



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



**Department Update**  
**May 2022**

**Fire and EMS**

Gorham Fire and EMS moved forward with our overnight staffing starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. During the budget season we were able to secure funding for 3 additional full-time employees which allows for EMS Duty Crew coverage until 2:00AM. This step provides an increased level of care as providers are already at the station instead of responding from home during the overnight hours.

During the first month we twenty-one 911 calls during the overnight hours. Prior to onsite night staffing we saw an average out the door time for the ambulance of 15 minutes. During the first month of this staffing model, we saw a decrease to 4 minutes. The quicker we can arrive on scene, and subsequently transport a patient to the hospital, increases the likelihood of a favorable outcome. We wish to thank the Selectman, Budget Committee, and the residents of Gorham for supporting this increase in our budget.

**Call Review:**

Gorham Fire and EMS members were busy at the beginning of May with several forest and outside fires. During the first two weeks of the month, we responded to the following incidents:

Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>: We responded in Cascade for an area about 100ft X 150ft of burning grass caused by a broken electrical conductor. Crews were able to make quick work of this with lines off Engine 4.  
Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>: We responded Mutual Aid to Shelburne for a forest fire off the Appalachian Trail. The fire eventually grew to 48 acres and was extinguished by personnel from the Forest Service and State of NH crews.  
Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>: We responded to the area adjacent to Cascade Falls for an area of ¼ acre for a forest fire started by a cooking device. Crews were able to respond down the rail trail with apparatus to the scene and with the assistance of Berlin Fire were able to extinguish the fire.

**Training:**

During the month of April crews prepared for the upcoming ATV trail opening by training on patient extrication and UTV accident techniques. Berlin Fire personnel joined us and with assistance of Jericho Outdoors and Mr. Auto we were able to get in some great hands-on training.

**Touch a Truck:**

Crews were able to assist with a community event at the Ed Fenn Elementary School along with the Police and Public Works Department. We really enjoyed showing the children the tools of our trade and look forward to it every year.



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**Call Numbers:**

Following are the call numbers for the month of April:

**Fire: 28**

**EMS: 69 with the following breakdown.**

**911: 41**

**Gorham: 25**

**Randolph: 2**

**Shelburne: 7**

**County Area: 3 – Pinkham's Grant 1, Green's Grant 1, Sargent's Purchase 1**

**Transfer: 28**

**Transport: 2**

**Decline: 26**

**Weekday: 50**

**Weekend: 19**

**6A-12P: 10**

**12P-6P: 25**

**6P-12A: 23**

**12A-6A: 11**

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

In late May we started our inspection process of the short-term rentals located in the residentially zoned areas. I will be working with the Code Enforcement Officer to help ensure safe stays for renters while at the property.

I also continue to work on grant management and other grant opportunities. Current projects include the formation of a swift water rescue team to help ensure the safety of those who recreate on our waterways.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier



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