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June 2020 Monthly Activity Report

The May incident log included a total of **55** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2020 is 298, last year at this same time total calls were 230, an increase of 68 calls for service.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	17	Structure Fire	1
Trauma/Accident	8	Wildfire	0
Medical Assist	10	Powerline	5
Standby	1	Vehicle Accident/Fire	1
Cancelled	1	Gas Leak	1
		Standby	2
		Alarms	7
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	1
EMS Total:	37	Fire Total:	18
(of those calls 2 were intercepts and 14 were Non-transport)			
(of the 55 calls 16 were covering Markey Twp. Due to bridge being out)			

Training:

In June we have been phasing back into regular training meetings from our on-line training. Over the past few months, we have utilized on-line training numerous times with topics that can be done without in person instruction. This month we completed two live trainings as noted below and in July will resume our normal training schedule.

58 hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: Drowning and water safety

Fire Training: Driver rodeo course

<u>Revenues:</u>	
\$9,698.88	Ambulance Revenue
\$0	Intercepts
\$1,383.70	Reimbursements
<u>\$11,082.58</u>	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 both conference calls and in person meetings with Rotary.
- Chief Fisher along with Rotary members assisted in passing out food at the County Food Truck delivery.
- After a recent water rescue call on Marl Lake we have worked with the South Higgins Lake State Park Manager to acquire a rescue row boats that will be housed and locked at Marl Lake so we can access it quickly while waiting for the county air boats or our rescue boat on Higgins Lake to be brought over.

Committees and Meetings:

- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and Board meeting virtually.
- The officers have stopped doing the weekly Zoom meetings and have started back on the monthly in person officers' meetings and we held one in June.
- Assistant Chief Gilliam attended the Medical Control PRSO meeting and the Education meeting.
- 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 Rodgers met with Phoenix Safety Outfitters to review their turnout gear and thermo imaging cameras as we look to replace several set of turnout gear under a DNR Grant.
- 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.
- Assistant Chief Gilliam and Chief Fisher attended a county Communications Plan meeting with 911 Director Stringham. As more agencies come on-line with the 800 MHz radio system we need to develop a communications plan that best fits our needs and uses.
- Several Officers interviewed a possible new Firefighter that has moved into the area. At the June board meeting Will Sbonek was hired as a paid-on-call Firefighter.
- Assistant Chief Gilliam and Chief Fisher attended a planning meeting for law enforcement assistance in the South Higgins Lake State Park for the 4th of July weekend.

Department Activities:

- Township Hall and Fire Department building remediation project has been ongoing most of the month. Chief Fisher has been communicating with the contractors and Leasa during the project to assure we can still maintain our functions and response and monitor the progress of the work.

- **Ambulance 231** had significant work completed to repair a door window, repair the rear air conditioning, replace spark plugs, flushed the transmission, oil change, brakes replaced and other minor light repairs. This truck will remain in the fleet for another 5 years and has now over 100,000 miles on it so we needed to do general maintenance and repairs on it so it lasts those 5 years.
- **Rescue 220** still under warranty went into Kraphol Ford in Mt. Pleasant for the air conditioning not working. It goes back again next week when the parts come in.
- **Engine 221** took a rock to the windshield while returning from a call. The windshield is on order and will be replaced soon.
- We continue to rewrite old policies and develop new policies. This past month we worked on 4 policies a couple of which will be brought before the board soon for review and approval.

Significant Events:

- We continued to respond to all fire and EMS calls in northern Markey Township due the bridge closer over the Cut River near the airport until mid-June when the bridge reopened. During the time the bridge was closed we responded into Markey Township 64 times. As noted above our calls number this year are 68 over last year at this same time indicating that the assistance provided to Markey Township accounts for the increase in calls this year so far. 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** – As the governor and state EOC continue to lift restrictions related to C-19 we are seeing more and more visitors to the area. On June 22nd the South Higgins Lake State Park opened its campground and is now full. We expect that our monthly call volume will now increase to the normal monthly averages.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- This year we will be assisting with the Law Enforcement program in the South Higgins Lake State Park during the 4th of July weekend. We will increase staffing to include a second ambulance, the rescue boat and the Unmanned Aerial System for both the 3rd and 4th of July from 12pm-8pm each day.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Fisher, Chief

