

Hopkins Area

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For the month of November, we responded to 5 fire incidents; 3 assist's to other departments, and 2 road hazard (tree). There was 1 call in Hopkins Township, 0 calls in Monterey Township, 0 calls in Hopkins Village, and 1 call in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 25 medical calls; 3 in Hopkins Village, 11 in Hopkins Township, 5 in Watson Township, and 6 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were haz-mat and agility. Training sessions were 3 hours long and attended by 15 firefighters.

Ben Bregg and Levi Steffen have signed up to take their National Registry tests, later this month. Brandon Wardell has a test date soon.

Herbert Merrell has started the Firefighter I & II academy in Barry County. This is a Saturday class starting October 1 and goes until May. Ben, Levi, Clayton, and Dave are registered to attend the Allegan County Academy which starts in January.

Ryan Nowakowski has submitted his resignation as he will be moving out of the district soon.

This year's AFG grant application was submitted on November 16th. The grant was written for replacement turnout gear and replacement SCBA's. Much of our turnout gear is past their recommended replacement dates and our SCBA tanks have only 5 more years until they are required to be retired. Per the turn-down letter my financial needs narrative was not strong enough so I worked a great deal on that section.

Trevor has written a grant to the Rockford Foundation for a training tool we will use during the agility training we conduct 2 times per year. Trevor also wrote a grant to the Allegan Foundation for a rescue boat. These grants will be announced in late winter.

Our replacement vehicle for Squad 4 is in the Hopkins station getting ready for duty. The radio, lightbar, and decals are the last items needed to complete this unit. Parts are on order and expected soon. WAEMS owns this vehicle. Its primary use is medical first response out of the Hopkins station, but will be used for other duties as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief