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For the month of August, we responded to 8 fire incidents; 1 assist to another department, 4 PI accidents, and 2 tornado warnings. There were 4 calls in Hopkins Township, 0 calls in Monterey Township, 02 calls in Hopkins Village, and 1 call in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 23 medical calls; 4 in Hopkins Village, 6 in Hopkins Township, 8 in Watson Township, and 5 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were water rescue and structural firefighting in an acquired house. Training sessions were 3 hours long and attended by 22 firefighters.

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 attended the summer MFR class in Wayland. They just completed and are now signing up to take their National Registry test. Dave Arman has just started a MFR class in Overiesel which runs to about Christmas.

I drove Chad to his firefighter I & II test in Reed City on August 13th. He has passed.

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 in September and I will be reapplying, strengthening those aspects.

Trevor is going to be writing a grant to the Allegan Foundation for some water rescue equipment. We responded to a near drowning at an area lake and no one there had a boat that could get our rescuers to the victim. We are looking at a small boat and motor with some other small equipment.

The Allegan County Fair's historical society has the old fire station and they invited any county departments to help run the station by being there to tell anyone interested about the various equipment they have on hand. Our firefighters volunteered and will be working the fair station on Sunday, September 11, all day. Monday is the Fair parade which we will also participate in.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief