

**South Torch Lake Fire Department**  
**Fire Chief Report**  
**06/08/2023**

**Calls:**

20 calls for service in May. 10 of those calls were for EMS related responses. We responded automatic mutual aid on a reported Structure Fire twice (2) in Clearwater Township Sta# 5 and once (1) in Kalkaska Twp Sta# 7, and once (1) in Mancelona Fire area. We had one (1) wildfire that we received mutual aid from the DNR Fire Division and Bellaire Fire. We had one (1) Structure Fire that we received automatic mutual aid from Clearwater Twp Sta# 5, Bellaire Fire District, and Mancelona Fire.

Total: <b>20</b>	2022: <b>24</b>
Year to Date 108 (2023)	101 (2022)

**Personnel:**

Congratulations !! Katie and Scott Waggoner have successfully completed Firefighter I & II along with Haz-Mat Operations training through the MFFTC. 227 hours of lecture & hands-on training spanning 7 months. They had already achieved their Emergency Medical Responder Certificate from MDHHS. They will both be great additions to our team.

**Equipment:**

All the Apparatus fire pumps had their annual pump test performed by Spencer Manufacturing. All the fire pumps passed without any problems. All the Fire Trucks had their annual Federal Vehicle Inspection and passed with no violations/problems.

Search & Rescue (life safety only) rope and bags have arrived. 200 feet of rope with markers every 25 feet. This rope IS NOT utility rope and will only be used as search rope.

All radios (mobile and portable) have been programmed with the newest 800 Mhz template by Grand Traverse Mobile. All the 800 Mhz radios should be identical ref: zones & talk groups. There is a two-page cheat sheet in every vehicle listing the zones & talk groups.

Village Market will be closing their diesel pumps beginning Monday June 12 and will re-open at the end of June. We have opened an account with Antrim County Transportation in Bellaire. The fuel island is open 24 hrs a day/7 days a week. Once Village Market re-opens we will continue the account as an emergency back-up.

#### Building:

We have hired Black Magic Asphalt to fill all the cracks and seal all the asphalt area around the station.

We are in the process of receiving bids for sanding, caulking, sealing, and painting the exterior of the building around all the doors and windows.

We are in the process of receiving quotes to replace the large wooden doors in front of the antique 1946 fire engine. The doors are beginning to bow and sag. A Halligan bar is necessary to get the doors to close properly and latch.

The work on the front sidewalk is scheduled to begin within 60 days. If you want any of the shrubbery/plants, please remove them as soon as possible.

#### ISO Update:

We have hired an Engineer with Wade Trim Firm out of Traverse City to certify our water points. As soon as we have the engineer certification for our water points, we will contact ISO to conduct a review of our Department. We hope to improve our rating by 2 points. This will save property owners on the cost of Insurance.

We still have about 9 pre-fire plans to complete. All the completed pre-plans are entered in Active911 and accessible by everyone that uses Active911 in Antrim County.

#### Training:

Jun 7	Association Meeting	Sta 22
Jun 12	LAMINA Tour/Walk-through	Bellaire
Jun 14	Firefighter Safety/Self-Rescue	Sta 5
Jun 21	Water Rescue/Boat Operations	Sta 22
Jun 24	Rail Car Incident Response 8 am-5pm	Sta 22
Jun 28	Drivers Skills Refresher	Sta 5
On-line Training: NFPA 3000 Standard for Preparedness & Response to Active Shooter / Hostile Events		

#### Public Information:

**Rummage Sale:** The Alden Firefighters Association will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual rummage sale at the fire station on July 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate items, please drop-off at the fire station Mon-Fri between 8 am & 4 pm prior to July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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 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, June 15, 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.

# SOUTH TORCH LAKE FIRE & RESCUE

## May 2023 Fire / EMS Responses

<u><i>FIRE:</i></u>	Structure Fire	5		
	Vehicle Fire	1		
	Grass/Brush Fire	1		
	Vehicle Accident (no injury)	1		
	Tree in Roadway	2		
<u><i>EMS:</i></u>	Medical Assist - PCR	3		
	Ambulance Assist	2		
	Medical Alarm	1		
	Assist Invalid	2		
	Vehicle Accident (with injury)	2		
	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>(2022)</b>	<b>24</b>

Milton Township	EMS Calls	3	Fire Calls	0	Total	3
Custer Township	EMS Calls	2	Fire Calls	1	Total	3

