



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

Fire and EMS

Gorham Fire and EMS worked through the month of August as we saw yet another summer work towards a close. We saw a busy month for EMS crews as the town saw the continued influx of tourists. We also covered two events at the Mt. Washington Auto Road including the 24 Hours of Great Glen and the Bicycle Race up the Auto Road.

During the month of August, the Fire Department also hired Top Rung LLC to come and test our hoses and ladders. The testing of these critical pieces of equipment ensures that they are ready for use and will perform reliably when needed. In the past members have tested the hose themselves but this allows for professional testing and reliable results in the event of a failure. The ladders are tested to see if they can hold a 500-pound weight and return to there original shape after. I am happy to report that all the hoses and ladders have been tested and all passed. See the pictures below of hose and ladder testing.



The EMS Duty Crew also took in some refreshing lemonade while supporting the Parks Department's Summer Program as they raised funds for new playground equipment at Libby Pool.



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Training

Members of the Department participated in several trainings during the month of August. We started off the month with tours of the Smith Hydro Dam in Berlin and the Gorham Hydro Dam. Matt Carter from Central Rivers Power walked us through the ins and outs of both facilities as we continue to tour these high-risk buildings in the event we need to respond to an emergency situation at one of them or in the river surrounding them.



Berlin and Gorham Fire Departments also hosted a Mutual Aid auto extrication training at P&L Auto Parts in Berlin. Crews were able to spend time practicing hands-on skills for response to motor vehicle accidents. While car accidents that require this amount of extrication are infrequent, it doesn't negate the fact that we need to keep our skills sharp.

Participating Departments included Berlin, Gorham, Shelburne, Randolph, and Milan. We need to thank P&L Auto Parts for providing the cars and an area to work in. We also need to acknowledge Kevin LaChapelle from Industrial Protection Services who brought his truck full of extrication tools out for us to use. Community Partners like this allow us to provide excellent training to our members and ensure they are trained and ready to go when the need arises. See the next page for photos of the training.



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Emergency Management/Health Officer/Chief Duties

Short term rental inspections continued in the Month of August in conjunction with the Code Enforcement Officer. Year to date we have inspected 20 buildings to help ensure safe rentals for customers. We have three buildings we are awaiting repairs for re-inspection and have 1 further inspection scheduled at the end of September.

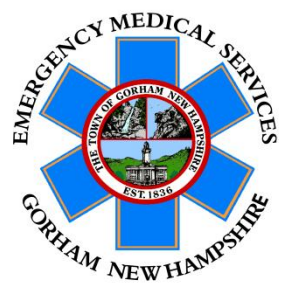
Work continued on the repeater project as Ossipee Mountain Electronics. We performed a coverage study early in August and verified that the locations proposed for the new repeaters will assist in providing full radio coverage in the areas we respond to. We are working with Senator Shaheen's office to secure funding in hopes of moving this important project forward. Stay tuned for further updates.

See the next page for monthly call numbers for August.



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Call Numbers

Fire: 20

EMS: 86

911: 60

Gorham: 40

Randolph: 4

Shelburne: 8

County Area: 6 – Green's Grant 6

Transfer: 30

Transport: 2

Decline: 28

Weekday: 63

Weekend: 27

6A-12P: 28

12P-6P: 26

6P-12A: 24

12A-6A: 12

Mutual Aid to Berlin: 3

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier