



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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JULY 2025 Monthly Activity Report

In June 2025, the department responded to 55 requests for emergency services, surpassing the five-year average of 54 calls for June. The year-to-date total for incidents is 287.

EMS Calls

- Medical Calls: 30
- Trauma/Accident: 3
- Medical Assist: 3
- Standby: 0
- Cancelled Calls: 9
- Alarms: 0

Fire & Rescue Calls

- Structure Fires: 1
- Powerlines Down: 3
- Wildland Fires: 0
- Vehicle Accident/Fire: 1
- Gas Leak: 0
- Standby: 0
- Alarms/Good Intent Calls: 3
- Ice/Water/Other Rescue: 1
- Assist EMS/Police: 1 (Drone)
- Technical Rescue: 0

Total Incident Summary:

- EMS Total Calls: 45
- Fire/Rescue Total Calls: 10

Additional Notes on Calls:

- Intercepts: 8 (1 was a refusal and 3 cancelled)
- Non-Transports: 11
- Mutual Aid: 3 (all were cancelled)

Training Highlights (85 Total Hours)

- Staff Meeting: Included a departmental meeting and road cleanup then dinner with staff and their families
- Water Supply Operations: Focused on drafting from dry hydrants, identifying hydrant locations, and training on the newly installed underground tank at the storage facility.
- Pediatric Trauma Care: Hands-on practice in immobilizing and splinting pediatric patients, to better prepare for our younger populations.
- Hazardous Materials – Train Derailment Tabletop Exercise: Worked with Roscommon County Emergency Manager and multiple local agencies. This exercise addressed potential gaps in response, reviewed key contacts, resource coordination, Incident Command/Unified Command structure, HazMat operations, and evacuation procedures.
- Drone Operations: A practical training session on using our drone to locate hard-to-find smoke sources, and a two-hour online refresher.
- BLS/CPR Recertification: Several members completed a CPR class to renew their certification

Training Delivered by Personnel

- Pediatric Trauma Training: Delivered hands-on training to Markey Township Fire/EMS personnel, focusing on pediatric immobilization and splinting techniques.
- Heart Saver CPR/First Aid: Conducted a CPR and First Aid class for Roscommon School teachers, enhancing their emergency response capabilities in a school setting.
- Youth Police Academy Collaboration: Partnered with the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department to instruct academy participants in Fire and EMS practices. The EMS segment covered bleeding control, including tourniquet use and wound packing. The fire/rescue portion included rope-assisted water rescues, spinal immobilization, and operating the fire pump on a rescue boat.
- BLS CPR Recertification: Facilitated a Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR recertification course for South Branch Township Fire/EMS personnel.

Community Involvement (123 Hours)

- HazMat Train Derailment Exercise – Participated in a regional hazardous materials training drill.
- Sunrise Heights Safety Walk-Through – Collaborated with Association Members to identify and address safety concerns including Address signage, First-aid & AED readiness, Stop the Bleed, Emergency access to residences and beach/park areas
- CPR/First Aid Training – Conducted training for Roscommon School teachers.
- Sunrise Run Event Support – Staffed Units 232/231 and operated an aid station and sponsored a water station throughout the event.
- Station Tours – Hosted multiple family visits to tour the fire station and meet crews.
- Smoke Alarm Installations – Installed two smoke alarms this month.
- BLS CPR Training – Conducted training in coordination with SBF.
- Monthly EMS Training – Participated in the training at Markey Township Fire/EMS.
- Roscommon County Youth Police Academy – Provided Fire/EMS/Rescue training to academy participants.
- Neighbors United Fundraiser (June 27–29) – Supported the event for firefighters with cancer: Hosted lunch at our station and assisted Lyon Twp. Fire/EMS with their pancake breakfast. We are planning to make this an annual event

Committees & Meetings Attended

- Capt. Wooten held an education meeting with instructors to discuss future training ideas and goals
- Asst. Chief Rodgers chaired the County Training Committee meeting to work on training needs for the departments.
- Chief Gilliam chaired the Roscommon County Dispatch Technical Committee.
- Chief Gilliam also attended the Roscommon County AVI (Active Violence Incident) meeting.
- Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the Emergency Preparedness Planning Meeting.
- Chief Gilliam and Asst. Chief Rodgers participated in the 4th of July planning meeting at S. State Park
- Capt. Wooten attended the NCMCA PSRO meeting.
- All officers attended two officer meetings to discuss structural changes within the department.
- Chief Gilliam and Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the first public Fire/EMS budget meeting.
- Asst. Chief Rodgers participated in the Financial Retirement Meeting.

Department Activities

- Sunrise Run
- Neighbors United Fundraiser Event
- Station Tours

Significant Events

- A patient's granddaughter expressed deep appreciation for the excellent care provided to her grandmother, especially with family living so far away
- A patient shared positive feedback, commending the team for their professionalism and clinical competence.
- A community member offered thanks after receiving support while practicing 12-lead EKG placement for a class she was attending.

Upcoming Events

- Special Needs Awareness Training (County-wide effort with MiREMS, REM, COOR) is coming October 11th
- 4th of July: parade in the morning of the 4th and we will have both Fire and EMS personnel stationed at South State Park July 4th and 5th
- Department Open House: Scheduled for August 2nd 4pm-7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi Gilliam, Chief