



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue
8907 Railroad Ave.
PO Box 208
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Mission Statement

To serve our community by providing effective emergency response services with professionalism and excellence that will minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other hazardous conditions.

Fire Department Overview

The Cedar Area Fire & Rescue was formally adopted and commissioned on April 1st, 2016. Cedar Area Fire & Rescue (CAFR) serves Solon, Centerville, Kasson and Cleveland Townships. The fire department has an I.S.O. rating of 9-10. A Fire Board of 5 includes members from Solon, Centerville, Kasson, Cleveland and a member at large. The Cedar Area Fire & Rescue operates with 20 members capable of firefighting, emergency medical services and other skills to serve our community. The Department is comprised of our Fire Division, Training Division and EMS Division. There are 6 full-time Firefighter/EMT's that work rotating shifts 7 days a week from 7am – 7am. Our part-paid staff is imperative for all fire and rescue operations, as well as EMS. The department is a 24/7 transporting ambulance agency with a Basic E.M.S. license and is contracted to North Flight Advanced Life Support services when needed. The command structure consists of the following:

Fire Board
Fire Chief
Asst. Chief
3 Captains including Rescue Captain
1 Lieutenant
Firefighters/EMT's

Per the 2010 Census Bureau, Cedar Area Fire & Rescue (CAFR) serves 5,531 citizens. Summer residents and heavy tourism boosts the population greatly from Memorial Day to Labor Day annually. This number accounts for 25.42% of Leelanau County's population. CAFR covers 121.1 (72.5%) square miles of land and 45.8 (27.4%) square miles of water totaling almost 167 square miles of response area. The coverage area equates to 21% area of Leelanau County. CAFR covers the most square miles, second in population and second in run numbers with the lowest operating budget in the county.



Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

Fire Chief Dan Petroskey (Retired)
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FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

It has been another busy year for the fire department and we have seen many changes. The sleeping quarters have been completed and our fire fighter/EMT'S are staying in the station 24/7. This has greatly reduced our response time on emergency calls. Our fulltime staff is also upgrading their EMT license level which will reduce the number of ALS intercepts and get a higher level of care to our patients faster.

One of the biggest changes that we have accomplished is hiring a new full-time fire chief. His name is Chris Comeaux and I want welcome him to the department and I wish him well in his new endeavor and invite you to do the same. These are just a few examples of the increased protection we are providing to the people in our community. Also some changes that have occurred are the retirement of six members of the department. I have retired after serving over 45 years with 9 of them as your fire chief. My brother Larry served 43 years, Barry Mazurek 40 years, Mark Zientek 32 years, Rob Dezelski 27 years and Brian Dezelski 21 years. I want to thank these men for their service and dedication to the fire department and our community for all of these years. I also want to thank our wives for tolerating our difficult schedules as we were pulled away from family functions and holidays when the pager would trip along with evening and weekend training sessions and meetings. Lastly I want to thank all of the members of the community that I have had the privilege to serve. Your support and kind words have meant a great deal to me.

Sincerely,
Dan Petroskey
Retired Fire Chief
Cedar Area Fire Rescue



FROM THE DESK OF THE NEW FIRE CHIEF

I would like to introduce myself to those of whom I have not had the chance to meet yet. My name is Chris Comeaux and I started my career in the Chicago Metropolitan area as a Firefighter/Paramedic. When my wife and I were lucky enough to move to beautiful Northern Michigan in 2009, I worked for North Flight EMS and for Suttons Bay Fire and Rescue. In 2010 I became a Firefighter with The Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department in Traverse City. I left The Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department when I accepted the position for Chief of Cedar Area Fire & Rescue. I have a bachelor's degree in Fire Science from Lake Superior State University and a two year Managing Officer Certification from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Throughout my career I have been extremely involved with education, training, fire prevention, technical rescue, hazardous material response, emergency medical response, and incident command. I look forward to watching not only this department grow but the community as well. Please come in and visit anytime as I would like to meet you all.

Stay Safe,

Chris Comeaux
Chief of Department
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Statistical Summary

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue
01/01/2017 | End Date: 12/31/2017

INCIDENT TYPE

Fire, other 3
Building fire 4
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue 2
Trash or rubbish fire, contained 1
Natural vegetation fire, other 1
Forest, woods or wildland fire 1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 4
Grass fire 2
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire 1
Rescue, EMS incident, other 13
Emergency medical service, other 217
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury 52
Motor vehicle accident with injuries 12
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped) 1 324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries. 29
Watercraft rescue 1
Hazardous condition, other 60
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill 1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) 7
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other 2
Power line down 19 445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment 1
Vehicle accident, general cleanup 1
Ring or jewelry removal 1
Public service assistance, other 2
Assist police or other governmental agency 3
Police matter 1 553 - Public service 2
Unauthorized burning 1
Cover assignment, standby, moveup 10
Good intent call, other 1
Dispatched & cancelled en route 12
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address 3
False alarm or false call, other 3
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction 1
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other 1
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional 1
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO 1
Severe weather or natural disaster, other 3

