



Gorham Fire and EMS
Town of Gorham New Hampshire
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Department Update 11/18/2020

Fire and EMS

Department members continue to respond to calls as necessary at all hours of the day and night. The burn ban has been lifted and as we move towards winter the frequency of burning issue calls is decreasing. Thank you to all residents and visitors who abided by the burn restrictions as we were able to avoid any major issues and did not have any forest fires during this time of varying levels of drought.

On Monday, November 16th, Fire and EMS was requested to respond to Pinkham's Grant for a tractor trailer rollover. Units on scene provided spill confinement and traffic control for the duration of the incident and the recovery of the truck. Traffic was held to one lane while the trailer was unloaded of its wood chips and wreckers up righted the truck and towed it from the scene.



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Requests for the ambulance continue to rise towards near normal numbers. We have signed on a couple new members and are working with a couple more as we continue to look for help responding to night time calls.

We were able to purchase new helmets for the Firefighters and new reflective jackets for the EMS personnel. Budgeted money was used to fund this as we continue working towards updating out of date equipment.

Gorham Fire and EMS also welcomed a new Rescue UTV to the station. We purchased a 2021 Polaris Ranger Northstar Edition. The new UTV will allow for up to 6 rescuers to respond to a call and will allow for safe and reliable operation during response to snow machine and ATV accidents. Department members are working on upfitting the new unit and will have it ready to respond well before the snow machine trails open for the season.

Following are EMS call stats for October:

Month: October 2020

CFS's: 51

911: 34

Gorham: 23

Randolph: 2

Shelburne: 7

County Area: 3 – Pinkham's Grant 2, Green's Grant 1

Transfer: 17

Transport: 5, + courtesy transfer home

Refuse: 11

Weekday: 40

Weekend: 11

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6A-12P: 18

12P-6P: 13

6P-12A:12

12A-6A: 8

Emergency Management/Chief Duties:

COVID-19 and the community response continues to take up the majority of my time. Local Community Leaders continue to meet on a daily basis as we work through the latest round of outbreaks. Unfortunately this latest increase ended up cancelling Trick-or-Treating. We were able to pass a Town mask ordinance, which in conjunction with Berlin's mask ordinance will hopefully increase compliance and help to slow any further outbreaks moving forward. Moving forward we continue to ask all residents and visitors to be vigilant and practice mask wearing and hand hygiene.

I was able to secure a grant for \$10,000 from TC Energy in order to purchase 4 sets of turnout gear. TC Energy is the owner of the local natural gas pipelines and provides community outreach grants for areas the pipelines pass through. Due to NFPA regulations a firefighter's turnout gear may only be used for 10 years before it needs to be replaced. I continue to pursue other grants when possible and will be applying for radios and extrication equipment in this year's Assistance to Firefighter's Grant which is expected to open later this month.

Year to Date Call Stats:

Fire: 158

EMS: 544

Respectfully Submitted
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