



Fire Department

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To: The Honorary Village President and Trustees of the Village of Elberta.

Re: Frankfort Fire & Emergency Services January/February Report.

I. Here are some of the Highlights from January

1. Membership

a. We currently have 23 members, 3 Fill-ins, and 4 Cadets.

2. Village of Elberta – January Calls

<u>Year</u>	<u>EMS</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>
2025	3	:11 Minutes	0	
2024	6	:08 Minutes	0	

*Attached is a spreadsheet of the EMS calls received in January 2025.

3. Frankfort Fire & Emergency Services responded to a total of 59 – EMS Calls and 12 – Fire Calls

- The average response time was:07 Min. for EMS and:12 minutes for Fire
- The average turnout for fire calls was 14 members.
- We are still averaging 2 calls per day.

II. Fire Advisory Board Meeting – This is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 27th at the Frankfort Fire Station.

a. The proposed fire budget will be discussed.

III. Equipment

a. 4-Engine-3 – Status update

- i. ISO requires the purchase of a hose clamp, this was received and put on the apparatus on Friday, January 31st.
- ii. Tool straps have been received to secure some of the hand tools in their compartments but will be installed later.

b. 4-Brush-2

- i. This truck is now parked here at the Lake Township Station.
 - 1. During rig checks on Friday, January 31st, this truck was discovered with a dead battery. The battery jumped, and the truck ran for over an hour around the area.

c. Air Machine – Annual Inspection and Air Quality Testing of the Air Breathing Compressor was completed on Monday, January 13th.

IV. Training

- a. Cold/Ice water rescue.
 - i. On Saturday, January 25th two members attended an Ice Water rescue certification class.
 - ii. Station Training was conducted on January 28, 2025.
 1. The main purpose of the training was to familiarize some of our team members with all the equipment and the techniques used during a rescue.
 - iii. A countywide joint ice water training event is in the works.
- b. Webinar Training - on Thursday, January 23rd – I attended a Fire Engineering webinar on the importance of the Firehouse Kitchen table.

V. Community Risk Reduction (CCR) / Safety Message

- a. Carbon Monoxide Safety – Handout
- b. Walk like a penguin
- c. At the last council meeting, I spoke about “putting a finger on it” referring to testing your smoke/CO detector. On Sunday, February 2nd, three kids ages 12, 15 & 16 died in West Bloomfield Township because there were no “working smoke detectors”. It's heart-wrenching because the state provides free detectors, and I have personally changed batteries for people who have asked.

VI. Community Relations / Special Events

- a. Saturday, January 11th – attended the Push-in ceremony for 4-Engine-3 at Lake Township.
- b. Monday, January 13th – presented a year-end and state of the Fire Department report to the residence at Michigan Shores.
 - i. Tuesday, January 14th – Elementary School Lock-down drill.
 - ii. Wednesday, January 15th - Teams meeting with Joel from Ironman.
- c. Tuesday, January 21st, I attended the LEPC/LPT meeting at the Government Center
- d. Wednesday, January 22nd, Benzie Fire Chiefs & EMS Association Meeting at the Government Center.
- e. Thursday, January 30th
 - i. I attended the Grand Traverse Band 2% Grant award ceremony.
 - ii. Conducted a Pre-Plan review and tour of the Airport with Brooke and Rebecca.
 - iii. Wednesday, February 5, 2025, participated in the Region 7 HHC Monthly Communications Drill.
- j. Friday, February 7th, Fire drill at the Jr./Sr. Highschool

VII. Happy Notes:

- a. On Monday, January 27th, we were notified that the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians were awarding the Frankfort Fire Department \$10,795.50 to support the purchasing of a Defib Tech Lifeline ARM XR Chest Compression Device as outlined in our 2% grant application.
 - i. On Thursday, February 30th, the Frankfort Fire Department was present at a Media Event held at the Grand Traverse Resort. There we were presented with the check.
 1. The total cost of the device is \$11,995.00
 - a. After the \$10,795.50 from the Tribe.
 2. We had two pledges of assistance for this device from local businesses.
 - a. \$200.00 from Frankfort Manufacturing Company
 - b. \$1,000.00 from the Frankfort Federal Credit Union.
 - i. This life-saving device cost nothing out of the Fire Department budget thanks to the generosity of this community.
- b. On Monday, January 27th, the Frankfort Fire Department, Benzonia Fire Department, and the Homestead (Honor) Fire Department were called to a commercial structure fire with "visible flame coming from the side of the building."
 - i. A fire of this magnitude would drain the resources of our department in a heartbeat.
 - ii. What makes this something to be happy about was the comfort in knowing that we had 14 firefighters from Frankfort ready and willing to take on that task followed by an immediate response from each of the other departments, thus forming a community of countywide firefighters.
 1. Each of these people left whatever they were doing to help. It was a selfless act of kindness, on a wintery night. A true testimony of what the fire service stands for, **others above self**.