

# Hopkins Area

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# Fire Department

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For the month of February, we responded to 9 fire incidents; 1 assist to another department, 1 structure fires, 3 PI accidents, 1 ice rescue, 1 tree/wires call, and 2 grass fire. There were 4 calls in Hopkins Township, 2 calls in Monterey Township, 0 calls in Hopkins Village, and 2 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 22 medical calls; 5 in Hopkins Village, 10 in Hopkins Township, 4 in Watson Township, and 3 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meeting this last month. The training subject was basic skills and search & rescue. Training session was 2 1/2 hours long and attended by 15 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 has scheduled his National Registry test for March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Scotty's firehouse is coming back to the Hopkins Fire station in late April.

There is nothing 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 thought award announcements would begin in February, but they have not.

I received a call from our ISO field rep about reviewing our rating. He will be visiting the department on 8 March for a few hours. Bob and I are pulling all the records he wants to see together in preparation of his visit. This meeting, is just a paperwork and perhaps driving the area visit, though he may ask for a water shuttle demonstration if ours is not current enough. Most of Allegan County is being or was just recently reviewed. Dorr has their review meeting in the afternoon of March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The department officers presented our next budget to the fire board at the January meeting for their approval and to take back to their units of government for final approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fire Chief