



# Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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## April 2023 Monthly Activity Report

The March incident log shows **37** requests for emergency services. Average responses for the month of March over the past five years has been 38. Total for the year to date is 134 as compared to last year at this time of 110 responses.

### EMS Calls

Medical	18
Trauma/Accident	4
Medical Assist	4
Standby	0
Cancelled	2
Alarms	2

### FIRE and RESCUE Calls

Structure Fire	0
Wildland Fire	1
Powerline	0
Vehicle Accident/Fire	1
Gas Leak	2
Standby	0
Alarms /Good intent	3
Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
Public Education	0
Assist EMS/Police	0
Technical Rescue	0

**EMS Total: 30**

**Fire Total: 7**

**(Of those calls 2 were intercepts, 19 were non-transports, and 10 were Mutual Aid)**

### Training:

114 personnel hours of classroom and practical training

Fire Training: Staff meeting/Family night  
Hazardous Materials Annual Refresher  
SCBA (Air pack) Annual Refresher

EMS Training: Pediatric Airway  
Medical Gastrointestinal

### Revenues:

\$11,516.31	Ambulance Revenue
\$825.00	Intercepts
\$161.51	Reimbursement
\$12,502.82	Total for Month

### **Community Involvement:**

- Chief Fisher attended Rotary meetings and assisted with the monthly food distribution.
- Several department members assisted with the COOR Technical Career Training program at the RMS.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 full-time staff attended a full-time staff meeting as we develop our processes and working plans.
- Asst Chief Gilliam provided several peer contacts and meetings for the NW MI Peer Support Team.
- Asst Rodgers attended the LPT Meeting with Roscommon County Emergency Management and other agencies.
- Asst Chiefs Gilliam and Rodgers attended a building security meeting twice.
- Asst Chief Gilliam led a Face of the Department meeting with several other staff members to develop strategies for improving our connection to the public and their understanding of the department.

### **Department Activities:**

- The Roscommon/Crawford County Firefighter 1+2 course scheduled for this winter started on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and will run through May with Assistant Chief Rodgers leading that effort and several members as instructors.
- ARPA fund projects are moving along with the Radios ordered, the Thermal Imaging Cameras are in service, the boat project is moving along and the trailer has been purchased.
- Ambulance 232 continues to suffer issues with the engine misfiring and the brakes making noise. Come to find out the brakes were under recall for the pads cracking and we were not notified of that recall. The cost of the brake repair was covered by the recall. The engine misfiring was the spark plug wire on the third cylinder. This is the third time a spark plug wire has had to be replaced.... eventually we will probably replace them all! We also found out that the spot-on chain device on 232 developed issues because they were not greased regularly. The department and service garages that maintain this unit were not aware of those but we are now. The parts are being replaced and the cost will be approximately \$500.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jason Budzinski off due to foot injury. Jason also works as part-time paramedic, which has caused some scheduling challenges.
- Two full-time employees (Matthew Wooten and Neal Dopp) are scheduled to begin an EMS instructor course. Three full-time employees (Joshua Sanford, Michael Stempien, and Neal Dopp) and one paid-on-call employee (Jason Budzinski) are scheduled to begin a Firefighter instructor course. These folks willing to step up and take these instructor courses support the department and surrounding agencies with qualified instructors to provide much needed training opportunities for recruiting and retaining members.
- The department had some funds left over from a grant for the LUCAS so we were able to purchase 14 new rechargeable flashlights for the trucks.
- While the chief was away the members painted the bedrooms, EMS quarters, foyer, and office. We wanted to get that done prior to the flooring being started. I appreciate their efforts and their desire to make this their home away from home and the hard work getting it done. The only other thing I can add is I did not select the colors.
- Annual employee performance planning has started.

**Significant Events:**

- Chief Fisher was away on vacation for most of the month and things seemed to roll along as normal in my absence. Thanks to Asst Chiefs Rodgers and Gilliam for picking up most of my responsibilities and all others that assisted.
- The boat project is in the works with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Budzinski leading it up even while on restricted duty with his broken foot. The seats and steering console have been removed and the new console partially installed, the prop rock guard was added, some electrical work has been completed. One storage box of several has arrived to replace some of the seating, the old graphics have been removed so new fire department graphics can be put on, the pump has been ordered and we are in the process of cleaning the carpet, rails, and sides. We are purchasing a good used electric boat hoist from a local citizen and are working with a lake front owner for a location to house the boat and hoist at their dock near Flag Point. Training will be conducted on boat operations in May. All the work on this boat has been done by department staff both while working but often when off duty and donating their time. We look forward to putting this new emergency response equipment in service to the community.

**Upcoming Events or Activities:**

- 2024 will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> 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

