



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Cedar Fire Department
8907 Railroad Ave.
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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 Fire Department (a.k.a. Solon – Centerville Fire Department) has been proudly serving our citizens since 1947. The Cedar Fire Department serves Solon Township and Centerville Township and contracts with Kasson Township and Cleveland Townships for our services. The fire department has an I.S.O. rating of 9-10. A joint fire - board of 10 members from Solon and Centerville Townships govern the department along with the Fire Chief. The Cedar Fire Department operates with 23 members capable of firefighting, emergency medical services and other skills to serve our community. The Department is comprised with our Fire Division, Training Division and EMS Division. There are 3 full-time Firefighter/EMT – B's that work rotating shifts 7 days a week from 6 am – 6 pm on weekdays and 6 am – 10 pm on weekends. Week nights are supplemented with Paid on Call personnel to provide Emergency Medical Services. Our paid on call 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
Firefighters/EMT's

Per the 2000 Census Bureau, the Cedar Fire Department (CFD) serves 5,254 citizens. That number has surely increased over the last ten years. This number accounts for 25.1% of Leelanau County's population. CFD covers 121.1 (72.5%) square miles of land and 45.8 (34.8%) square miles of water totaling to 167 square miles of response area. The coverage area equates to 21% area of Leelanau County. CFD covers the most square miles, second in population and second in run numbers with the lowest operating budget in the county.



FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

2012 has proved to be a busy year for the Cedar Fire Department. We responded to the most calls ever in the history of the department with a total of 686 responses. We also have seen our budget decrease for the past three years so we have had to do more with less but have still managed to maintain a balanced budget. We have had to postpone the purchase of some new equipment and carefully monitor the budget as a whole. In a cost saving move Solon and Centerville townships invested \$25,000.00 in capital improvements over and above the fire department operating budget and installed new furnaces and added insulation to the fire station. Thus far this winter the cost of heating the fire station has dropped approximately 75% by switching from heating oil to natural gas furnaces. We are still planning to add insulation to the walls of the fire station and install a standby generator in the near future to save money and be able to better serve our community.

The firefighters along with responding to the increasing number of calls have been busy training by taking part in a Rapid Intervention Class and a Positive Pressure Attack Class that was sponsored by the Leelanau County Fire and Rescue Chiefs Association with grant money from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. This affords the opportunity for all of the fire departments in the county to train together along with the training that each department does every month in their respective stations.

In March we took delivery of a new ambulance and kept the old ambulance as a backup ambulance which has worked very well for us. The new ambulance was put into service on April 30th and since then the old ambulance responded to 34 calls by the end of the year. These are calls that would have been handled by a neighboring department under the mutual aid agreement. Also now when one of the ambulances needs to be serviced we still have an ambulance to respond to calls.

We are still working to compile information with regard to an ALS ambulance service and anticipate holding a public informational meeting early this summer to report our findings to taxpayers of all four townships.

We have been able to complete some of our projects and some are still pending and will be addressed as monies become available. We thank you for your past, present, and future support.

Sincerely,
Dan Petroskey

Statistical Summary

The Cedar Fire Department responded to **686** emergency calls. Emergency Medical Runs totaled to 444 responses with 199 of those requiring medical transports to the hospital. On top of the 444 ambulance responses, we responded to 242 fire runs. The year 2012 brought a call volume increase of 142 calls compared to 544 calls in 2011. Mutual Aid was given 17 times and received 5 times.

EMERGENCY CALLS	TOTAL
Medical Responses/Stand By	444
Structure Fires	16
Vehicle Fires	3
Wildland Fires	14
Medical Assist of Fire Personnel	17
Vehicle Accidents	46 (1 Requiring Extrication)
Search and Rescues	3
Hazardous Conditions	48
Gas Leaks	7
Power Lines Down	45
Service Calls	10
False Alarms	13
Severe Weather Incident	1
Good Intent Calls	19
TOTAL CALLS	686 EMERGENCY

CALLS PER TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP	EMS	FIRE	TOTAL
Solon Township	115	61	176
Centerville Township	71	33	104
Kasson Township	143	66	209
Cleveland Township	107	62	169
Other (Mutual Aid)	8	20	28
TOTAL	444	242	686

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.

The Cedar Fire Department was proud to announce the purchase of a new ambulance. The new ambulance is a 2012 International Terra Star chassis built by McCoy Miller. Delivery of the new ambulance was March 5th, 2012. The new ambulance (891) was put into service April 30th, 2012. The 1997 Ford Marquee (892) served as a useful and effective back-up for double calls and replacement when 891 was serviced for maintenance.

All apparatus are 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.

