

Hopkins Area

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For the month of March, we responded to 22 fire incidents; 5 assists to another department, 1 structure fire, 2 unknown accident, 1 property damage/gas leak, 10 tree/wires call, 2 officer calls, and 1 possible fire investigation. There were 9 calls in Hopkins Township, 3 calls in Monterey Township, 2 calls in Hopkins Village, and 3 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 34 medical calls; 7 in Hopkins Village, 10 in Hopkins Township, 10 in Watson Township, and 7 in Monterey Township.

We had three regular training meeting this last month. The training subjects were search & rescue in an acquired structure, pediatric medical, and CPR. Training session were 3 hours long and attended by 17 firefighters.

Dave, Ben, Clayton, Levi, and Brandon continue the fire academy in Allegan. Reports have them doing well so far. Herbert Merrill is about halfway done with his academy in Barry County. Both academies will finish in May.

Ben took his National Registry test on March 18th and passed. He has applied to the state for his license and to WAEMS to become a responder for them.

Scotty's firehouse is coming back to the Hopkins Fire station April 26-27. For this event, we work with the kids at Hopkins Elementary, ages 4-8. If anyone has contacts to home school groups we would like to invite them to attend. Have the call the station to find the best time for a visit. We will be working on the firehouse in the days leading up to April 26 to make the improvements to the house.

There is nothing new to report on this year's AFG grant application. The grant was written to purchase new turn-out gear and SCBS's for the department. Total amount of the grant was about \$240,000, of which we have a 5% match. At last check, nothing was posted about beginning of awards. I check for award announcements regularly.

I received a call from our ISO field rep about reviewing our rating. He visited the department on 8 March for a few hours. Bob and I pulled all the records he wanted to see together in preparation of his visit. This meeting, was just a paperwork visit. Most of Allegan County is being or was just recently reviewed. Dorr has their review meeting the afternoon of March 8th. I am hopeful our rating will remain the same or possibly improve. We are currently rated at a 7 outside the village of Hopkins and 6 inside the village limits. These numbers have a dramatic effect on your homeowner's and business insurance rates.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief