



Gorham Fire and EMS
Town of Gorham New Hampshire
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Department Update
January 2023

Fire and EMS

Department members pushed through the first month of the year with an increase in response to motor vehicle accidents as we saw weather systems move through the area in rapid fire and create a mess on area roads.

On Friday the 13th in the afternoon we were requested to respond to Route 16 South for a report of a truck into a tree. Upon arrival crews found heavy damage to a small pickup with the driver being entrapped at this time. Crews were able to use our extrication equipment to remove him from the vehicle. Thankfully due to the use of a seatbelt and the safety features in the vehicle the driver was able to walk away with only minor injuries.



Crews also responded to a two-vehicle head on collision on Route 16 South in Dead Man's Curve. At the time of the incident the roads were snow covered which likely led to one of the vehicles crossing the center line into oncoming traffic. Crews transported four patients to the hospital for evaluation of mostly minor injuries, pictures are found at the top of the next page.

Training

Fire Department members practiced water supply drills by pulling water from our dry hydrants. A dry hydrant is tapped into a water source, in our case a pond or the river, and used when hydrants are not available. Crews successfully used the Engines and Tanker to draft the water and ensure these are a viable water source during an emergency.

EMS personnel spent an evening reviewing skills and patient treatment including pediatric restraint during transport using our Pedi-Mate and Neo-Mate as well as discussing operations at a fire scene for firefighter rehab.

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Emergency Management/Health Officer/Chief Duties

The process of inspecting local hotels and motels has continued, as well as a couple of short term rentals. I also finished up my 2022 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant application and submitted that to FEMA. We now begin the waiting game as awards will be sent out in early summer.

We also eagerly await the final paperwork on the Department of Justice grant that will allow us to replace our aging radio repeater system. We will also add a simulcast system with sites in Pinkham Notch, Shelburne, and Randolph that will help to ensure radio communications when they are needed most.

Call numbers for January are on the next page.



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Call Numbers

Fire: 18

EMS: 69

911: 41

Gorham: 31

Randolph: 0

Shelburne: 1

County Area: 6 – Pinkham's Grant 6

Transfer: 28

Transport: 7 – 5 local, 2 LD

Decline: 21

Weekday: 47

Weekend: 22

6A-12P: 18

12P-6P: 30

6P-12A: 16

12A-6A: 5

Mutual Aid to Berlin: 3

Mutual Aid to Dummer: 1

Mutual Aid from Berlin: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier