Hopkins Area

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For the month of June, we responded to 6 fire incidents; 2 assists to other departments, 2 tractor fires, 1 gas leak, 1 flooded car, 1 PI accident, and 1 officer call. There was 1 tractor fire and PI accident in Monterey Township, a gas leak and flooded car in Hopkins Township, no calls in Hopkins Village, and another tractor fire, and 1 officer call in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 32 medical calls; 6 in Hopkins Village, 11 in Hopkins Township, 10 in Watson Township, and 5 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were ventilation and public relations. Training sessions lasted about 2 ½ hours and were attended by 12 firefighters.

Mark passed the written in May and now the practical portion of the final testing of the fire academy. Chad took the written test June 6^{th} in White Pigeon; he was unable to take the practical. I am searching for a practical session for him.

I took the Fire Inspector II test and have passed. I need to do a practical phase to be certified. I will be reviewing our preplans in the near future and have some business contacts. Having preplans for all of our commercial properties will aid us if there is an incident and should also help us with our ISO rating.

Zack Wright received his state medical license and is now on an MFR team. Tara Beilby has applied for her state license and will be first responding in the Watson area soon. Tara will bolster our daytime staff. Still trying to arrange an MFR class for others.

June 5th was the Burn Camp Cruise in for kids. Profits from this event provide scholarships for kids who have been burned to attend camp. This event raised \$3,500 this year and over \$10,000 in the past 4 years.

Hopkins firefighters participated in an active shooter training event with the Hopkins Police, Allegan County Sheriff's, WAEMS, firefighters from Salem and Leighton, and the school staff. We accomplished our training objectives and raised awareness of the school staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon Fire Chief