



# Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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## June 2019 Monthly Activity Report

The May incident log included a total of 37 requests for emergency services.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical Calls	15	Fire Alarm	2
Trauma/Accident	2	Lost Person	1
Psychiatric	3	Powerline	4
Standby for County	2	Water Rescue	1
Medical Assist	3	Good Intent Call	1
		<b>Fire Total:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>EMS Total:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>(of those calls 1 was an intercept and 8 Non-transport)</b>	

In-house Training: 144 classroom and practical training hours.

EMS Training: Annual Safety, Medical Emergencies

Fire Training: Staff meeting, Annual Safety and Driving Safety, Vehicle Extrication

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 13-17.

Revenues: The department collected:

\$5,014.95	Ambulance Revenue
\$1,100.00	Intercepts
\$0	Miscellaneous
<u>\$2,682.10</u>	Reimbursements
\$8,797.05	Total for Month

### Community Involvement:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hill and FF Stempien attended the Veteran’s Benefits Fair at the Prudenville American Legion representing Grayson’s Gift. Several members attended the monthly meeting for Grayson’s Gift.
- Asst Chief Gilliam is coordinating the Glo Golf fund raiser with our Gerrish Police Partners.

### Committees and Meetings:

- All department officers attended the monthly officers meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and board meeting.
- Asst Chief's Rodgers and Gilliam attended the Active Violent Incident (AVI) planning meeting.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended the monthly Medical Control Education meeting.
- Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the County EMS Association Meeting. Chief Fisher attended the monthly County Chief's meeting and both Rodgers and Fisher attended the County Firefighter's Association meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's meeting held in Cadillac with much discussion still around the new Draft Firefighter's Training Council Rules and the restructuring of the state Chief's Association.
- Truck committee continues to work with CSI on the buildup of the new 220 Rescue Pumper. The chassis has been painted and is now at CSI for the buildup. The committee also continues to meet with ambulance vendors to look at demo ambulances for design, options, costs, and quality to start developing specifications for the replacement of 232.
- Chief Fisher attended the Sunrise Run planning meeting.

### Department Activities:

- The web site is live and we're working a few bugs out with the developer while it is still under warranty. The site is: **[gerrishfire-ems.org](http://gerrishfire-ems.org)**
- Employee ID cards are being distributed and the accountability program bar has been placed on the back of the cards for future use.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Budzinski is finalizing the uniform purchase and the uniforms should be here within the month.
- 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.
- Asst Chief Gilliam and LT. Bentley attended the Annual Arson School a three-day event held by the International Association of Arson Investigators. Included topics were: Ventilation practices, Drone investigation, burn site review, electrical systems and youth fire setting.
- Facilities – we still have to repair the damage to the roof at Sta 2 but it is secure for now. We're in the process of slowly cleaning out both Sta 2+3 with a plan to possibly have an auction of excess property yet this summer or fall.
- Replaced the dishwasher as the old one has had frequent repairs and was getting too costly. The removal and installation were completed by our own employees.
- Pump test was completed on Engine 221 and it passed fine but we noticed an oil leak on the floor and found there may be a head gasket problem causing the leak. We are working with Fick and Son's Diesel repair to determine what we need to do. This could run into a few thousands of dollars for the repair.
- Grayling Fire Department borrowed the Safety Education Trailer for an event they were holding at the schools in Grayling.

- We've been working with Target Solutions, our training and database program, to see about adding an option called Check-it which is an inventory and accountability program to manage equipment and supplies and have since purchased that option. Brandon is now setting that up so we can utilize that in place of multiple spreadsheets and files.
- We are researching grant opportunities for purchasing new and replacement radios and we have recently applied for a grant from Georgia Pacific to replace old fire turnout gear.
- We have started reviewing our department policies for updates. The Hazardous Materials Response policy is in draft and up for review and approval by the board.

Significant Events:

- The Unmanned Aerial System has arrived and we have started becoming familiar with it, learning about its capabilities, have registered it with the FAA and will demonstrated it anytime the board would like to see it. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hill attended a one-day training at Macomb Community College to become certified as a Part 107 pilot. Lt. Bentley and 2n Lt. Budzinski are taking an on-line pilot course then all three of them will take the FAA test and become certified as pilots. We will be working on setting up policies and procedures and becoming proficient with the equipment and operations.
- We are in the process of replacing our current VHF radio system with the 800MHz system that all fire and EMS departments and the county are using or will shortly be using. Law Enforcement agencies have been on this system for some time now. The old VHF system has been having more and more problems, often difficult to hear and understand the radio traffic and the new system will allow better interoperability – in other words we'll be able to communicate across departments and agencies better when operating on the same incident. The cost of this switch will be quite large and I'm estimating over \$50,000 for our department alone. We are coordinating with other departments and dispatch in an effort to get a reduced cost for buying in quantity and we are also looking at grant opportunities. Currently we have a small committee researching our needs and options to determine what our specifications will be when we get quotes and place orders.
- Goals and objectives are completed and will provide us with a working document to guide our decisions and priorities.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- Summer - busy, bugs and boats.
- In July Chief Fisher will attend the MI Association or Fire Chief's Leadership Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gerrish Township Fire / EMS Department

