

# Hopkins Area

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For the month of December, we responded to 15 fire incidents; 5 assist's to other departments, 2 structure fires, 1 chimney fire, 1 car fire, 2 PI accidents, 1 officer call, 1 fire investigation, and 2 wires down. There were 5 calls in Hopkins Township, 3 calls in Monterey Township, 2 calls in Hopkins Village, and 0 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 39 medical calls; 4 in Hopkins Village, 13 in Hopkins Township, 14 in Watson Township, and 7 in Monterey Township.

We had one regular training meeting this last month. The training subjects were bloodborne pathogens. Training session was 2 hours long and attended by 15 firefighters.

Levi Steffen has passed the National Registry test and is applying to the state for his license. Ben and Brandon have test dates soon.

Don Bailey has completed his medical instructor/coordinator course. He will be setting up credits for us for some of the fire training events we already do. This will help everyone to get the credits they need to renew their medical licenses.

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 January 5<sup>th</sup> and goes until the end of May.

Vince Castenada has taken a full-time firefighter /paramedic job with the Traverse City Fire Department. He plans to continue working with us when he is not on shift at least for the near future.

There is nothing to report on this year's AFG grant application. I expect award announcements to begin in February.

Bob has received a grant intended to make repairs to Scotty's Firehouse. We use this unit to teach our school age children about fire safety and it has needed some upgrades and TLC for some years now. We intend to install the parts when the firehouse comes to Hopkins later this spring.

Our new Squad 4 was placed into service December 19<sup>th</sup> and has been to several calls since that day.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon  
Fire Chief