



Gorham Fire and EMS
Town of Gorham New Hampshire
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Fire and EMS

Fire and EMS personnel worked through June with a typical call volume as we entered the busy summer season. We responded to several motor vehicle accidents all fortunately with minor injuries. We also assisted in a carryout of a patient who was hiking off the Auto Road and fell which resulted in several cuts to his forehead and legs.

We assisted Randolph Fire with a head on motor vehicle collision on Gorham Hill which resulted in 3 patient transports for further care. EMS personnel responded with both ambulances and transported two of the patients. Lancaster EMS responded to the scene for the third patient while Berlin covered another call in Shelburne for us at the same time.

Training

Fire department personnel continued to expand our swift water rescue training as crews used the boat in Libby Pool in preparation for moving to the river for further work. Crews practiced pulling people onboard the boat and other basic skills that are necessary during a water rescue.

Truck drivers and other personnel use apparatus to practice drafting out of our dry hydrants and static water sources. These water sources can be invaluable in areas without hydrants and if an emergency were to occur that overwhelmed the municipal water supply. Pictured below are personnel at Libby's and at the dry hydrants.



EMS personnel spent an evening with our Mutual Aid partners from Milan and Dummer EMS reviewing each other's ambulances and available equipment. Performing these types of trainings helps us to work together on large scenes if the need arises. It is also valuable to see the world from another set of eyes and see what else is out there for equipment. Pictured below are a couple photos from that evening.



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Fire Chief/Emergency Management/Code Enforcement

June was an extra busy month as we worked our way through the short-term rental property inspections. I also continue to work with the new businesses in town to provide the necessary permits for opening. During June I issued occupancy and assembly permits as necessary to The Vault, The Bear, and the Zhang Asian Buffett. We are happy to assist businesses as they work through local regulations and permitting and open in town.

I also continue my day-to-day duties as Fire Chief as week everything ready to respond, keep up with the training requirements, and look for grant opportunities to fund purchases. I have also been working with FEMA as we look for reimbursement related to the flooding in December of last year. We are also exploring funding for mitigation projects that would prevent these issues from occurring in the future.



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Call Numbers for June:

Fire: 67

EMS: 66

911: 43

Gorham: 30

Randolph: 2

Shelburne: 4

County Area: 6

Transfer: 23

Transport: 1

Decline: 22

Weekday: 52

Weekend: 14

6A-12P: 15

12P-6P 28

6P-12A: 18

12A-6A: 5

Mutual Aid to Berlin: 1

Mutual Aid from Berlin: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier