

Hopkins Area

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For the month of July, we responded to 19 fire incidents; 4 assist's to other departments, 2 officer calls, 2 PI accidents, 5 wires down, 1 structure fire, 2 water rescues, and 1 grass fire. There were 2 calls in Hopkins Township, 7 calls in Monterey Township, 2 calls in Hopkins Village, and 2 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 24 medical calls; 6 in Hopkins Village, 4 in Hopkins Township, 9 in Watson Township, and 6 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were July 4th activities and structural firefighting in an acquired house. Training sessions were 3 hours long and attended by 24 firefighters.

Bob Kerber and Eric Alberda have passed their National Registry tests and applied for the state license. Josh Cole has his test August 18. Brandon Wardell has a test date in the near future.

Wayland EMS started an EMR class May 16. Ben Bregg and Levi Steffen are attending. They have about 3 weeks remaining in class. We will get our other new guys into classes as they become available.

I finally found a practical exam for Chad that he is able to attend. It is in Reed City on August 13th. We are drilling and reviewing to prepare him to pass this test.

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 voted to replace fire department's radios and pagers along with the dispatch and sheriff department's equipment. Funding for this project comes from the surcharge on all devices that are capable of contacting emergency 911; phones, tablets, and computers.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief