



Gorham Fire and EMS

Town of Gorham New Hampshire

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Fire and EMS

Fire and EMS personnel worked through April with a busier than average month of mostly normal calls. Calls for service were up on both sides of the house, and we continue to assist the residents and visitors as needed. We dealt with a few minor motor vehicle accidents and started campfire season with permits issued and a few burning complaints as we ramp up to the summer season.

Now is a good time to remind everyone of the need to acquire a seasonal fire permit prior to kindling a fire in your backyard. Permits are always required when there is not snow on the ground. The following permit classes are available for us to issue:

Class 1: 2 foot or less in diameter fire pit/place which can be burned at all hours of the day.

Class 2: 2-4 foot in diameter fire pit/place which can be burned between 5:00PM and 9:00AM, and time there is steady rain.

Class 3: A class 3 permit is issued for burning of brush piles. These can only be issued for up to 7 days at a time and will only be issued when the conditions are safe to do so.

The complete list of rules and regulations can be found at the following link:

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

Permits can be obtained at the fire station free of charge during normal business hours. Gorham also participates in online permit issuing where permits can be obtained at all hours of the day for a nominal fee which supports the website. The link is as follows:

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

Training

Fire and EMS members tried out our new swift water rescue gear during last month's training. This gear was purchased using grant funding and will allow us to perform rescues in the rivers and deal with flood waters when necessary.



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Fire Chief/Emergency Management/Code Enforcement

As we move into spring my work continues with grant management and other duties. We have recently sent our Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to the state for approval and await the completion of this project. This update was a 75/25 EMPG through Homeland Security with our match being in kind using our time spent on the plan as the match. Having this plan in place ensures we identify the hazards we are faced with and work towards mitigating the risk involved with them.

Call Numbers

Fire: 30

EMS: 57

911: 41

Gorham: 34

Randolph: 1

Shelburne: 4

County Area: 2 – Pinkham's Grant 2

Transfer: 16

Transport: 1

Decline: 15

Weekday: 38

Weekend: 12

6A-12P: 18

12P-6P: 20

6P-12A: 13

12A-6A: 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier