

# Fire Department

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To: The Participating Fire Advisory Board Members

Re: Frankfort Fire & Rescue Department Report for October 2024.

#### l. Administrative

- Fire Department
  - Membership There are 22 active members on the roster.
  - Business Meeting October 8, 2024 13 Members were present.
    - 1. Discussions included:
      - a. Officer's Reports
      - b. Committee Reports
      - c. Training Report
- Assistant to Firefighter Grants (AFG)
  - We received notification on October 16, 2024, that our joint application for new SCBAs "Scored highly enough to advance to the second phase" However, "we regrettably do not have enough funding to make an award to your organization at this time."
    - 1. I am requesting permission from the City Council to apply again for the same SCBA's joint grant in 2024.

#### II. Equipment / Building

- Quarterly Breathing Air Quality Analysis Report
  - Passed testing on 10/17/2024.
- Fire Extinguishers were all inspected and retagged for another year.
- Annual Hose Testing as required under NFPA / ISO was conducted on October 17th.
  - This test included all the additional hose we purchased used for the new 4-Engine-3.
    - 1. A total of 6,700 feet of hose were tested.
      - a. 1-50' section of 1.75" hose failed.
      - b. 1 100' section of 5" supply hose failed.
- 4-Engine-3
  - The lettering for the doors and rear of the truck has arrived.
  - We ordered additional fire hoses.
  - Purchased used pike poles, flat head axe, and a Halligan Tool from another department.
  - A radio was installed along with flashlights.
  - Two new fire extinguishers were purchased and placed in the rear compartment.

## **Equipment / Building (Continued)**

• 4-Brush-2

This truck was brought back to Frankfort during the heightened Fire Danger

- 4-Rescue
  - The batteries needed to be replaced. They are 5 years old and would not hold a charge.

Last month the Fleet ran 1,526.5 Miles using 74.8 gallons of Gasoline and 137.0 gallons of Diesel.

#### III. Training

- On Saturday, October 19, 2024, we held a work bee at the station. There were 11
  members in attendance. The station was cleaned, and the shelving was moved and
  restacked.
- On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, we conducted Forcible Entry and Extrication training, there were 20 members in attendance.
- On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, we toured the Garden Theater. There were 9 members in attendance. While conducting our pre-plan, we learned how to shut down the Solar Panel System, about the Fire Suppression System, and had a firsthand view of the theater's layout.
- Continuing Education Webinars attended.
  - October 20, 2024 /Fire Engineering Leadership at the Company Level.

#### IV. Run Report for October 2024.

Fire # / % Responded	EMS # / % Responded
16 / 100%	46 / 98%

#### October breakdown per Municipality

		Average		Average	
<u>Municipality</u>	<u>EMS</u>	/ Response Time	FIRE	/ Response Time	
City of Frankfort	27	:05	3	:06	
Elberta	1	:12	1	:07	
Lake Township	5	:12	7	:16	
Crystal Lake Twp.	10	:06	2	:10	
Gilmore Twp	2	:06	1	:10	
Mutual Aid Request	00	:00	2	:00	
Totals	45	:08	16	:10	

Attached is a summary for October on the types of calls we received, frequency, and severity in Lake Township.

Attached is a Year-to-Date summary and a comparison of the 2023 v. 2024 calls.

## V. Community Risk Reduction (CCR) / Safety Message

- Thanksgiving Safety Tips
- Disability Safety Tips
- Winter Holiday Safety Tips
- Christmas Tree Safety Tips

## VI. Community Relations / Special Events

- October 4<sup>th</sup> Assisted with the Homecoming parade.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Attended the Lockdown drill at the Elementary School.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Brought the fire trucks over to First Steps Daycare for the children to see.
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Participated in the Fall Festival Parade.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Attended First Responder Day at the Elementary School.

### VII. Happy Notes:

On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> due to the high winds and a fallen power line, we had a Wildfire on Rogers Rd near Cooper Rd. The dispatch relayed that the ground and woods were on fire, and it had burned approximately 50 ft and was growing. There were just two of us at the station, but within 24 minutes at 10:45 in the morning, we had 12 members on the scene fighting that fire. Needing additional assistance we asked for Honor (Station 6) for their brush truck and Side-by-side along with Benzonia (Station 5) for their water shuttle. After flanking the fire, we had it out. What started as 50ft. ended at around two acres. After we cleared the scene and put everything back in service, a total of seven hours was put into fighting this fire. I cannot express my gratitude for those hard-working members who left what they were doing to help put this out and for the assistance from our neighbors who provided equipment and water in what could have ended badly.