



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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January 2021 Monthly Activity Report

The December incident log includes a total of **32** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2020 at the end of December is 558, last year at this same time total calls were 542, an increase of 16 calls for service.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	11	Structure Fire	1
Trauma/Accident	6	Wildfire	0
Medical Assist	5	Powerline	2
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	1
Cancelled	0	Gas Leak	0
Alarms	0	Standby	1
		Alarms	4
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
		Public Education	0
		Assist EMS	1
EMS Total:	22	Fire Total:	10
(of those calls 1 were intercepts, 14 were Non-transport, and 5 were Mutual Aid)			

Training:

88 hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: Injury Prevention/Body Mechanics

Fire Training: Pump operations
Apparatus Inventory Checks
Tactics and Tasks on scene

Asst Chief's Gilliam and Rodgers attended a webinar on about Harassment in the Fire Hall.

<u>Revenues:</u>		
	\$9,171.05	Ambulance Revenue
	\$0	Intercepts
	\$0	Fire
	<u>\$93.26</u>	Reimbursements
	\$9,264.31	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher attended several Rotary meetings and assisted with the food distribution and Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Chief Fisher is also on the fund-raising planning committee for Rotary.
- Members also assisted with Salvation Army Bell Ringing.
- The department distributed 1 smoke alarm and 1 CO detector.
- Stuff the Ambulance was very successful this year with many items collected and over \$1300 in cash donations. Items were delivered to the Lion's Den and the Children's Assessment Center and the cash was used to purchase needed items for several seniors living in our community. Have a Santa, an Elf and Fire Pup out front on collection day was very helpful and fun.
- The Gerrish Firefighter's Association decorated and delivered a Christmas Tree for Christmas in the Village in support of the Children's Assessment Center.
- 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 continued 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.
- Chief Fisher attended the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Board meeting via Zoom.
- Asst Chief Rodgers as the County Fire Training Coordinator has set up the county Firefighter I+II class which started this month. He is also working on scheduling additional state funded courses for the county.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended the State EMS Call, the Officers Meeting and a call on Behavioral Health Awareness.
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended the Bi-weekly Fire Marshal's call and the Officers meeting.
- Asst Chief Gilliam assisted Beaver Creek Township FD with new hire interviews.

Department Activities:

- MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) agreement was sent to the MABAS Division leader and forwarded to the state and we are now part of MABAS Division #3702.
- The department has approved to hire a second Full-time Firefighter/EMT and we have started that process by posting the announcement accepting application by Jan 8, 2021 with interviews planned for Jan 15th.
- The officers are continuing to develop updated and new policies and this month we completed policies on three Job Descriptions – Trainee/Probationary Employee, Restricted Employee, and Paid-on-Call Employee. Also, policies on Training, Safety, Driving, Funerals and Uniforms.
- The Officers and in particular Asst Chief Rodgers have been working on developing a new computer-based radio desk run report. This report will use our current Image Trend EMS and Fire Reporting application and will allow us to track a variety of data. This data can then be used to analyze our request for service, including times of day, days of week, locations in the township, who responds and how often and others. This data will help us determine future needs and meets two of our department goals of using technology and planning for the future.

- The new Gear lockers were installed in early December by a crew of department volunteers. These lockers certainly help keep our fire turnout gear organized and each person has their own space to store their gear. It also makes the station look neater or cleaner.
- Have started working on the annual report for the department and hope to have that completed by mid-January.
- We have ordered the flooring for the kitchen, meeting room, and area in front of the medic's quarters and hope to have that installed in January.

Significant Events:

- The replacement ambulance was expected to be here in mid-December but due to delays on parts and supplies from COVID it's not going to be here for a while. Asst Chief Rodgers has been tracking its progress and communicating the Mark at EV+ throughout the process.
- The department received two grants this past month- one from the Roscommon County Community Foundation for \$1000 for a specialized training mannequin for child intubation. This grant was completed by Asst Chief Gilliam and 2nd LT Hill and included a video by Kathy Pardo. The other grant was from the Provider Relief Fund part of the COVID response for \$3700 for training and EMS supplies. Asst Chief Rodgers completed this grant and we are in the process of purchasing additional training tools.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- The new FF/EMT applications are due Jan 8th and interviews on Jan 15th so we expect to bring a recommendation to the board shortly after that.
- We recently learned that all EMS personnel that wish to have the COVID 19 vaccination can receive it Jan 8th. Fire and other first responders will be included in the next wave of distribution.
- The National Incident Command Training Course that Chief Fisher usually helps teach in February has been postponed until October 2021 and he expects to be in the area throughout the entire winter this year.

Respectfully Submitted, James Fisher, Chief

