



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



**Department Update**  
**June 2022**

**Fire and EMS**

Gorham Fire and EMS saw a marked increase in calls during the month of June. With the start to the busy tourism season the roads and trails surrounding Gorham were crowded with people getting out and enjoying the sunshine. We encountered several calls involving distressed or injured hikers on the Presidential Range including the second fatality of the year on Mt. Washington.

**Training**

During the month of June, we hosted a training on PTSD recognition and coping strategies. The mental health of First Responders is something we haven't always looked after, but the time has come to look out for ourselves. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder can build up inside a person and can be triggered by various things, members were taught to recognize the warning signs and different strategies to cope with mental health problems.

Crews also participated in a mutual aid training in Berlin on the use of the ladder truck. The skills used when climbing the ladder, roof operations, and defensive fire attack were discussed. The training involving multiple mutual departments will prove to be invaluable when called to respond to a fire within Berlin or when the ladder truck is requested in another town.

**Summer Park Program**

Crews from Gorham Fire and EMS spent two mornings down at the Summer Park Program to discuss fire safety and emergency medical services with the participants. We discussed home evacuation during a fire, not fearing a firefighter, and learned about the tools we use during an emergency. The children were also able to check out the Ambulance, UTV, Federal fire engine, and Engine 4.

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

In conjunction with Code Enforcement Officer John Scarinza we continued our inspections of short-term rental properties in town. We have found and addressed many issues and will continue to help ensure the safety of renters in town.

Work continues on replacement of the radio repeater system for Fire/EMS/Police in town. We are working on funding and will perform a coverage study in early August to plan to move forward.



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**Call numbers:**

Following are the call numbers for the month of June:

**Fire: 33**

**EMS: 86 with the following breakdown.**

**911: 58**

**Gorham: 40**

**Randolph: 5**

**Shelburne: 4**

**County Area: 4 – Pinkham's Grant 1, Green's Grant 2, Thompson's Purchase 1**

**Transfer: 28**

**Transport: 5**

**Decline: 23**

**Weekday: 67**

**Weekend: 19**

**6A-12P: 25**

**12P-6P: 32**

**6P-12A: 22**

**12A-6A: 7**

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier



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