

# Hopkins Area

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For the month of June, we responded to 12 fire incidents; 1 assist to another department, 1 wires down, 2 grass fires, 1 disregard, 1 fire alarm, 1 officer call, 1 trash can fire, and 4 personal injury accident. There was a wire down, trash fire, and fire alarm in Hopkins Village, 1 PI in Monterey Township, a grass fire, the disregard call, and 2 PI's in Hopkins Township, and a PI and grass fire in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 21 medical calls; 4 in Hopkins Village, 11 in Hopkins Township, 4 in Watson Township, and 2 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month, personnel accountability/ radio ops and Basic skills. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast was held with a large crowd attending. The volunteers raised about \$500 in profit with which we intend to start a scholarship fund.

We have tentatively hired Dom Bailey as a probationary firefighter. Don lives near the end of 20<sup>th</sup> street and will be responding to the Watson station. Mentoring has started with Don and he has observed operations at a couple of scenes.

The new brush truck arrived in early May. Every firefighter went through familiarization with the truck and it was placed into service. It has been to a few calls and is working very well for us.

The county contract for radios was awarded to Tele-Rad. A meeting was held in Hopkins with reps from Tele-Rad and central dispatch. Concerns of our firefighters were discussed and recommendations were taken back and later presented at the Fire Chief's Association meeting. Reprogramming will take place in the near future with cutover to narrowband set for Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>.

I received a phone call from the mother of our June 22nd PI patient. She was very appreciative of the efforts we put into the extrication and patient care offered to her son. She told me that this has served as a wake-up call for him as he realizes how close he came to serious injury or worse.

July Birthdays include Nick Price on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Shawn Bonnell on the 3rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon  
Fire Chief

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