EMS/Fire Response Log

EMS Response and Billing Log

- Ambulance 891 responded to 410 calls including 184 transports billing a total of **\$65,931.59** for 2012.
- Back-Up Ambulance 892 responded to 34 calls including 15 transports billing a total of **\$5,891.07** when put into service April 30th, 2012.
- Ambulance transports for 2012 totaled 199, bringing an increase of 40 transports when compared to 2011's total of 159.

Transports billed by the Cedar Fire Department for 2012 totals **\$71,822.66**

Fire Response Log

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Hrs:Min</u>	<u>Times Used</u>
Engine 811	1016.3	38:08	171
Tender 821	65.5	5:53	12
Tanker 822	494.2	10:51	89
Aerial 831	120	7:32	23
Brush 841	430.3	22:30	77
Snowmobile 882	49	4:32	7
Ambulance 891*	784.2	128:16	142
Ambulance 892*	42	5:19	7

Average Fire response time was 12.80 minutes.

Average Fire dispatch to enroute time was 4.28 minutes.

Average distance from station to scene was approximately 3 miles.

*- denotes to miles, hours and time used when responding to fire incidents.

Personnel

- 801 - Fire Chief Dan Petroskey
- 802 – Asst. Fire Chief Steve Ward
- 803 – Rescue Captain Rob Dezelski
- 804 – Captain/Training Officer Bob Schopieray
- 805 – Captain Barry Mazurek
- P. 1 – FF Albin Rosinski
- P. 2 – FF/MFR Larry Petroskey
- P. 7 – FF/EMTB Shaun Beady (Full time employee)
- P. 8 – FF Mark Zientek
- P. 9 – FF/MFR Brian Dezelski
- P. 10 – FF Justin Hennessy
- P. 11 – FF/EMTP Jeff Friend
- P. 12 – FF/EMTB Herb Sudemann (Full time employee)
- P. 13 – EMTB – Martin Strand III
- P. 14 – FF Matt Kiem
- P. 15 – FF/EMTB Tom Verschaeve
- P. 16 – EMTB Elizabeth Fritz
- P. 18 – FF Jason Morio
- P. 20 – FF Kevin Mikowski
- P. 21 – FF/EMTB Justin Stinson
- P. 22 – FF/EMTB Tim Johnson (Full time employee)
- P. 24 – EMTB Kim Ward
- P. 25 – FF Austin Novak
- P. 26 – FF Brent Garvin

The three full time hourly employees are on rotating schedules to cover the station 7 days a week. The rotating schedules are divided in 32, 40 and 48 hours a week. The goal of this schedule was to maintain a manned station to decrease response times, improving coverage and increasing productivity at the station. Paid on call staff are paid hourly for every call they respond to as well as training, meetings and education. The Chief and Asst. Chief are part time salaried employees for their various duties, meetings and functions in and out of the department.

Training/Education

This year the Cedar Fire Department has faced challenging, educational and skill increasing training sessions.

Every month, the Cedar EMS Division holds required continuing education credits for our member's EMS licensure. This EMS training includes and is not limited to First Trauma Care, Airway Basics and C.P.R./A.E.D. This training helps make the Cedar Fire Department EMS division competent and ready to handle all medical emergencies within our realm of care.

The Cedar Fire Division saw great trainings including ice/water rescue, flashover training, positive pressure fire attack training and R.I.T. training. We take our training very seriously and strive for excellence to better serve our public.

The Fire Department also conducts station tours and educational seminars for Glen Lake Schools. This gives students and teachers an opportunity to learn about fire safety and prevention. The students participate in our public safety outreach program and can see first hand the department's apparatus and ask questions about the fire service.

Long Range Planning

A long range planning committee is being assembled to map the future direction of the Cedar Fire Department. The objective for long range planning is advancing our department while maintaining reasonable and responsible financial management for our capital needs and provide services our citizens come to expect from our department. Our primary focus is:

- Upgrading medical services
- Hiring more staff
- Revenues/budgets
- Purchasing necessary tools/equipment
- Replacing outdated apparatus
- Upgrades to our facility

Community participation and suggestions are essential to long range planning. We strongly ask your voices be heard to make this department a source of pride and reassurance for the community. You can participate by calling or stopping by the Cedar Fire Department and informing us how we can better serve you and your family.

Cedar Fire Department Information

Cedar Fire Board Members

Solon Township Representatives

Supervisor Jim Lautner

Trustee Ron Novak

Clerk Shirley Mikowski

Treasurer Joan Gauthier

Trustee George Rosinski

Centerville Township Representatives

Supervisor Leonard Kelenski

Trustee Jim Schwantes

Trustee Fred Peplinski

Clerk Dave Wurm

Treasurer Katrina Pleva

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.