



Gorham Fire and EMS
Town of Gorham New Hampshire
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Department Update
November 2022

Fire and EMS

Department members pushed through the late fall season with an increase in calls for service for both Fire and EMS. Crews were spread thin over the month responding to many motor vehicle accidents as well as a structure fire.

Crews responded to 4 Memory Lane for a reported structure fire on Sunday the 20th. Initial PD units and fire department members arriving on scene noted heavy smoke from the rear of the trailer. A first alarm response was initiated which brought Berlin Fire and Randolph fire to the scene, with Shelburne Fire providing town coverage.

Crews were able to make entry in through a side door and found flames around the furnace with extension down through the floor. Hose lines were placed into service and were used to knock down the bulk of the fire. Crews also pulled skirting off from the outside and worked on pulling down the burning subfloor and extinguishing the hidden pockets of fire.

While the home is uninhabitable at this time, the response and assistance from mutual aid will allow the homeowner to salvage much of their belongings. Pictures of the response are below.



Crews finished up the Thanksgiving week by responding to four motor vehicle accidents in the span of 3 days. In an area we don't typically see many motor vehicle accidents, we had two on lower Main Street. While there were no injuries in the accidents, there was a large debris field which needed to be cleaned up.

We also responded to the back side of Gorham Hill to assist Randolph Fire Department at an accident. Later the same day we responded to Glen Road past Marion's way for our third call of the day. Crews arriving on scene found a car versus telephone pole with two injured occupants. Crews removed both front doors from the vehicle and assisted EMS personnel with removal from the car for transport to the hospital.

We take this time to remind motorists that as we head into the busy Holiday Season to remain vigilant while driving, especially during inclement weather. We also remind you stay off your phone while driving and have a designated driver if you plan on having a drink.

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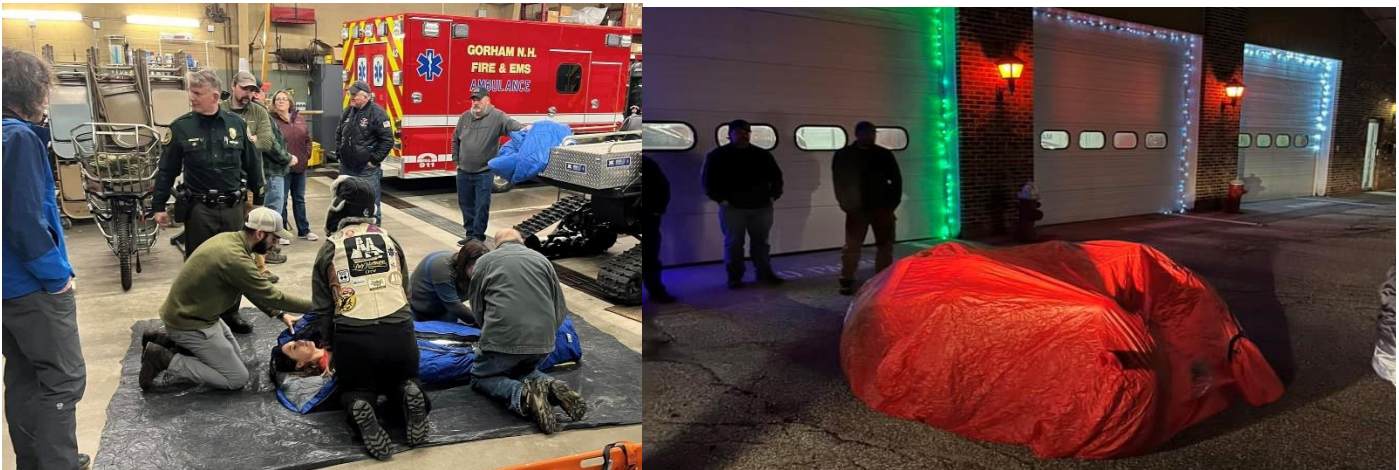
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Training

Members refreshed their skills and went over some new equipment in the month of November.

Fire: Crews familiarized themselves with our new Swift Water Rescue gear including a raft that was purchased with Grant Funding this year. Members will undergo training in the spring to become proficient in its use and be prepared for any water rescues that come our way.

EMS: Crews refreshed on treatment of patients during cold weather emergencies. Gorham Fire hosted a training for our local departments and search and rescue organizations hosted by Lt. Brad Morse from NH Fish and Game. Crews reviewed case studies and hypothermia care as well a practical review of patient packaging and deployment of a Bothy Bag. See the pictures below.



Emergency Management/Health Officer/Chief Duties

During the month of November, we continued with wrap up of this year's short term rental inspections. We also worked with local lodging facilities to begin an inspection program. I also wrapped up this year's school life safety inspections.

We continue to wait on final awards for this year's Assistance to Firefighters Grants and begin preparation for next year's application. We are also in the middle of budget season as we prepare for 2023.

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Call Numbers

Fire: 31

CFS's: 92

911: 62

Gorham: 44

Randolph: 5

Shelburne: 6

County Area: 4 – Pinkham's Grant 3, Green's Grant 1

Transfer: 30

Transport: 2

Decline: 28

Weekday: 71

Weekend: 21

6A-12P: 24

12P-6P: 30

6P-12A: 29

12A-6A: 9

Mutual Aid to Berlin: 3

Mutual Aid from Berlin: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Philip Cloutier