



Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department

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May 2026 Monthly Activity Report

In April 2026, the department responded to 41 requests for emergency services, the five-year average of calls for this month is 39. We seem to be back on track this month. The year-to-date total of responses is 254.

EMS Calls	Our Twp.	Mutual Aid	Intercept	Fire Calls	Our Twp.	Mutual Aid
Medical	22	1	0	Structure	0	0
Trauma	1	0	0	Wildland	0	1
Assists	6	0	0	Powerlines	1	0
Standby	0	0	0	Vehicle Fire	0	0
Cancelled	0	1	2	Vehicle Accidents	0	0
Alarms	1	0	0	Gas Leak	0	0
				Standby	0	1
				Fire/Co Alarm	4	0
Our call turned over		0		Tech Rescue	0	0
				Assist with EMS/PD	0	0
Totals:	30	2	2		5	2

Total Incident Summary:

- EMS Total Calls: 34
- Fire/Rescue Total Calls: 7
- Non-transport: 9
- EMS Mutual Aid received: 0

Training Highlights (92 Total Hours)

- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Search and Rescue Training with Higgins Twp. at the Fire Training Grounds
- EMS/ICS Training
- Pump Training
- Attic Fires
- ERT

Training Delivered by Personnel

- Our Instructors continue to teach the Firefighter I&II Academy and the practical days.
- CTE Program:
 - ✓ EMS: Cardiology and EKG
 - ✓ Rescue: Tree stand Rescue
 - ✓ EMS: Facial Injuries from trauma
 - ✓ CPR

Committees & Meetings Attended

- Chief Gilliam attended the monthly work session and Board Meeting
- Capt. Wooten participated in the PRSO meeting for our Medical Control
- Chief Gilliam and Asst. Chief Rodgers met with Chief Tiepel to work on updating our County Fire Mutual Aid Agreement
- Some of our Full-Time staff met and had lunch with our First Net Rep.
- Chief Gilliam participated in two CISM's this month
- Asst. Chief Rodgers attended the AVI Meeting

Community Involvement (102 Total Hours)

- Continuing to teach in the CTE Public Safety Class two days a week
- Teaching the Firefighter I&II Academy
- Asst. Chief Rodgers and Capt. Wooten assisted with AED Training at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
- We have had a couple station tours
- Crews have installed 2 smoke/CO alarms
- Chief Gilliam, Josh Thompson, Josh Sanford and Amber Beaver attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Craf Center
- Greg Patchin helped pump water off Holton St to be able to access houses
- We have buckets with cleaning supplies still available at the station for residents that need it for flood cleanup

Significant Events

- 232 continues to be unreliable, FordPro is involved and we are working on a permanent solution.
- Our Drone is out of service due to a training incident, UPDATE: drone is being repaired
- West Side Station Boiler is not working properly. System is outdated and insufficient for what we need. We will be working on a plan for replacement soon.
- I am back on the Northwest Michigan Peer Support Team after a year break.
- **Requesting Township Board approval to update the cost recovery rates as presented in the Cost Recovery Fee Schedule, as referenced in SOG #401 Cost Recovery.** This will keep us up to date with the industry standards. Our EMS Billing Agency, EMS/MC has updated our Ambulance Fees already for 2026.

Upcoming Events

- EMS week is around the corner, May 17-23, 2026.
- The Firefighter I&II Academy will finish at the end of May; this year we will be having a graduation Ceremony for the class. Date in Mid-June, more details to come
- Walk For The Red is doing a two-day 50 mile walk around Houghton and Higgins Lakes to raise funds supporting Firefighters fighting cancer. July 18 and 19.
- Open House will be happening again this year in August, a definitive day will be coming soon.
- 9/11 Ceremony will be held at the County Building; I will be taking over that from the Fire Department aspect.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Gilliam, Chief