



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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January 2026 Monthly Activity Report

In December 2025, the department responded to 37 requests for emergency services, over the five-year average of 44 calls for December. The year-to-date total for incidents is 613.

EMS Calls

- Medical Calls: 19
- Trauma/Accident: 2
- Medical Assist: 3
- Standby:
- Cancelled Calls: 1
- Alarms: 0

Fire & Rescue Calls

- Structure Fires: 0
- Powerlines Down: 6
- Wildland Fires: 0
- Vehicle Accident/Fire: 2
- Gas Leak: 1
- Standby: 0
- Alarms/Good Intent Calls: 1
- Ice/Water/Other Rescue: 0
- Assist to other Agencies: 2
- Hazardous Materials: 0

Total Incident Summary:

- EMS Total Calls: 25
- Fire/Rescue Total Calls: 12

Additional Notes on Calls:

- Intercepts: 4
- Non-Transports: 6
- Mutual Aid: 3 (1 medical and 2 Fire/Rescue)

Training Highlights (57 Total Hours)

- Winter Accident/Driving Safety
- Rescue Taskforce Operations
- CPR Renewal for Staff
- Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training
- Department Christmas Gathering

Short month of training due to Christmas

Training Delivered by Personnel (48 Total Hours)

- Our Instructors are continuing to teach the Firefighter I&II Academy
- RHS Freshmen Health Class participated in a Certified CPR Class
- CTE Program:
 - ✓ Wilderness Backpacking Safety
 - ✓ Smokejumper Techniques
 - ✓ Ropes and Knots Fundamentals
 - ✓ Ropes and Knots for Patient Rescue
 - ✓ EMS Operations Overview
 - ✓ Patient Handling Procedures
- Lyon Township: BLS/CPR Renewal
- Markey Township: BLS/CPR Instructor Training

Community Involvement (20 Total Hours)

- Continuing to teach in the CTE Public Safety Class two days a week
- Teaching the Firefighter I&II Academy
- Continuing to teach at Markey Twp. Fire/EMS
- We did one car seat installation
- “Shop with a Hero” Holiday Event
- Christmas in the Village Light Parade
- EMS/Fire Safety Presentation for 7th–9th Grade Students

Committees & Meetings Attended

- All Officers attended a meeting to finalize next year's training schedule and update job descriptions.
- Chief Gilliam attended the monthly work session and Board Meeting
- Chief Gilliam attended the Tip-Up Town Planning Meeting
- Chief Gilliam attended the Preparedness Planning Group Session
- Captain Wooten sat in a zoom meeting for NCA/PRSO Coordination Meeting
- Captain Wooten sat in a zoom meeting for NCMCA Advisory Committee
- All Officers attended the Department Officers' Meeting
- Chief Gilliam attended the Active Violence Incident (AVI) Planning Meeting

Significant Events

- We finished an 8-week weight loss challenge for the department, with 12 participants, and a little competition to help with motivation. Total weight loss for the group was 96lbs. Josh Thompson was the winner!
- Gerrish Fire/EMS Annual Christmas Party was successful, a BIG THANKS to the Committee that worked hard making this happen.
- Neal served on the DHHS Paramedic Testing Advisory Committee, contributing to the development and oversight of state paramedic testing standards.
- Our Drone team was requested in Oscoda to assist searching for a missing person. The team was on site for about 8 hours, the coordination with MSP and Oscoda County Sheriff's Department was flawless.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Chili Cook-Off

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi Gilliam, Chief