



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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December 2020 Monthly Activity Report

The November incident log includes a total of **37** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2020 at the end of November is 526, last year at this same time total calls were 503, an increase of 23 calls for service.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	12	Structure Fire	1
Trauma/Accident	8	Wildfire	0
Medical Assist	4	Powerline	2
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	5
Cancelled	2	Gas Leak	0
Alarms	2	Standby	0
		Alarms	1
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
		Public Education	0
EMS Total:	28	Fire Total:	9

(of those calls 1 were intercepts, 16 were Non-transport, and 3 were Mutual Aid)

Training:

34 hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: EMS Stress Management

Fire Training: Staff meeting and policy review

Due to new COVID restrictions and Thanksgiving training was limited to two meetings.

<u>Revenues:</u>		
	\$8,298.78	Ambulance Revenue
	\$550.00	Intercepts
	\$0	Fire
	<u>\$1,155.04</u>	Reimbursements
	\$10,003.80	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher attended several Rotary meetings and assisted with the food distribution.
- The department distributed 6 smoke alarms and 3 CO detectors.
- We continually add new information to our Facebook page and web site to help educate our followers on fire and life safety issues and concerns.

Committees and Meetings:

- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and board meeting.
- Chief Fisher has been working with Chief Hill, 2nd Lt Hill, and Clerk Patchin on the township policy manual update.
- The county Fire Chiefs meeting was cancelled due to the increase in COVID activity.
- Asst Chief Rodgers as the County Fire Training Coordinator has been learning his new role and has set up the county Firefighter I+II class to start in December. He is also working on scheduling additional state funded courses for the county.

Department Activities:

- MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) agreement was approved by the Township Board and we are moving that to the next step.
- The department has been struggling with filling EMS shifts and trying to avoid overtime and we discussed at the last work session the option to adjust our work week so that it ends on Sunday at 7am. That was approved and will start on Dec 19th. We also discussed the option of hiring one additional FF/EMT to help fill shifts, reduce the need for as many part-time employees, provide a trained and certified crew and relieve the stress of trying to constantly find crew members. We've researched the budget and adjusted some items and we feel we can support filling a full-time FF/EMT position.
- The furnaces and ducts in the entire township building including the fire station have been cleaned by Stanley Steamer.
- A flu shot clinic was held at the station on Nov 5th by the county health department.
- We have ordered a couple new pagers and radios to replace older models and fill gaps in our coverage.

Significant Events:

- The replacement ambulance should be here in mid-December. Asst Chief Rodgers has been tracking its progress and communicating the Mark at EV+ throughout the process.
- The department as well as every other fire department in Roscommon County and two from Crawford County were at the Penney's Lumber fire on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- On Dec 5th the gear lockers will be installed along the south wall of the station by a volunteer group of department members.
- The department will not be holding it's annual Christmas Dinner Party this year due to COVID-19 but we do want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.
- Stuff the Ambulance will be held December 19th where we hope to collect needed items for seniors and local family support agencies.

Respectfully Submitted, James Fisher, Chief

