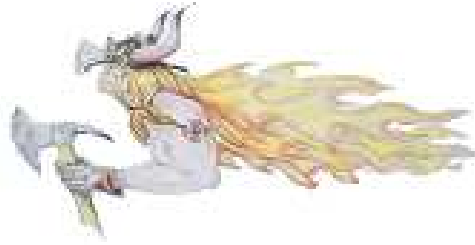


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For the month of February, we responded to 10 fire incidents; 3 assists to other departments, 1 car fire, 1 Tornado weather watch, 2 fire alarms, 1 possible chimney fire, and 2 grass fires. There were no fire calls in Hopkins Village, 1 grass fire and 1 car fire in Monterey Township, 1 fire alarm in Hopkins Township, and 1 grass and 1 possible chimney fire in Watson township. Hopkins first responders responded to 24 medical calls; 4 in Hopkins Village, 9 in Hopkins Township, 3 in Watson Township, and 8 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were CPR refresher and basic skills. Orland continues his Paramedic course down to clinical and ride-alongs. Nate Hoekstra and James Chiaramonte completed the Allegan Fire Academy on the 31st; we don't know the results of their written tests yet. On March 5th 14 firefighters trained with Martin Fire at a Scene Safety course presented by 2 the Rescue. Three other firefighters took this training at Wayland on the 26th of March.

The Monsanto Corp. presented their grant check on the 28th of February and the story was featured in the Allegan Gazette and the Penasse Globe last week. The monitor has been purchased, trained with, and is now on the squad ready for use.

In commemoration of 9/11 there was a Healing Field memorial event. Funds raised from that event were placed into a trust fund to fund grants to public service agencies. I have just completed a grant request with the purpose of purchasing some new pagers and radios. I received notification last week that we would not be receiving a grant from this program in part because of the number of applicants.

The final estimate for the brush truck is complete and has come in less than the original \$150,000. The final numbers will be ready soon. Completion of the truck is slated for around the 1st of April. Spencer's will be featuring this truck at the FDIC show which runs from the 16th thru the 21st of April.

Central Dispatch has received bids for the radio system, they have been reviewed by a panel of fire chiefs and others from the county, and a recommendation has been passed along to the county commissioners for their approval of the project.

We have no April Birthdays.

Respectfully submitted,

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