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For the month of October, we responded to 1 fire incidents; 4 assists to another department, 4 PI accidents, 1 car fire, 4 fire alarms, 1 CO investigation, 1 combine fire, 1 officer call, and 1 smoke investigation. There were 4 calls in Hopkins Township, 2 calls in Monterey Township, 4 calls in Hopkins Village, and 3 calls in Watson Township. Hopkins first responders responded to 25 medical calls; 3 in Hopkins Village, 8 in Hopkins Township, 10 in Watson Township, and 4 in Monterey Township.

We had two regular training meetings this last month. The training subjects were lost person search and rescue training and radio operations/public relations. Training sessions lasted about 2 ½ hours and were attended by 18 firefighters.

Mentoring for Ben and Brandon is proceeding well and both have been to incidents albeit in a training role. We feel they are going to work out well. They seem to enjoy being at the station and working with the other more senior firefighters.

Brandon started an MFR/EMT class in Hamilton right after Labor Day and has just finished. He will take the National Registry test soon. Josh Cole and Eric Alberda are attending the EMT class in Wayland. This class started September 10 and runs through April 4th. Bob Kerber is just starting into an online EMT matriculation class. Most class time is online with several days' worth of clinicals. Mark Podbregar started an EMR class with Thornapple Emergency Services. His class runs through January.

Bob Kerber presented information on the replacement truck to the fire board at the October meeting. Monterey Township told us they had not reviewed the information with their board, so no decision was made. Bob will be taking this to the Monterey Township Board meeting for them to review at the November 2nd meeting.

The independent audit of the fire department finances was recently finished. We passed the audit with only minor bookkeeping suggestions made.

It is time to renew the department insurances and policies are being reviewed to assure that everything is covered at adequate levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McKinnon
Fire Chief

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