

Chief Updates

12/31/2020

New Personnel

- Brock Lovell was hired this past year. He currently does not have any training but will be starting the Fire Academy in January and the EMT class in February. We will also be hiring Dave Grumney this month, Dave is a retired Fire Fighter from Ohio who recently moved into the area. He has all the required training needed and wants to get involved in the fire service again. Dave has a lot to offer and is excited to help where he can, we plan to focus his time on daytime responses.

Cost Recovery

- For the calendar year 2020 we received \$ 14,725.44

Stats for 2020

- We ended the year with 830 calls for service. This was a 9.6% increase over 2019. Calls in Fillmore were 184, calls in Laketown were 576 and assists to others were 70. We were assisted by others 39 times.
- 2019 saw 757 calls, that increase was 12.48% over 2018

Command Vehicle and Aerial 751

- The new command vehicle was put into service in April. This vehicle replaces the one that was totaled during an accident in 2019
- The aerial has had all its testing completed this year. We have a list from the annual vehicle inspection with multiple items we are addressing. There were a couple of large items that had the potential to very costly.

Live Burn Facility

- We continue to add different options for training in the LFTF, ie: wood stove, plating more rooms for more burn options

Commercial Business and Rental Inspections

- We continue to pre-plan and inspect commercial business's as time allows
- We conducted 59 rental inspections in Laketown in the year 2020. The inspections included short term, long term and vacation rental units. There were numerous life safety issues that were addressed where a potential for multiple deaths were mitigated.

Grants

- We were awarded a Wolverine Pipeline grant of \$1,400. This money was used to purchase a TIC "Thermal Imaging Camera" for the Chiefs vehicle
- The 2018 AFG Grant for a vehicle exhaust system is complete, we were able to secure a good price for the system and had money remaining which we received approval to spend on a gear washer/extractor and gear drying cabinet. A room in the apparatus bays for the washer and drying cabinet where we can decontaminate equipment and turnout gear is planned for 2021.

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The idea being that cancer-causing particles from dirty gear and equipment are not brought into the working and living quarters of the station.

Collaborative Resourcing

- Graafschap, Hamilton and Saugatuck Fire Departments plan to collectively purchase a drone in 2021. There are numerous uses for a drone, and we feel that purchasing a drone together currently is the best use of taxpayer dollars.

Station Upgrades

- The past year, all walls in the dayroom, training room, hallway and offices were painted, and the dayroom cabinets were re-arranged and painted to accept all new appliances that were paid for with funds from past pancake breakfasts. The flooring in the office was replaced with ceramic tile and carpeting under the table in the dayroom was also replaced with ceramic tile. Office tables, desks and file cabinets which were mostly donated were replaced with new. The table in the dayroom which was donated when the station was built was replaced with a custom-built firehouse table, the recliners in the dayroom were replaced as well. The table and chairs were paid for with funds from pancake breakfast funds. Approximately 80% of the exterior of the station was re-stained by staff, the remainder will be stained this coming spring, the only costs incurred being materials.

Tentative Capital Plans for 2021

- Finish off an area in the apparatus bays for the turnout gear washer and dryer that were purchased with grant funds. This will allow us to keep cancer causing particulates that are on dirty turnout gear out of the offices and common areas of the station.
- Add a sidewalk outside of the training room to allow voters to exit the building without passing others in the main entrance.
- Update landscaping near the front entrance
- Replace original office and training room chairs that were donated when the station was built
- Purchase a drone, splitting the cost with Hamilton and Saugatuck Fire Departments