



# Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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## November 2021 Monthly Activity Report

The September incident log shows **54** requests for emergency services. YTD total calls through October 31 are 521, last year at this same time total calls were 489.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	27	Structure Fire	0
Trauma/Accident	4	Wildfire	0
Medical Assist	6	Powerline	2
Standby	1	Vehicle Accident/Fire	0
Cancelled	4	Gas Leak	1
Alarms	1	Standby	1
		Alarms/Good intent	1
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
		Public Education	6
		Assist EMS	0
<b>EMS Total:</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Fire Total:</b>	<b>11</b>

**(Of those calls 3 were intercepts, 11 were non-transports, and 8 were Mutual Aid)**

### Training:

78 personnel hours of classroom and practical training

EMS Training: Stroke  
Mega Code – Cardiac Arrest

Fire Training: Training Survey and Station spaces  
Vehicle Extrication

<u>Revenues:</u>		
	\$9,220.89	Ambulance Revenue
	\$0	Intercepts
	<u>\$2,204.55</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>
	\$11,425.44	Total for Month

### **Community Involvement:**

- Chief Fisher attended several Rotary meetings.
- 8 smoke alarms and 6 CO alarm were installed this month and these include conducting a residential safety survey with the home owner.
- The entire department assisted with Trunk or Treat with three fire trucks blocking road and assisting with traffic and one ambulance entered as a scary trunk.
- Crews provided public safety education and station tours to a group of home-schooled kids and a couple of citizen walk-ins.
- The department hosted the Child Passenger Safety Technician course that had 15 students from across northern Michigan attend. The course is 36 hours long and certifies students as Car Seat Technicians. Firefighter/EMT Josh Sanford and Police Officer Zachary Stachurski are now certified Car Seat Technicians.
- Asst Chief Rodgers coordinated and with the help of several members completed the Fire Prevention Education at the Roscommon Elementary School and the R.O.O.C. School for National Fire Prevention Week.

### **Committees and Meetings:**

- Chief Fisher attended the monthly work session and board meeting.
- All Officers attended the monthly department Officers meeting.
- Asst Gilliam continues to work with the NW MI Peer Support Team attending several meetings and one debrief in Crawford County for responders that responded to the person hit by a train.
- Chief Fisher continues to work with the 911 Authority Board.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended the 911 Technical Committee meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hill, Asst Chief Rodgers and Chief Fisher interviewed Lynn Walters for a FF/EMT paid-on-call position and we recommend that we hire her. Lynn comes to us as a licensed EMT and certified FF. She is also the wife of FF Michael Dunton.
- Asst Chiefs Gilliam and Rodgers, and Chief Fisher attended the building committee meeting.

### **Department Activities:**

- All department trucks received their D.O.T. inspections as required by the state. All fared well except we had to replace all 6 tires on Ambulance 231 due to age and wear.
- The boat was removed from the lake and winterized for the season.
- All township generators were serviced. The FD and Township generator battery charger was failing so it was replaced.
- We have applied for local grants from Weyerhaeuser and the Roscommon County Community Foundation to assist us with refurbishing the Safety Education Trailer. As of this week received notice that the RCCF awarded the GTFD FF Association \$5,000 towards that project. Rotary had previously awarded the department \$500 and we received \$76 in donations at our open house. To date we have \$5,576.00 towards this project and hope to see more from Weyerhaeuser. Richfield and Grayling FDs are also assisting and between grants and department funds hope to have \$25,000 to \$30,000 available to fix up that old trailer.
- After researching and reviewing the First Due application which is a software program that will help us with a number of operational and administrative processes, we would like to move forward with purchasing that. This will include EMS reporting, Fire reporting, Pre-incident planning, mobile response info, asset inventory, and community connect. We believe this will be able to replace two or three of our current applications and add the tools we are looking for to better protect our community. Chief Fisher will ask the board for approval to spend \$6,500 on this new tool.  
<https://www.firstdue.com/about>

- Asst Chief Rodgers has been getting quotes for the installation of the new ambulance cot and loading system for the old ambulance. The Assistance to Firefighter Grant of \$43,000 nearly all the costs of purchase and installation. We hope to have that completed by the end of the year.

**Significant Events:**

- The department Building Committee met once this month to update and review where the smaller groups are at. The Education group has started placing department info posts on FB and our web site. That group has also reached out to our web master to assist us with setting up a blog and a list-serve so that we can reach out to our community better. They have also started developing media such as videos, pictures, and soon pamphlets or info flyers about our current station and living quarters and what the committee is working on. The funding committee has researched grant opportunities and are looking to the future for infrastructure grants if the federal government agrees on a bill. The funding groups also contacted our bond attorney to meet with us to talk about how that process works. The group working on design has entered into a contract with Partners in Architecture to assist us with space needs analysis and drafting a request for Proposal (RFP). Partners will also help the committee understand the different building processes to help us determine which one would work best for us.
- Still struggling filling shifts. We recently had one employee have a COVID exposure away from work that require they quarantine for 10 days meaning we had to fill two 24-hour shifts to cover that. I've been watching the overtime and the effects of the extra shifts on our employee's health. If it continues, we may have to look at hiring an additional full-time position.
- Chief Fisher went to Hickory, North Carolina for 8 days to assist in teaching Complex Incident Management to 5 national incident management teams.

**Upcoming Events or Activities:**

- Looking forward to COFFE with the CREW on Saturday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 0800-1000hrs.
- Department Christmas Dinner will be held Thursday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Stuff the Ambulance will be held Saturday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> supporting infant and child needs in the community.

Respectfully submitted, James Fisher, Chief

