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To: The Honorary Village President and Members of the Village of Elberta Board

Re: Frankfort Fire & Emergency Services February Report.

I. Here are some of the Highlights from February

1. Membership

a. We currently have 21 members, 3 Fill-ins, and 4 Cadets.

2. Village of Elberta – February Calls

<u>Year</u>	<u>EMS</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>
2025	5	:11 Minutes	1	:09 Minutes
2024	1	:07 Minutes	1	:05 Minutes

Attached is a breakdown of the calls we received.

3. Frankfort Fire & Emergency Services responded to a total of 35 – EMS Calls and 15 – Fire Calls

- The average response time was 8 minutes for EMS and 12 minutes for Fire
- The average turnout for fire calls was 10 members.
- We averaged about 1.79 calls per day in February.

II. Equipment

a. 4-Medical

i. The windshield washer pump covering the front and rear windows quit working. Since the vehicle was still under warranty, it was repaired on Friday, February 28, 2025.

b. 4-Brush-2

- i. This truck is now parked here at the Lake Township Station.
 - 1. A battery tender was purchased and placed on it to maintain a trickle charge.
- ii. The truck will be taken to Frankfort sometime this month to get the exhaust system replaced.

c. 4-Brush-1

i. Once the ice is off the lakes, we will transition it back to a brush truck.

III. Training

- a. Ice Water Rescue training with the Coast Guard and Benzonia Station 5 at Loon Lake on Sunday, February 16th.
- b. Training Operations in Small Departments – a National Fire Academy (off-campus course) was attended on February 22nd & 23rd.
- c. MiOSHA Annual Required Training was conducted on Tuesday, February 25th.

IV. What the Village of Elberta Needs to Know

- a. Fire calls
 - i. On February 11th, we were called to a carbon monoxide detector alarm.
- b. Medical
 - i. 2- Lift Assists
 - ii. 1- Trauma
 - iii. 1- Cardiac / Mental Health
 - iv. 1 - Mental Health
- c. As part of a countywide cooperative plan, the Frankfort Fire Department, Benzonia Township Fire Department, and Rebecca from Emergency Management will be touring the Graceland Fruit plant on Monday, April 14th at 6:00 PM as part of a comprehensive pre-plan.

V. Community Risk Reduction (CCR) / Safety Message

- a. Generator Safety – Many people have generators. As we enter the stormy season, please check to make sure any debris surrounding your generator is cleared to avoid Carbon Monoxide hazards and never run a generator indoors.
- b. Electrical Safety.
- c. Carbon Monoxide – When we've received calls for CO detector alarms two common problems were found. First, the furnace filter was dirty. Second, the exhaust pipe on the side of the house was blocked with snow and ice and needed to be cleared.

VI. Community Relations / Special Events

- a. On Friday, February 10th – Fire Drill at the Jr./Sr. High School.
- b. On Wednesday, February 19th
 - i. – Lockdown Drill at the Elementary School
 - ii. Rotary Presentation on the Frankfort Fire Department
- c. On Friday, February 20th, I met via Teams with ISO/Verisk regarding Suction Points
- d. On Thursday, February 27th, meeting at the fire station with the Fire Advisory Board.

VII. Fire Advisory Board Meeting - Thursday, February 27th

- a. A presentation covering the Frankfort Fire Department's 2024 accomplishments to the members of the Fire Advisory Board.
 - i. The 2025-2026 proposed budget was distributed.
 - ii. The Advisory Board members asked about the possibility of a BLS ambulance in Frankfort covering priority 3 calls to Paul Oliver and to be available when Benzie EMS was out on transfers instead of calling Thompsonville, Glen Lake, or Green Lake.

Happy Notes:

- b. My 100-year-old late stepmother used to share little sayings. One of those was to “always count your blessings.” As we transition from the dark of winter to seeing beautiful sunsets and sunrises again, it’s a reminder that there are always blessings around us. One of those blessings is watching this team of dedicated volunteers go out in the worst of weather to lift someone up who has fallen, help a driver get up Straton Hill, shut off a flowing wellhead in the yard, and comfort a sick and hurt person who is in pain. My stepmother was right, when you stop and look around you can see the blessings.