



# Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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## March 2021 Monthly Activity Report

The February incident log includes a total of **34** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls for 2021 at the end of February is 92, last year at this same time total calls were 84.

### EMS Calls

Medical	15
Trauma/Accident	6
Medical Assist	3
Standby	0
Cancelled	0
Alarms	0

### FIRE and RESCUE Calls

Structure Fire	1
Wildfire	1
Powerline	0
Vehicle Accident/Fire	1
Gas Leak	1
Standby	0
Alarms/Good intent	3
Ice/Water/Other Rescue	1
Public Education	0
Assist EMS	2
<b>Fire Total:</b>	<b>10</b>

**EMS Total: 24**

**Fire Total: 10**

(of those calls 1 was an intercept, 6 were Non-transport, and 4 were Mutual Aid)

### Training:

120 personnel hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: Hazardous Materials Annual Refresher  
New Self-Loading Cot System

Fire Training: Apparatus driving and township familiarization  
Scene Size up and truck placement  
After Action review of accident

### Revenues:

\$7,259.06	Ambulance Revenue
\$1,100.00	Intercepts
\$1,600.00	Fire
<u>\$161.60</u>	Reimbursements
\$10,120.66	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. We also distributed several smoke alarms and CO detectors this past month.

### **Committees and Meetings:**

- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and board meeting.
- All Officers attended the monthly department Officers meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Board meeting in person.
- Asst Chief Rodgers as the County Fire Training Coordinator has been coordinating the county Firefighter I+II class.
- Asst Chief Rodgers taught units for the FF I+II class during the month.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended the State EMS Call and the 911 Technical Committee.
- Asst Chief Rodgers attended the county LEPT meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the MABAS #3702 (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) meeting at South Branch Fire Department.

### **Department Activities:**

- The new ambulance was delivered and placed in service late this month. We're making a list of a few things that the contractor needs to address and we have trained our employees on the new Self-Loading Cot System.
- Josh Sanford started his new career here this month. He worked two weeks along side Asst Chief Rodgers and is now on his own scheduled days.
- Updated Asst Chief Gilliam's old desk top computer with a laptop and moved the old computer out to the radio desk where we plan to start entering run report into our data base as they occur.
- The officers are continuing to develop updated and new policies and this month we drafted the Uniform policy, the Death and Funereal policy, the Commercial Structure Fire policy and the Wildland Fire Policy these were sent to the board for review and comments. We are in the process of drafting a Respiratory Protection Policy and Guide and have set assignments for each officer to start working on a variety of policies.
- Through meeting with the MABAS group we have found a fire ground accountability program that we feel might work for us and since the MABAS departments are using it, it only makes sense to move in that direction. We'll be adopting that program in the near future.
- 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 requests 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.
- Lieutenant and Safety Officer Bentley has started developed and started meeting with a department safety committee. They are lining out their committee responsibilities and starting to look at a variety of safety related topic the department should be considering.

- Tender 224 had developed an oil leak and we've noticed some steering issues. Fick's Diesel Garage completed the repairs that included the loose steering, oil pan and filter leak, two leaf springs broke, and a leak in the water pump drive shaft area, among others. An estimate for these repairs was \$5,000 to \$6,000 range and ended up costing \$6,600. We are developing specifications to refurbish the fire pump, body, compartments, lighting and other fire related items on this truck as well. Once we have that completed, we'll look at possibly sending them out for bids to help us determine if we want to refurbish the truck hoping to gain another 15 to 20 years of life from it.
- About a third of the department staff participated in the second round of COVID vaccines.
- Asst Chief Rodgers, working with a grant writing contractor, has submitted a grant request for a second Self-Loading Cot System for our second ambulance so they will both be the same. Hopefully we will see that come through for roughly \$25,000.
- 911 Director Vance Stringham re-programmed all our portable and mobile radios this past month with the new county wide Fire/EMS template. This new template should allow easier communications across the county and agencies.

**Significant Events:**

- During a training event early in February Engine 221 was involved in an accident that resulted in the mailbox structure at the entrance to Pinewoods Camp to be knocked down and damaged beyond repair. Engine 221 received some damage to the cab and door, the scene light pole, paint and graphics. An estimate was received from Jim's Collision and turned into the insurance carrier and we're working with the Camp to cover the costs of replacing the mailbox structure. We also performed an After-Action Review (AAR) of the incident with all involved and have provided some lessons learned for staff to consider in future operations.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended a three day Zoom training on Peer Support to help address mental health issues in the Fire and EMS services. Through that training Kristi has learned about services available to us and she has also been selected to be on the Northern Michigan Peer Support Response Team. This will be a valuable resource for us and other departments in the area that may be in the need of assistance.

**Upcoming Events or Activities:**

- None to report

Respectfully Submitted, James Fisher, Chief

