



Gorham Fire and EMS
Town of Gorham New Hampshire
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Department Update
April 2022

Fire and EMS

Gorham Fire and EMS personnel saw a slight decrease in the number of calls for service in April. As we move into springtime, we continue to issue fire permits for backyard campfires. While we all enjoy sitting around a campfire, we need to make sure we are enjoying it responsibly and following the rules. The following link will take you to the rules that apply to home campfires:

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/documents/fire-law-brouchure.pdf>

While we respond to many calls for nuisance smoke from campfires, we require that the homeowner has a valid permit upon arrival. Fires found to be kindled without a current permit will need to be extinguished. Fire permits are available free of charge at the Fire station during normal business hours, or online at the following link. Permits purchased online incur a nominal fee to support the website.

<https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/>

During the month of April Department members trained on the use of the dry hydrants we have access to. Dry hydrants are connected to a water source typically in areas that are not on town water. In Gorham we have one on Mechanic Street and 3 in the Clay Brook/Stoney Brook Road area, pictures of the training are below.

Personnel also started a refresher training on the treatment of patients during OHRV accidents. The April training session focused on the aspects of the injuries we typically see during a response. In May we will practice extrication from a wreck with the use of a wrecked UTV to gain real world experience.





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Following are the call numbers for the month of April.

Fire: 21

EMS: 57

911: 37

Gorham: 30

Randolph: 0

Shelburne: 0

County Area: 7 – Pinkham's Grant 5, Green's Grant 2

Transfer: 20

Transport: 5

Decline: 15

Weekday: 41

Weekend: 16

6A-12P: 17

12P-6P: 18

6P-12A: 12

12A-6A: 10

Emergency Management/Health Officer/Chief Duties

Final inspections were performed on the Marshall's store with all permits issued and the business now open. I also continued working with the Code Enforcement Officer on various projects around town.

Work continues on grant management paperwork and searching out new funding opportunities. We also met with to begin work on replacement of our radio repeater for emergency communications. We have formed a communications committee and are working with Ossipee Mountain Electronics on various plans and options and are actively seeking funding sources to replace this vital equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier



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