



Gorham Fire and EMS
Town of Gorham New Hampshire
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Department Update 02/05/2020

Fire and EMS

Fire Department members have been busy over the last couple of weeks. Car accidents, EMS assist, sprinkler activations and odor investigations kept the trucks rolling. The last weekend saw an increase in snow machine traffic due to the Easter Seals ride in, and along with that came in increase in incidents.

Friday afternoon saw our first snow machine fire of the season. Members used Utility 1 to access the trail through a sand pit on Jimtown Rd. Crews were able to put out the remaining fire using portable fire extinguishers and a little bit of snow. The operator reported a backfire before the fire was noticed with mechanical malfunction being the most likely cause. The sled was a total loss, see picture below.

Saturday afternoon saw another snow machine on fire. This one occurred a little farther out on the rail trail and required us to use the UTV to respond. Members on board used a portable extinguisher to suppress the remaining flames, unfortunately this was another total loss. The operator reported that the machine was running poorly for a while prior, again leading to mechanical malfunction as the cause.

Sunday saw the third snow machine incident of the weekend. Although there was no fire, there were injuries on this one. Members responded with the UTV due to conflicting reports on the location. The rider's group was able to bring him out to Moose Brook State Park where they met the Ambulance.

EMS members continue to keep busy responding to the rush of winter calls at Wildcat Ski Area, with many patients transported to Memorial Hospital, a second crew is requested for Town Coverage. The norm lately seems to be if we are one call there will be another, thank you to all members who continue to assist the Duty Crew when needed.

Emergency Management/Fire Chief Duties

2020 Budget preparation is ongoing, with the public Budget Committee meeting set for next Wednesday, the 12th. I feel, with the assistance of the Town Manager and the Selectman that we are proposing a Fire and EMS budget that will allow us operate and move forward, while being fiscally responsible.

Following is the status of the grants I have been working on:

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant, application period is now open
2. Emergency Management Performance Grant: mobile repeaters being ordered this week.
3. State of NH radio reprogram grant, we are working on the training and frequency list needed to complete the project.

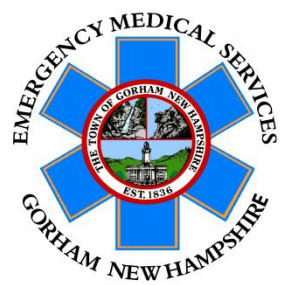
Run Totals year to date

Fire: 15

EMS: 73



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Snow Machine Fire 01/31/2020
Off of Jimtown Rd.



Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier

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