



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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November 2024 Monthly Activity Report

The October incident log shows 36 requests for emergency services. Average responses for the month of October over the past five years has been 48. Total for the year to date is 485 as compared to last year at this time of 509 responses.

<u>EMS Calls</u>		<u>FIRE and RESCUE Calls</u>	
Medical	19	Structure Fire	1
Trauma/Accident	4	Wildland Fire	0
Medical Assist	2	Powerline	0
Standby	0	Vehicle Accident/Fire	0
Cancelled	3	Gas Leak	0
Alarms	2	Standby	0
		Alarms /Good intent	4
		Ice/Water/Other Rescue	0
		Public Education	0
		Assist EMS/Police	1
		Technical Rescue	0
EMS Total:	30	Fire Total:	6

(Of those calls 4 were intercepts, 13 were non-transport, and 6 were Mutual Aid given)

Training:

- **Personnel Training consisted of 144 hours of classroom and practical training that included:**
 - ✓ Vehicle Extrication
 - ✓ Staff meeting and road cleanup
 - ✓ Ropes
 - ✓ Splinting/Trauma
 - ✓ Equipment Maintenance for fulltime staff
 - ✓ Wilderness Rescue
 - ✓ Honor Guard refresher
 - ✓ Peer Support meeting
- **Personnel provided the following training:**
 - CPR for CTE Public Safety Students
 - CPR for RAPS Bus Drivers
 - Public Safety Careers at COOR Technical Education (CTE) 8 classes

<u>Revenues:</u>	\$15,925.61	Ambulance Charges
	\$726.00	COOR CTE
	\$195.00	CPR Students
	<u>\$275.00</u>	<u>Intercepts</u>
	\$17,121.61	Total

Community Involvement:

- Installed 3 smoke alarms and picked up an additional 72 smoke alarms and 36 CO detectors from the state of Michigan
- Chief Fisher assisted with food distribution
- Members conducted the fall road cleanup for 2.5 miles along West Higgins Lake Dr from West Pine to Yorty Drive
- Provided an ambulance for 2 football games
- Trucks in the homecoming parade
- Conducted Fire Prevention Programs at Immanuel Baptist School, COOR/ROOC, and all of Roscommon Elementary School and Preschool
- Many department members, spouses and kids assisted with Trunk or Treat

Committees and Meetings:

- Chief Fisher attended the work and regular Twp. Board meetings
- Several members attended the LEAR Corporation walkthrough to learn more about the hazard associated with emergency responses into that facility
- Chief Fisher chaired the 911 Authority Board meeting

Department Activities:

- Asst Chief Rodgers as the county fire training coordinator scheduled instructors and provided two county fire training classes. Reading Smoke and Incident Safety Officer
- Ambulance 232 has new tires on the front. We removed the all-weather tires and put truck steering tires on in effort to reduce vibration and tire wear.
- Assistant Chief Rodgers has been coordinating the upcoming county wide state sponsored Firefighter I+II class to be held here at our department from Nov 11th through May of 2025.

Significant Events:

- On Oct 26th we lost Firefighter Wesley Eldred in a farming accident here in the township. Wes was introduced to the community at the board meeting in September when we formally hired him. Wes had nearly 25 years of fire experience from a previous department. The department assisted the family with the funeral services and honor guard.
- Many of our members were greatly affected by the loss of Wes, some were on scene during the emergency and tried to save him. The department set up a meeting with the NW Peer Support Team to assist us with defusing our emotions and processing the event so we could move forward.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- GTFD Firefighters Association Christmas dinner will be Thursday evening Dec 5th.
- Stuff the Ambulance will be held Saturday Dec 14th. We will be collecting needed supplies for “Threads and More” serving county kids ages 0-18. Flyers are available with listed needed items.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Fisher, Chief