

Frankfort Fire Department
Run Report Summary
FY 2021 – 2023

There are four Townships in the Frankfort Fire Department response area they are Crystal Lake (including Frankfort), Lake Township, followed by Gilmore Township (including the Village of Elberta), and Blaine Township.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) run volumes continue to show increases as America ages, there will be a continual increase in demand for medical services. In 2021 there were 221 EMS calls in our response area. In 2022 that increased to 510. As of July 2023, the Frankfort Fire Department has responded to a total of 323 medical calls within its territory. These calls have involved everything from helping a patient who has fallen to advanced treatment and transport to the nearest trauma facility. The department is currently licensed as a medical first responding agency and assists Benzie EMS in the treatment and transport (driving) of patients within our response area. We have also encountered times when the nearest ambulances were out of the county and we had to provide patient care until another advanced unit from either Green Lake, Glen Lake, Almira Township, or Thompsonville responds. We have encountered an increase in back-to-back calls and have had to triage (split) resources. As a result, of these, there is now a need to outfit another unit with all the required equipment as specified by the Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS, and Systems of Care. The cost to outfit a medical first responding unit is around \$10,000.00 at today's prices. As the future unfolds the numbers are projected to continue trading higher which means more resources will be needed in order to cover the demand. Below is a summary breakdown of calls per municipality.

In Crystal Lake Township, the calls vary in type but are mainly to senior care facilities and residences for a variety of reasons, but mainly falls, lift assists, and general malaise. In 2021, the call demand for EMS Services in Crystal Lake Township was 49, in the City of Frankfort there were 94 calls. In 2022 Crystal Lake Township had 109 requests for EMS Services and Frankfort had 242. As of July 2023, Crystal Lake Township has called 72 times for EMS Services and Frankfort has called 139 times.

In Lake Township from May 31st – October 1st there is always a substantial increase in calls which is attributed to the seasonal influx in the area. Looking at the numbers; in 2021 Lake Township had 38 EMS calls, in 2022, it had 76. As of July 2023, there have been 72 EMS calls for service.

Gilmore Township has seen an uptick in EMS calls from the elderly as people are aging and in need of prompt medical care. In 2021, Gilmore had 12 EMS calls and Elberta had 16. In 2022, Gilmore had 31 and Elberta had 22. As of July 2023, Gilmore has called 30 times for EMS Services, and Elberta 22. Both are posed to surpass last year's totals. There have been a variety of call types that require attention including medical, trauma, mental, and general malaise-type calls.

The last Township is Blaine. This township is growing and as a result, the call volume has been increasing. In 2021, Blaine had 12 EMS calls. In 2022, that increased to 30. As of July 2023, Blaine has had 19 EMS calls.

On the Fire side of the equation, the Frankfort City Fire Department has experienced a slight uptick in call volume here as well. In 2021 there were 164 fire calls, in 2022 the numbers increased slightly to 171. As of July 2023, this has increased to 122. The majority of these calls fall into structure fires, vehicle accidents, wildland/urban/brush fires, fire pits, gas leaks fire alarms including carbon monoxide, water/ice rescues, and canceled calls. The breakdown is as follows.

In Crystal Lake Township the fire numbers breakdown to 34 calls in 2021, 46, in 2022, and as of July 31, 2023, there were 30 fire calls. The City of Frankfort experienced 30 calls in 2021, 41 in 2022, and as of July 31, 2023, there were 34 fire calls to the city.

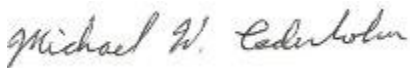
In Lake Township, it experienced 33 fire calls in 2021, and 34, in 2022, and as of July 31, 2023, there have been 21 fire calls that the Frankfort Fire Department has responded to.

Gilmore Township had 17 fire runs in 2021. Elberta had 10. In 2022, Gilmore Township had 9 and the village of Elberta had 12. As of July 2023, Gilmore Township had 12 calls for fire and the Elberta has had 5.

In 2021, Blaine Township experienced 27 fire calls. In 2022, they experienced 22. As of July 2023, Blaine Township has experienced 8 fire calls.

Regardless of the call type the training and continuing education must continue for both EMS and Fire. It's not only required by Michigan Law, but it's good practice to be prepared. The mission of the Fire Service has continuously evolved from just putting out fires into the "all Hazards" service, where no matter what, we get called on to help those in need during their worst moments. This is what we do.

Respectfully submitted by,



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