



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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March 2023 Monthly Activity Report

The February incident log shows **47** requests for emergency services. Average responses for the month of February over the past four years has been 34. Total for the year to date is 96 as compared to last year at this time of 71 responses.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	30	Structure Fire	2
Trauma/Accident	8	Chimney Fire	1
Medical Assist	3	Powerline	0
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	1
Cancelled	0	Gas Leak	0
Alarms	1	Standby	0
		Alarms/Good intent	0
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
		Public Education	0
		Assist EMS/Police	1
		Technical Rescue	0
EMS Total:	42	Fire Total:	5

(Of those calls 5 were intercepts, 18 were non-transport, and 5 were Mutual Aid)

Training:

95 personnel hours of classroom and practical training

Fire Training: Staff meeting/annual safety training
 Large truck operations and winter driving
 Small tools/equipment review
 Annual firefighter health and safety/bloodborne pathogens

<u>Revenues:</u>		
	\$12,882.59	Ambulance Revenue
	\$1,375.00	Intercepts
	\$616.00	COOR CTE Reimbursement
	\$518.03	Durable Equipment Carry Over
	<u>\$15,391.59</u>	Total for Month

Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher attended Rotary meetings and assisted with the monthly food distribution.
- 9 smoke alarms and 2 carbon monoxide alarms were installed this month.

Committees and Meetings:

- Asst Chief Rodgers continues to be very active working with FirstDue our new web-based application. Chief Fisher and Asst Chief Gilliam also met with FirstDue developers to discuss issues and delay in the project. A deadline was set of March 31st to complete the scheduling module to our satisfaction and if not that module will be dropped for the agreement. Several other issues were discussed and will be addressed in a timely fashion or we will be setting deadlines for those as well. Improvements to the scheduling module are in the works but they cannot give us a definite date when these improvements will be active.
- All Officers attended the monthly Officer Planning Meeting.
- Asst Chief Gilliam attended the 911 Technical Advisory Meeting.
- Chief Fisher attended the MABAS 3702 Box Card meeting in Grayling.
- Asst Chief Gilliam provided several peer contacts for the NW MI Peer Support Team.
- Asst Rodgers attended the LEPT Meeting with Roscommon County Emergency Management and other agencies.
- Chief Fisher and Asst Chief Rodgers met with Chief Hill, Treasurer Kruger, Clerk Squires and Dale Boehm our employee benefits insurance representative to discuss options for next year's insurance package.
- Asst Chief Gilliam and Chief Fisher hosted a meeting with all the EMS managers for the county to review and update the County EMS Mutual Aid agreement and the EMS dispatch procedures.

Department Activities:

- The Roscommon/Crawford County Firefighter 1+2 course scheduled for this winter started on Dec 5th and will run through May with Assistant Chief Rodgers leading that effort and several members as instructors. Practical training day was held on February 11th with another one scheduled for March 11th.
- Several members are working on completing the projects that were awarded ARPA funds. This includes the Safety Education Trailer, Rescue/Fire Boat, Replacement Radios, and new Thermal Imaging Cameras. The new thermal imaging cameras have been distributed to officers and several trucks.
- Ambulance 232 continues to suffer issues with the latest being the transmission slipping. The truck was taken to several repair shops and has recently had the transmission replaced under warranty by the ford dealer in Mt. Pleasant.
- Chief Fisher, Asst Chief's Rodgers and Gilliam completed the occupancy rating for the new Northwinds Pizza and Subs going into 9015 N. Cut Rd (the old Bird and Bear Restaurant)
- Chief Fisher has been working with Building/Zoning Administrator Jansen in reviewing plans for a large storage facility being proposed by Storage Rentals of America on N. Cut Rd south of Federal Hwy.
- 2nd Lt. Jason Budzinski off due to foot injury. Jason also works as part-time paramedic, which has caused some scheduling challenges.
- We have two full-time employees (Matthew Wooten and Neal Dopp) scheduled to begin an EMS instructor course.
- We have three full-time employees (Joshua Sanford, Michael Stempien, and Neal Dopp) scheduled to begin a Firefighter instructor course.

Significant Events:

- FF Jeff Mallory who won the department chili cookoff in January represented the department at the Annual Higgins Lake Winter Fest chili cookoff. Jeff did a great job and took second place of seven participants several of which were restaurants. Cut River Grill took first place.
- Asst Chief Kristi Gilliam was awarded the Northwest Michigan Peer Support Team 2022 Mark Feister Mental Health Award on Saturday Feb 25th. This award is for her "continued dedication and for consistently going above and beyond to break down the stigma against mental health amongst first responders." Kristi has been very active educating local Fire, EMS, Police and Dispatch first responders about mental health issues and has always been there whenever anyone calls, night or day, just to talk and decompress. Thank you, Kristi, for your hard work with this important issue.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- 2024 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Gerrish Township Fire and EMS Department. The department will start planning for a celebration next year and we look forward to working with the township as we move this planning effort forward.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Jim Fisher/Assistant Chief Brandon Rodgers