Cleveland Township

Fires 3
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service 51
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) 29
Service Call 3
Good Intent Call 3
False Alarm & False Call 1
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster 1
Special Incident Type 1

TOTAL-92

Centerville Township

Fires 2
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service 47
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) 10
Good Intent Call 4 6.25%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster 1

Total- 64

Kasson Township

Fires 4
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service 68
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) 15
Service Call 12
Good Intent Call 2
False Alarm & False Call 3
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster 1

Total- 105

Solon Township

Fires 5
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service 70
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) 14
Service Call 4
Good Intent Call 1

Total- 94

Mutual-Aid

Fires 1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service 1
Service Call 1

Total- 3

Annual Run Total- 358

APPARATUS

The Cedar Fire Department operates with the following apparatus:

- Two Basic Life Support Ambulance
- Two 2,000 gallon tankers
- One 1,000 gallon, 4 wheel drive engine
- One 55 ft. Aerial truck
- One Wildland Brush truck
- One 2002 Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ trailer and rescue sled
- One ORV with firefighting capability and trailer

All apparatus is maintained and inspected weekly by the full time duty crew. These inspections ensure that the apparatus and equipment is functioning and ready for any emergency at any time of the day. All employees train and operate the apparatus extensively for the upmost proficiency in an emergency situation. To operate apparatus, an employee must attend and pass an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course along with a written test and driving test.

2017 PERSONNEL

801 - Fire Chief: Dan Petroskey
802 – Asst. Fire Chief: Don McMullen
803 – Rescue Captain: *vacant*
804 – Captain/Training Officer: Keith O’Neil*
805 – Captain: Barry Mazurek
806 – Lieutenant: Tim Johnson*
P. 1 - *vacant*
P. 2 – FF/MFR: Larry Petroskey
P. 3 - *vacant*
P. 4 - *vacant*
P. 5 – FF/EMTB: Ronnie Dubois*
P. 6 - *vacant*
P. 7 – FF/EMTB: Bobby Handa*
P. 8 – FF: Mark Zientek
P. 9 – FF/MFR: Brian Dezelski
P. 10 – FF/EMTB:
P. 11 – FF/EMTP: Jeff Friend
P. 12 – FF/EMTB: Herb Sudemann *
P. 13 – *vacant*
P. 14 - *vacant*
P. 15 – FF/EMTB: Jake Strait*
P. 16 - *vacant*
P. 17 - *vacant*
P. 18 – FF: Jason Morio
P. 19 - *vacant*
P. 20 – FF: Kevin Mikowski
P. 21 - *vacant*
P. 22 - *vacant*
P. 23 - *vacant*
P. 24 - *vacant*
P. 25 – FF: Austin Novak
P. 26 – FF: Brent Garvin

**Full Time Employee*

Part Time Employees

- FF/EMTA – Bob Podleski
- FF/EMTB – Steve Watson

Cedar Professional Fire Fighters I.A.F.F. Local 4953

The Cedar Professional Fire Fighters union consists of all full time firefighters.

President: Lt. Tim Johnson

Vice-President: Herbert Sudemann

Secretary/Treasurer: Bobby Handa



Training/Education

In 2017 Cedar Area Fire and Rescue completed a total of one thousand fifteen hours of training collectively by all members. These hours are a combination of classroom hours and hands on training performed at the Fire Department or outside training facilities. There are a variety of trainings the department members participated in. These training include but are not limited

to; fire suppression, emergency medical response, vehicle extrication, apparatus pumping, driving, fire ground operations, ice rescue, search and rescue, building familiarization, and hazardous material training. These are just some of the many disciplines the members at Cedar Area Fire & Rescue need to be proficient at.

Another great stride the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue has made in training was the decision to move from a basic life support agency to a limited advanced life support agency. We look forward to the completion of this class in April of 2018.

Inter-Local Agreement

The Cedar Fire Department Fire Board adopted an Inter-Local Agreement between Solon, Centerville, Kasson and Cleveland Townships. This Inter-Local Agreement created Cedar Area Fire & Rescue and is governed by a new fire board consisting of 1 representative from each of the four townships and 1 member at large. This Inter-Local Agreement creating Cedar Area Fire & Rescue officially began April 1st, 2016.

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Information

The Cedar Fire Department is located in the heart of beautiful Leelanau County next to the Victoria Creek in the Polish historical town of Cedar. Our fire station is open to the public everyday from 8am to 4pm. Visitors are more than welcome and station tours are encouraged.

Cedar Area Fire Board

Solon Township – Dan Leach
Kasson Township – Greg Julian*
Cleveland Township – Rick Royston**
Centerville Township – Dave Wurm
Member at Large – John Depuy

Recording Secretary – Dana Boomer
Accountant – Dave Milliron

*- Chairman

**- Vice Chairman

2017 Annual Report Prepared By: Tim Johnson