



# Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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## February 2021 Monthly Activity Report

The January incident log includes a total of **58** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2021 at the end of January is 58, last year at this same time total calls were 37.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	29	Structure Fire	0
Trauma/Accident	18	Wildfire	0
Medical Assist	2	Powerline	2
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	3
Cancelled	1	Gas Leak	0
Alarms	0	Standby	0
		Alarms/Good intent	1
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	1
		Public Education	0
		Assist EMS	1
<b>EMS Total:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Fire Total:</b>	<b>8</b>

**(of those calls 5 were intercepts, 15 were Non-transport, and 1 was Mutual Aid)**

### Training:

114 hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: Airway

Fire Training: Ice Rescue, Ranger Operations  
Incident Command on Scenes  
Attic Fires

<u>Revenues:</u>	
\$5,585.04	Ambulance Revenue
\$275.00	Intercepts
\$0	Fire
<u>\$4,735.69</u>	Reimbursements (Grants)
\$10,595.73	Total for Month

### Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher attended several Rotary meetings and assisted with the food distribution. Chief Fisher is also on the fund-raising planning committee for Rotary.
- 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.
- All Officers attended the monthly department Officers meeting.
- The county Fire Chiefs meeting was cancelled due COVID activity.
- Chief Fisher attended the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Board meeting via Zoom. Chief Fisher has also been appointed as secretary/treasure for the board and to sit on the Legislative Coalition.
- Asst Chief Rodgers as the County Fire Training Coordinator has been coordinating the county Firefighter I+II class.
- Chief Fisher and Asst Chief Rodgers both taught FF I+II units during the month.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended the State EMS Call and the 911 Technical Committee.
- Chief Fisher attended the MABAS #3702 Zoom meeting. (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System)
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended the Bi-weekly Fire Marshal's call.

### **Department Activities:**

- The department received 9 application for the Full-time Firefighter/EMT position. The applications were reviewed, background checks and reference checks were completed and we set up interviews for 6 candidates. One candidate backed out so we interviewed 5. Josh Sanford was the candidate of choice and was recommended to the Township Board and approved. Josh starts with us on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> with his first shift on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.
- With a new full-time FF/EMT we are adjusting our work load between our full-time staff and setting goals and plans up for the next few months. Supervisors are also starting their annual performance reviews with their staff and setting up new plans for the next years activities and goals.
- The officers are continuing to develop updated and new policies and this month we reviewed the Uniform policy and the Death and Funereal policy and will move those forward.
- 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.
- Chief Fisher is working on the annual report for the department and hope to have that completed in the next week.
- The flooring for the kitchen, meeting room, and area in front of the medic's quarters was installed in January. We think it looks good and hope it wears well. It really lightened up the room. We're considering painting the doors and walls now.
- About a third of the department staff participated in the first round of COVID vaccines.
- Tender 224 has developed an oil leak and we've noticed some steering issues. We had Fick's Diesel Garage inspect it and give us an estimate on repairs. We also asked them to look the whole truck over for any other mechanical issues as our goal is to refurbish this truck in the next year or so. They found a number of issues that should be addressed that include the loose steering, oil pan and filter leak, two leaf springs broke, and a leak in the water pump drive shaft area. An estimate for these repairs is up into the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range. We are planning to move ahead with repairs in the near future and are also awaiting an estimate from CSI to refurbish the fire pump, body, compartments, lighting and other fire related items.

Once we have that estimate we'll determine exactly what we need to do to that truck to gain another 10 to 15 years of life from it.

- 911 Director Vance Stringham reprogrammed all our portable radios this past week with the new county wide Fire/EMS template. We'll have the same done to our mobile radios when the state completes the template for those. This new template should allow easier communications across the county and agencies.

**Significant Events:**

- Asst Chief Rodgers and Lt. Bentley went to Orlando Florida (EV+ covered the costs) to inspect the new Ambulance before it gets shipped up to the EV+ plant in SW Michigan. There were a few minor adjustments or correction and the ambulance was supposed have been shipped this week. Once at their plant in MI they'll add the cot lift system and a couple of other items then we expect to see it here in a couple of weeks if all goes well. We'll have to arrange for radios to be removed from the old 232 and installed in the new 232 along with all the equipment and then have the state do an inspection and approve for service.
- The department used our new training mannequins in training this month that we had purchased last month with two grants, we also used real pigs' lungs and heart to train on airway management and anatomy.

**Upcoming Events or Activities:**

- Several EMS/Fire personnel will receive their second COVID 19 vaccination in early February.

Respectfully Submitted, James Fisher, Chief

