



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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August 2020 Monthly Activity Report

The July incident log included a total of **63** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2020 at the end of July is 364, last year at this same time total calls were 303, an increase of 61 calls for service.

EMS Calls

Medical	22
Trauma/Accident	17
Medical Assist	3
Standby	2
Cancelled	1

EMS Total: 45

(of those calls 3 were intercepts and 12 were Non-transports)

(of the 63 calls 9 were from activities related to 4th of July in the state park)

FIRE and RESCUE Calls

Structure Fire	0
Wildfire	1
Powerline	8
Vehicle Accident/Fire	1
Gas Leak	0
Standby	0
Alarms	5
Ice/Water/Other Rescue	3

Fire Total: 18

Training:

98 hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: Pediatric Trauma and Airway
Search and Rescue lost person

Fire Training: SCBA Classroom and Practical
Power tool operations

Revenues:

\$9,973.96	Ambulance Revenue
\$550.00	Intercepts
<u>\$0</u>	Reimbursements
\$10,523.96	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- One of our department goals is improving our community outreach and safety education and this month we've moved ahead with a program called Safe Sleep for infants. Over the past month or so several members of the department took the on-line training for the program and we have 6 people that are trained to recognize unsafe sleep habits for infants in homes and how to educate parents. The program also offers free Pack and Plays for families in need of a place for their infant to sleep. The Pack and Plays are provided to departments by the state. Medic Pardo has been leading this program and she spoke at Rotary in July about it and also met with two different families to explained Safe Sleep and they each received a Pack and Play.
- Chief Fisher attended several Rotary meetings.
- Chief Fisher along with Rotary members assisted in passing out food at the County Food Truck delivery.
- Asst Chief Rodgers installed 7 smoke alarms in a residence this month.

Committees and Meetings:

- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and Board meeting virtually.
- The officers met in late July
- 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 with occasional calls and emails with EV+.
- Chief Fisher attended a ZOOM web call with the Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs 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, monitoring new legislation for any possible changes to fire and EMS services.
- Chief Fisher attended the 911 Authority Board Zoom meeting.
- Asst Chief's Gilliam and Rodgers and Chief Fisher attended several FirstNet calls and zoom meetings and have decided to move forward with switching our cell phones and data plans over to FirstNet from Verizon.
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended the Traumatic Injuries and the Compartment Syndrome training webinars.

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.
- This past month has been a tough month on our equipment with repairs or service to the following:
 - Engine 221 replaced the broken windshield
 - Ambulance 231 rear air conditioning finally repaired after several trips to the shop
 - Ambulance 232 fuel issue repaired by replacing fuel filter housing

- Engine 220 experienced electrical issues that would not allow the pump RPMs to increase and we learned that there is connection under the dash that may need reset and possibly replaced in the future.
- Engine 220 air conditioning was repaired
- Old Engine 220 had the lettering removed and was detailed so it could be sold
- Chief Fisher, Clerk Patchin and 2nd Lt Hill completed the applications for the Federal/State CARES payroll reimbursement grant and the Hazard Pay grant. We're waiting to hear if we were successful or not.

Significant Events:

- The Drone was used twice this month, once at the state park during the 4th of July activities to observe people's behavior in the water in front of the park and once the Count Sheriff's office asked for help locating an individual that had run from officers into the woods. It's good to see this tool being used and we expect it will continue to grow.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- We are working on plans for this falls school opening and how we will conduct fire prevention and safety education for the schools. We will be looking at remote learning, providing tools and resources for the teacher to use, working with classrooms to have contests such as poster contests or older students developing educational videos that we can post on our web site. These types of activities will limit our close contact with the students and teachers but will provide important safety information in their hands.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Fisher, Chief

