

Hopkins

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For the month of June, we responded to 20 fire incidents; 4 assists to another department, 1 structure fire, 7 PI accidents, 1 out of area, 1 grass fire, 1 wire down, 1 weather watch, and 3 officer calls. There were 6 calls in Hopkins Township, 4 calls in Monterey Township, 1 call in Hopkins Village, and 2 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 36 medical calls; 4 in Hopkins Village, 11 in Hopkins Township, 14 in Watson Township, and 7 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meeting this last month. The training subjects were a live burn in an acquired structure, and public relations. Training session were 3 hours long and attended by 15 firefighters.

The Fire Academies have concluded. Ben and Clayton passed on their first attempts. Levi did not pass the practical portion while Dave and Brandon did not pass the written portions. I found an alternate June 24th in Holland for Herbert and he passed. Still checking for other test dates for the other guys.

There is nothing new to report on this year's AFG grant application. This year's grant is to purchase new turn-out gear and SCBA's for the department. Total amount of the grant was about \$240,000, of which we have a 5% match. First awards were announced on April 14. Last check on June 30 does not show anything for us.

We were awarded a grant from the Allegan Community Foundation, for \$4,500 to purchase the rescue boat. The boat was picked up and a couple of days later it was used to assist Allegan fire in a successful rescue on the Kalamazoo river. The boat responds from the Watson Station. The boat was called for an assist this month as well.

We have not heard anything from our ISO visit. The representative told me it would be several months before we would know and he has not contacted me for any additional information.

Our first officer class was held on May 20-21 and attended by 8 Hopkins personnel. The next class is in July. An MFR class starts the first weekend in August, this is a Saturday class.

Trainers from the department are hosting a CPR class on July 4th at the Hopkins station. This is open to the public. Training and CPR certification can be had for a minimal charge of \$20.

The 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast was held June 18th at the Hopkins station. It was another successful event for us. There were many new faces at the breakfast this year. Profits from our breakfast help fund the scholarships we present. Our scholarship winner for 2017 is Heidi Gilder.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief

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