

Hopkins Area

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For the month of September, we responded to 5 fire incidents; 4 assist's to other departments, 1 PI accident, and 2 tornado warnings. There were 0 calls in Hopkins Township, 1 call in Monterey Township, 0 calls in Hopkins Village, and 0 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 27 medical calls; 10 in Hopkins Village, 10 in Hopkins Township, 4 in Watson Township, and 3 in Monterey Township.

We had one regular training meeting this last month. The training subject was house testing. Training session was 4 hours long and attended by 12 firefighters. Firefighters also manned the old fire station at the Allegan County Fair, passing out literature and answering questions.

Josh Cole has passed his National Registry Test and is waiting for the paperwork to apply to the state. Brandon Wardell has a test date in the near future.

Ben Bregg and Levi Steffen are taking their National Registry tests soon. Dave Arman is in a MFR class in Overiesel and expects to finish mid-October.

Herbert Merrell is signed up to take the Firefighter I & II academy in Barry County. This is a Saturday class starting October 1 and goes until May. Our other new hires plan to attend the Allegan County Academy which starts in January.

Regarding the AFG grant, I recently received a rejection letter from FEMA. I was told that my statement of need and financial status was not strong enough. The next application period begins October 11 and I will be reapplying, strengthening those aspects. I will be writing for replacement turnout gear and also for new SCBA's.

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.

There is a new scouting group associated with the Friendship Bible Church in Hopkins who saw our group at the old station at the Fair and requested a tour of our fire station. 3 adults and 8 kids were here and asked questions of us about what we do, about our equipment, and what it takes to be a firefighter/first responder. Perhaps in 8 to 10 years we will have a recruit come out of this group.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief

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