



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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February 2025 Monthly Activity Report

The January incident log shows 38 requests for emergency services. Average responses for the month of December over the past five years has been 49. Total for the year to date is also 38.

EMS Calls

Medical	18
Trauma/Accident	6
Medical Assist	3
Standby	0
Cancelled	3
Alarms	1

FIRE and RESCUE Calls

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

EMS Total: **31**

Fire Total: **7**

(Of those calls 6 were intercepts, 6 were non-transport, and 0 were Mutual Aid given. We received Mutual Aid on 1 structure fire.

Training:

- **Personnel Training consisted of 95 hours of classroom and practical training that included:**
 - ✓ Staff meeting – chili cookoff
 - ✓ Ice Rescue
 - ✓ Winter Medical
 - ✓ SCBA and PPE annual
 - ✓ Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies
- **Personnel provided the following training:**
 - Car seat use and install education for one family with a newborn
 - CPR for the COOR Med Tech Students

Revenues:

\$9,880.39	Ambulance Charges
\$2,070.40	Reimbursements
\$500.00	Donation for Rescue Struts from VSU
\$275.00	Intercepts
<u>\$10,725.79</u>	Total

Community Involvement:

- Chief Fisher assisted with food distribution
- Chief Fisher attended Rotary meetings
- Provided CPR for the COOR Med Tech Program
- FF Sanford conducted one child car seat installation and education

Committees and Meetings:

- Chief Fisher attended the work and regular Twp. Board meetings
- Asst Chiefs Rodgers and Gilliam attended the county LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting
- All Officers attended the monthly officers meeting
- Chief Fisher met with the Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs for their monthly meeting
- Chief Fisher attended the Roscommon County Commissioners meeting as the RTA representatives were going to be appointed to the 911 Authority Board
- Chief Fisher chaired his last 911 Authority Board meeting

Department Activities:

- Assistant Chief Rodgers has been coordinating and teaching at the county wide state sponsored Firefighter I+II class being held here at our department from Nov 11th through May of 2025
- The department has received the struts that were purchased mostly from donations in the name of passed Firefighter Wes Eldred. These struts are much easier to use and quicker to set up on the scene of vehicle accidents.
- Assistant Chief Rodgers leading a small committee has developed a plan to address the ISO retrogression. They attended a phone meeting and started working with a retrogression specialist and sent the draft plan to her prior to Jan 21st. The plan was accepted. The specialist feels that it will be difficult for us to regain the 6 rating and will probably stay at the 7 rating due the fewer number of volunteer responders.
- Several department officers attended the fire investigations at both the West Sunset structure fire and the West Maplehurst structure fire. We met with the insurance investigators at both sites and the Consumers Energy investigator at West Sunset. The Sunset fire was able to be traced back to the garage door sensor that became over energized and arced which also then overenergized the outlets above the garage door opener. We are still awaiting the report on the investigation to confirm that cause. The Maplehurst fire is very preliminary and we will have more details at a later date.

Significant Events:

- Interviews were held on January 28, 2025 for the new Fire and EMS Chief. The interview panel consisted of Treasurer Anderson as chair, Trustee Ostling, Chief Muszynski, Commissioner Kim Morley, and DNR Atlanta Area Fire Supervisor Jennifer Hansen. Asst Chief Gilliam and Asst Chief Rodgers both applied and were interviewed. Both candidates were very well qualified and presented themselves well. After a lengthily review and discussion the committee is recommending Asst Chief Gilliam to fill the vacant chief's position.

Upcoming Events or Activities:

- Chief Fishers last day will be Friday, February 28, 2025. Chief Gilliam, if approved, will take the reins beginning March 1, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Fisher, Chief