



## ***Fire Department***

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**To: The Participating Fire Advisory Board Members**

**Re: Frankfort Fire & Rescue Department Report for November/December 2024.**

### **I. Administrative**

- Fire Department
  - Membership – There are 24 active members on the roster.
    1. Samatha DeRuyscher, a student at Frankfort and in the Public Safety Class at the Northwest Educational Center in Traverse City has joined the department. She is 18.
    2. Riley McCarthy has joined the department as a Cadet.
- Short-Term Rental Inspections
  - 2 Short-Term Rental Inspections were conducted in November, both have been rescheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> due to missing items as required under the ordinance.
  - Year to date there have been:
    1. 11 -1 Year Licenses inspected (4 remain)
    2. 2 Year Licenses (all have been completed in this category)
    3. 57 – 3 Year Licenses completed.
- On Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:25 AM, Station 4 was called to assist Station 5 with a “Fire of a Shop” at 5781 River Road. 11 of our members showed up to assist in putting out the fire and to shuttle water.
- On Friday, December 6, 2024, at 2:09 AM the Frankfort Fire Department was called to a fully involved structure fire at 1191 Memory Lane in Gilmore Township. We arrived on the scene within seven minutes with 2 fire engines only to find the driveway unplowed with two trees blocking the roadway. After walking up a 45% grade 2000 steps, with hoses and gear, it was determined that the structure was a complete loss. There were 13 members of the Frankfort Fire Department at that scene, plus members from Stations 5, 8, and 6 who were called to assist Station 4.

## II. Equipment

- 4-Engine-3
  - The lettering has arrived, and we are waiting to install it.
  - We ordered, received, and installed a flange for the deluge monitor on top of the truck.
  - In accordance with ISO requirements, two 12 x 14 tarps have been added.
  - We are nearing the completion of all the ISO/NFPA requirements to outfit this truck and are looking at an in-service date of January 2025.
- Ladder Testing
  - Annual required ladder testing following ISO/NFPA standards was performed on all the trucks. All passed.
- Brush Trucks
  - 4-Brush-1 / This truck is being converted back to an Ice/Cold Water Rescue vehicle.
  - 4-Brush-2 / Took the truck over to Bayshore Tire & Auto for an estimate on the exhaust system which broke off. Awaiting parts. The truck was winterized and returned to the Lake Township Station until repairs were scheduled.

Last month the fleet ran 937.4 miles using 64.3 gallons of gasoline and 26.4 gallons of diesel fuel.

## III. Training

- Officers meeting on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, November 26, 2024, the training meeting was canceled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Continuing Education Webinars attended.
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> / Fire Engineering – Industrial Facility Response and Mutual Aid planning.
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> / Fire Engineering – The resilient leader: Strategies for high-stress environment events.

## IV. Run Report for November 2024.

### Fire # / % Responded

10 / 100%

### EMS # / % Responded

46 / 100%

### **Breakdown per Municipality**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>EMS</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>
City of Frankfort	23	:05	3	:5
Elberta	6	:06	0	:00
Lake Township	10	:12	6	:17
Crystal Lake Twp.	4	:07	1	:06
Gilmore Twp	3	:10	0	:00
<u>Mutual Aid Request</u>	0	:00	0	:00
Totals	46	:08	10	:07

Attached is a summary of our November calls.

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

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

- Heating Safety Tips
- Religious Candle Safety Tips
- Top 10 Winter Freeze Tips

## VI. Community Relations / Special Events

- November 6<sup>th</sup> – Conducted a presentation to the seniors in Mr. Zimmerman's class on the Fire Service.
  - Attended the fire drill at the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Elementary Weather Drill and the Lockdown Drill at the Jr./Sr. High School.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> = Attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Attended a weather drill and the elementary school.

## VII. Happy Notes:

As the end of the calendar year approaches, it's time to reflect on what we've accomplished as a team. On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we held our annual holiday dinner. It is something that we do out of our own pockets to come together as a whole team to thank our members in the presence of their families who have served and are now retiring; to formally welcome those who have joined us, and to hand out rewards for those who made the most Fire / EMS runs. This year David R. Gum was awarded for making the most Fire Runs (72 / 47%) and Alex Johnson for making the most EMS runs (161 / 73%). Each member was given a card and a challenge coin, thanking them for their heart and passion for saving others. Then we banter and badger each other over dinner.

**What makes this a "Happy note" is our members protect this community 24/7 by volunteering an average of 60 hours a week, so you are protected 24/7 – 365. No folks, we are NOT a Full-time department. It is a dedicated group of Volunteers who care about this community. That is something to be proud of!**