



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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June 2020 Monthly Activity Report

The May incident log included a total of **56** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2020 is 243, last year at this same time total calls were 182, an increase of 61 calls for service.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	28	Structure Fire	1
Trauma/Accident	12	Wildfire	4
Medical Assist	2	Powerline	3
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	2
Cancelled	2	Gas Leak	0
		Standby	0
		Alarms	1
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	1
EMS Total:	44	Fire Total:	12

(of those calls 2 were intercepts and 17 were Non-transports)
 (of the 49 calls 17 were covering Markey Twp. Due to bridge being out)

Training:

In late March the Governor issued the Stay Home order which restricted our ability to hold meetings and training. Through Target Solutions our on-line training and inventory platform we have been able to offer some training to our employees. On-line training has included Wildfire Suppression, Diabetic Emergencies, Water Supply/Tender Operations, DOSE/Infant Safe Sleep, and Fire Engine Equipment Inventory and Operations. Later in June we will produce a report from Target Solutions that shows the employees and hours of training completed through that platform. This past Saturday May 30th we conduct our first live hands on training at Roscommon Auto Recyclers since the COVID-19 restrictions. The training was Vehicle Extrication where we discussed safety and operations then used our rescue tools and truck winch to tear cars apart as if victims were trapped inside.

Revenues:

These figures include the months of April and May.

\$17,899.40	Ambulance Revenue
\$1,100	Intercepts
\$37,529.41	2019 Del. Property Taxes
<u>\$249.99</u>	Reimbursements
\$56,778.80	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- Maintained and updated communications on our web site and Facebook page to keep our community aware of our changes in operations, provided safety related information and educational material to help keep our citizens safe and aware.
- Chief Fisher has attended several conference calls with Rotary as they look for ways to assist the community during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Chief Fisher along with Rotary members assisted in passing out food at the County Food Truck delivery.
- To date since the COVID-19 started we have conducted 8 birthday drive-bys to help our stay at home citizens celebrate their birthdays. 5 Children and 3 Seniors.

Committees and Meetings:

- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and Board meeting virtually.
- All Officers have been attending weekly officers ZOOM web meetings instead of the normal monthly meetings as things have been changing quickly with the COVID-19 response.
- Assistant Chief Gilliam attended regular weekly calls with our Medical Control Authority to stay on top of any changes in EMS response guidelines and protocols due to COVID-19.
- Assistant Chief Rodgers continues to lead the Ambulance replacement committee through the process of reviewing the specifications with EV+ as they start to build our new ambulance.
- Assistant Chief Gilliam also attended several statewide conferences calls with the Department of Health and Human Services related to the state's EMS response to COVID-19
- Chief Fisher attended several ZOOM web calls with the Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs, the state Fire Marshal and others related to the COVID-19 response as well as following up on other plans and projects that have been on-going since before the crisis that include: the Grant NMFC and MIREMS (Michigan Rural EMS) received to look at ways to improve Recruitment and Retention of EMS and Fire personnel, the summer annual conference, providing training opportunities for northern Michigan fire departments and others.
- Asst Chief Rodgers met with Douglas Fire Safety for a demo on turnout gear and thermo imaging cameras as we look to replace several set of turnout gear under a DNR Grant.

Department Activities:

- **Wildfire Engine 225** had electrical repairs and updates and radios removed.
- **Boat 229** was put in service last month but since the hoist was installed in May we've placed the boat at the marina on the hoist and test ran it for the season. It's all good to go if needed.
- Ambulance cot batteries and charger replaced.
- Radio Pager booster installed at Station 1 to improve our reception for our pagers and a pager speaker system should be installed this next month so we can hear the pages throughout the station.
- The large 600 GPM water supply pump in Station 1 started making noises and was taken to CSI for repairs. The pump itself seems to be OK but the motor still has noise that is concerning. Unfortunately, we cannot find parts for this older pump and if it fails, we will

have to replace it. It was reinstalled in the hopes that it lasts for some time. While the pump was out, we uncovered the 10,000-gallon tank located outside the SE corner of the station to inspect it. This tank is where the pump draws its water from. Based on the pump condition we decided not to try to get into the tank nor replace any plumbing at this time. The tank is being reburied, Higgins Lake Landscaping will be leveling the top, placing a weed barrier down and then river rocks on top of that for a low maintenance site. We also plan to stain the wood around the tank to match the building.

- All the fire extinguisher in the township building, our fire stations, and our fire and EMS equipment have had their annual inspection and maintenance.

Significant Events:

- We continue to respond to all fire and EMS calls in northern Markey Township due the bridge closer over the Cut River near the airport. As noted above that we are 61 calls for service above last year at this time and that is primarily due to assisting Markey Township Fire and EMS. The additional calls have not affected our ability to respond appropriately in our township and we are recovering our costs for this service by billing the patient's insurance companies.
- **COVID-19 Pandemic** – Since late February we have been receiving more formal information related to the COVID-19 (C-19) Pandemic then through March and April that communication from the state and our Medical Control Authority (Grayling Hospital) greatly increased as did the treat from the virus. Throughout May we have seen the changes in operations and protocols decrease and things seemed to have leveled out. We have been receiving regular briefings from Med Control; communicating with our EMS partners, Central Dispatch, and Emergency Management; regularly updating and adjusting our response and patient care protocols; acquiring and updating needed equipment and supplies; cleaning and recleaning equipment and facilities; training and communicating regularly with EMS and Fire staff; and trying to carry on with regular activities and administrative duties. I am very proud of each them and am glad we have such a great team. We will continue to observe the governors and state requirements and recommendations and adjust our operations as needed over the next weeks or months.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- The officers have been working on the budget planning for the upcoming June meeting for the FY 21/22 budget in preparation for the August Public Hearings. The officers continue to work on policy updates as well as looking at long range planning for the department.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Fisher, Chief

