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For the month of February 2015, we responded to 9 fire incidents; 1 fire alarm, 2 PI accidents, 2 structure fires, and 4 assists to other departments. There was 1 fire alarm and 1 PI accident in Hopkins Township, no calls in Hopkins Village, 1 structure fire, and 1 PI accident in Monterey Township, 1 structure fire in Watson Township, and 2 assists to Dorr, 1 to Wayland, and 1 to WAEMS. Hopkins first responders responded to 12 medical calls; 1 in Hopkins Village, 2 in Hopkins Township, 4 in Watson Township, and 5 in Monterey Township.

Mark and Tyler continue their fire academy in Barry County and are making good progress. Zack Wright and Tara Beilby are attending the MFR class in Wayland. They have about a month to go before their final exams. Our monthly meetings covered our basic skills small tools refresher and an ice rescue refresher.

Graafschap Fire Department has Consumers Energy coming to do a presentation regarding responses to electrical and gas emergencies on March 23th. 4 to 6 Hopkins firefighters may attend.

Chad Althouse has returned from his requested leave of absence. We will be working with him, getting him ready for the firefighter certification testing.

The Michigan DOT has scheduled the rebuilding of the highway bridge at Martin this winter. Latest information has this project starting February 9th. The bridge is now completely gone. The ramps are currently open and are expected to remain so except for short durations. Completion of this project is late spring.

The Hopkins FFA is hosted a donkey basketball game on Friday, February 6, at the Hopkins Middle School gymnasium. Firefighters were on hand for the game but before they were able to start their first game, the department was toned out to a possible structure fire. A child in that home, who has been to Scotty's Firehouse at Hopkins, told her parents about smoke in the house. Early reporting of the fire saved the home from extensive damage. This young lady was presented with a certificate in school a few days later.

Central Dispatch will no longer be issuing the "burn ban" advisories. This task will be redirected to the DNR through the State of Michigan's website or through an "800" number. More information is forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fire Chief

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