



**Gorham Fire and EMS**  
**Town of Gorham New Hampshire**  
347 Main Street Gorham NH 03581 603-466-2549



Department Update 01/12/2022

**Fire and EMS**

Department members have been busy responding to our normal variety and frequency of calls. With the winter season upon us we expect to see an uptick in motor vehicle accidents during inclement weather, when and if, snow arrives. We take this time to remind residents and property owners the importance of maintaining the heating devices in your home to provide safe and reliable service during the winter months.

With the cold weather and closed window season here to stay for a few more months, it is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are ready to protect your family if needed. As a reminder, detectors should be checked for proper operation every 6 months, have their batteries replaced yearly if they are serviceable, and replaced during the 8–10-year time span. If you encounter smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector activation with no explanation you can call the Fire Department for assistance or GPD Dispatch after hours for assistance.

As we start a new year, we look back the year 2021 and find the following statistics regarding call response:

Fire Department: 251 calls for service including fires, accidents, rescues, service calls and inspections.

EMS: The ambulance continued to see an increase in calls with a final tally of 806 with following breakdown:

**Month: 2021**

**CFS's: 806**

**911: 587**

**Gorham: 435**

**Randolph: 30**

**Shelburne: 47**

**County Area: 56 – Martin's Location 3, Pinkham's Grant 34, Green's Grant 17, Sargent's Purchase 2**

**Transfer Requests: 225**

**Transport: 45**

**Decline: 180**

**Weekday: 580**

**Weekend: 226**

**6A-12P: 215**

**12P-6P: 292**

**6P-12A: 188**

**12A-6A: 111**



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As we can see the calls requests for service continue to increase during the overnight hours. With the help of the Selectman and the Budget Committee we are working on financially responsible options to provide a nighttime Duty Crew at the station to cover this increase. Current response is covered by on call members and daytime staffing who respond from home to the station. We ask for your support at Town Meeting as we move forward with this staffing plan.

Gorham Fire and EMS Members recently held their yearly Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony at the Eastern Depot Restaurant. The following members were recognized for their years of service and outstanding service to the residents we are sworn to protect.

The following members were sworn in by Selectman/FD Captain Adam White:

FF Silance Steady  
EMT Jeff Grdinich  
AEMT Paul Gagne  
EMT Karen Ramsey-Gagne  
FF Wesley Fillion

Captain Adam White and Chief Philip Cloutier were presented Life Saving commendation bars for the rescue of an unresponsive individual from a carbon monoxide incident in 2019.

EMT Jeff Grdinich was recognized as the 2021 EMS Rookie of the year. Jeff has shown great drive during his first year on the Department and provides excellent EMS care for all his patients.

Firefighter Craig "Ernie" Fillion was awarded the 2021 Fire Department Officer's Award for his continued dedication to the Fire Department.

No stranger to the podium for the night, FF Craig "Ernie" Fillion was also recognized by his peers as the 2021 Firefighter of the Year. FF Fillion completed his 13th year with the Department and recently has brought his son from the Explorers to a full member.

FF/Secretary Janet Corrigan was recognized for her 33 years to the Gorham Fire Department and the Town of Gorham.

The 2021 Chief's Award was awarded to two members of our full-time staff who continue to go above and beyond the call of duty and who are always there for the communities we serve. Presented the awards were to AEMT Heather Gagnon and Captain Mathew Dustin.

The following members were presented pins for their years of service to the Gorham Fire Department:

Firefighter Paul Santos 10 years  
Lieutenant Brett Horne 10 years  
Assistant Chief Arthur Perry 30 years  
Assistant Chief Dana Horne 40 years

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Former Chief Wallace Corrigan was presented an award for 50 dedicated years of service to the Gorham Fire Department and the residents we are sworn to protect.

Chief Cloutier wishes to extend a thank you to all the members of Gorham Fire and EMS for the invaluable service they provide to the residents of the communities we serve.

For further pictures of award recipients please see the Gorham NH Fire & EMS Facebook page.

Chief Wallace Corrigan recognized by the Chief for 50 years of Service!



**Emergency Management/Chief Duties:**

As we head towards the 2-year anniversary of the Covid Pandemic we continue to work through new protocols and quarantine/isolation procedures. Gorham Fire and EMS has been able to acquire BinaxNOW Rapid Tests from the State of NH and are able to provide testing for all local Public Safety members and employees of the Town of Gorham.

I ask that you continue to follow all precautions for Covid, including becoming vaccinated and boosted, wearing masks as necessary, staying home, and being tested if you feel sick. Together we can get through.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Chief Philip Cloutier**

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