to area fire departments and we had about 25 people attend.
- Both Engine 220 and 221 completed their annual pump certification tests.
- Scheduling hose and ladder testing for August.
- The department is furthering our effort with improving our uniforms as we are inventorying and ordering missing uniform parts for our members. The first round of uniforms orders did not include the entire required parts due to budget constraints so this year we hope to complete that.
- Late May and most of June have been quite busy with fires, accidents, and medical incidents. Some of those incidents placed a significant stress on our operations and employees either by requiring a lengthy response or a difficult situation. Fortunately, we have a strong and resilient crew and we have handled this all very well.

Significant Events:

- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the concept plan for a new station went out in early June. We had seven firms that we were aware of that have experience with Fire and EMS stations and they were sent the RFP. Chief Fisher has met with Architects for two of those firms recently and has emailed or spoken to a couple of others. Appears we have some strong interest by qualified firms. The proposals are due back to Clerk Squires by 4pm July 11th to be opened at the board meeting that evening.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- 2024 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Gerrish Township Fire and EMS Department. The department has started 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 will have another movie night and similar activities as last year. The movie selected is Fire House Dog imagine that! We will have popcorn and a variety of candies in a “candy bar.”
- Chief Fisher will be assisting with another Complex Incident Management Course this time in Vancouver Washington in October. He has attended several Teams Meetings in preparation.
- Asst Chiefs Gilliam and Rodgers will be attending the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg Maryland in September taking three leadership courses in one long week. The cost of this course, other than their time, is paid for by the academy including travel expenses, lodging, and meals.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Jim Fisher