



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



**Department Update**  
**February 2022**

**Fire and EMS**

Gorham Fire and EMS personnel continue to be busy with response to calls. With ski and snowmachine season in full swing they have been keeping us running, but a few notable exceptions were responded to as well.

During the month of February firefighters responded to two fires involving stove tops and cooking.

On Valentine's Day the department responded for a stove top fire which involved a box of macaroni on a burner. The fire was contained to the box and contents, with members using the vent fan to clear smoke from the apartment.

On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> firefighters responded to a residence on Brook Road for another report of a stove fire. Upon arrival crews determined the homeowner had extinguished the fire prior to our arrival with a home fire extinguisher. Prior to extinguishment the fire had melted the vent fan/light above the stove and heavily charred the cabinets on the sides of the stove. Personnel checked the area with the thermal imager for any extension with none found. Crews shut down power to the appliance and vented the house of smoke.



Gorham Fire Department personnel wish to remind everyone of the importance of kitchen safety, working smoke detectors, and home fire extinguishers. Gorham Fire and EMS partners with the American Red Cross to provide installation on home smoke detectors at no charge. The request for an install can be found at the following link: <https://www.redcross.org/local/me-nh-vt/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign.html>



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**Fire and EMS continued**

Following are the call numbers for the month of February:

Fire: 26  
EMS: 83

The EMS calls are broken down as follows:

**911: 50**

**Gorham: 33**

**Randolph: 0**

**Shelburne: 5**

**County Area: 9 – Pinkham's Grant 9**

**Transfer: 33**

**Transport: 4**

**Decline: 29**

**Weekday: 56**

**Weekend: 27**

**6A-12P: 16**

**12P-6P: 41**

**6P-12A: 15**

**12A-6A: 11**

**Emergency Management/Health Officer/Chief Duties**

Continued rain and warm temperatures have led to some ice jamming on the local rivers. I have been monitoring them as necessary. To date there have not been any issues with the jams, but I will keep an eye out on it throughout the spring thaw.

I have also been kept busy doing building inspections at various properties around Town. Work continues at the Big Day Brewing building, the apartment building at 1 Exchange Street, and various other properties around town.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier

*Serving the communities of Gorham, Randolph and Shelburne*



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