

South Torch Lake Fire Department

Fire Chief Report

03/09/2023

Calls:

21 calls for service in February. 18 of those calls were for EMS related responses. We responded automatic mutual aid to Clearwater Township Sta# 5 for a structure fire. We also responded to a motor vehicle accident in Milton Twp and assisted Antrim Sheriff with directing traffic at Alden Hwy/Comfort Road.

Total: **21**

2022: **20**

Personnel:

Cheri Fitzgerald has applied to join our EMS Division. She comes to us already licensed as an LPN and an Emergency Medical Responder. Just waiting on her pre-employment physical.

Equipment:

I have set up a night for everyone that needs a uniform to be fitted. Nye Uniform company out of Traverse City will be at our station at 6:00 pm on Wednesday 3/29/2023. Once everyone has a uniform, we will update the department pictures.

New Equipment:

Battery Operated Genesis Hydraulic Tools: The new tools were delivered on Wednesday 3/8/2023 around 12 noon. Training and orientation was conducted that same night. Tools are in service on 22E1.

Stihl Roof Saw: The replacement saw for the Cutters Edge Roof Saw has finally arrived. Training and orientation was conducted on Wednesday night. The saw is in service on 22ET.

Building:

Nothing new to report.

ISO Update:

We met with the ISO representative, Eric Abbott, on Friday 2/24/2023 just as an informational meeting to discuss what we needed to accomplish to continue to improve the ISO rating for our fire district. We are in the process of collecting all the required documentation. There is 600 points available if the engines are equipped according to NFPA requirements. We are in the process of identifying our short comings and purchasing the necessary equipment. We must hire an Engineer to certify the designated water points that we have in the district to get credit for them. At this time we have ZERO water points. The business fire preplans that have been completed have been down loaded into our paging app on our cell phones. This gives all our personnel access to the building site plan and drawings in the event of a fire. We were told that once we submit all the information to ICO, it may take anywhere from 9 – 12 months before we see any changes in our rating. The goal is to lower everybody's home-owners insurance costs by improving the ISO rating from 8b to 7.

Training:

Mar 1	Roof Saw Training	Sta 22
Mar 8	Fire Investigation for 1 st Responders	Sta 22
Mar 14	Pipeline Training	Gaylord
Mar 15	Ropes & Knots	Sta 5
Mar 29	Search & Rescue	Sta 22

On-line Training: Fire Service Health & Safety

Public Information:

Smoke Detectors: We have smoke detectors available to the public. The detectors were provided by MI Prevention out of the State Fire Marshal's Office. We install the detectors and do a free fire safety survey.

Knox Box Residential Program: We have purchased four (4) residential knox boxes. Our intent is to provide them to our residents free-of-charge, with the understanding that they are the property of STLFD and will be returned when they are no longer needed.

Veteran's Dinner: Thursday, Mar 16, is the next monthly meal for Veterans and their families at our fire station. The meal is free and co-sponsored by the Antrim County Veterans Affairs, Alden Firefighters Association, and South Torch Lake Fire. The meal is served from 5 – 7pm. Any help with the dinner would be appreciated. Pulled pork, smoked chicken, and smoked Mac & cheese.

Officers Meeting: Sunday March 26, 2023 9:00am

SOUTH TORCH LAKE FIRE & RESCUE

February 2023 Fire / EMS Responses

<u>FIRE:</u>	Structure Fire	1		
	MVA / No Injury	1		
	Assist Police	1		
<u>EMS:</u>	Medical Assist - PCR	8		
	Ambulance Assist	4		
	Assist Invalid	4		
	Medical Alarm – Accidental	2		
	Total Responses	21	(2022)	20

Milton Township	EMS Calls	5	Fire Calls	0	Total	5
Custer Township	None					

Mutual Aid Given: Clearwater Township EMS 0 Fire 1

Mutual Aid Received: None

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Training Hours:

Feb 1	Carter Kits / PPE Sizing	2.0 hr	14 Member
Feb 8	Nurse Tanker Operations	3.0 hr	10 Member
Feb 13	Draft/Relay Pump Operations	3.5 hrs	12 member
Feb 20	Ice/Cold Water Rescue (Elk Rapids)	3.0 hrs	8 member
Feb 22	Firefighter 1 st Aid (EMS Credits)	2.5 hrs	12 member
Feb 25	Accident Scene Safety & Traffic Control	3.0 hrs	4 Member
	On-line Training Carbon Monoxide	1.0 hr	11 Member

Year to Date

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