

Hopkins Area

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For the month of June, we responded to 10 fire incidents; 4 assist's to other departments, 2 officer calls, 1 unknown accident, 1 wires down, and 1 general assist. There were no calls in Hopkins Township, 2 calls in Monterey Township, 2 calls in Hopkins Village, and 1 call in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 22 medical calls; 0 in Hopkins Village, 80 in Hopkins Township, 4 in Watson Township, and 10 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were ventilation and public relations. Training sessions were 3 hours long and attended by 24 firefighters.

Josh Cole and Eric Alberda completed their EMT class. They are scheduling their National Registry test very soon.

Wayland EMS started an EMR class May 16. Ben Bregg and Levi Steffen are attending. We will get our other new guys into classes as they become available.

I am in the process of writing a grant to the Home Depot Foundation for new lighting throughout the station. Nothing new to report at this time.

Regarding the AFG grant, we have not received any news from FEMA. I am taking it as a good sign that we didn't get a rejection notice thus far and that our application is moving onto the next phase of review. Grant awards started May 20. We may not hear anything for several more months.

Central dispatch is moving along in the replacement of dispatching equipment. The current system is at the end of its life, with no guarantee of support after 1 January 2017. The Fire Chief's association has recommended dispatch move to the State's 800 mhz system. The matter was sent to the county commissioners who have approved the move to the MPSCS and a budgetary purchase amount. The commissioners are now looking at funding for the system.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief