

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: **20**

2022: **24**

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.

SOUTH TORCH LAKE FIRE & RESCUE

May 2023 Fire / EMS Responses

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

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

