

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

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Chiefs Report – April 2021



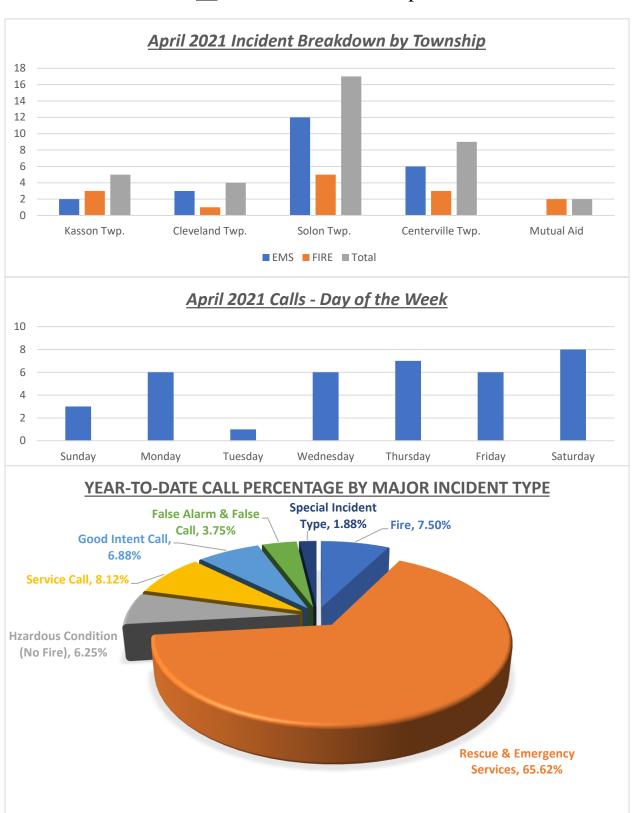






Statistics

37 Calls for Service in April



Department Operations

Apparatus:

- Engine 811: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- Tanker 822: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- Brush 841: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- Kubota 882: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- Ambulance 891: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- Ambulance 892: In-service: No Issues Reported

Training:

CAFR staff completed 235 hours of training last month covering various topics. Firefighter Maus successfully completed the Michigan Hazardous Materials Technician program offered through the Michigan State Police Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Also, Lieutenant Voiles completed the Michigan Office of Firefighter Training – Fire Officer I course.

ALS Updates:

Lieutenant Voiles and Firefighter Maus are working through the application process for the class. Once accepted they will begin their training in late July.

M.A.B.A.S Division 3701:

Firefighter Boomer presented the newly developed Wildland Fire Resource Validation document to M.A.B.A.S members and Chiefs throughout the state via a video conference. The presentation was part of the yearly State M.A.B.A.S. conference which offers updates on M.A.B.A.S. deployments and business that happened in 2020.

Public Education:

Distanced outreach continues through our digital platforms like Facebook.

Fire-Wise Program:

Still on hold due to Covid-19. Possibly beginning to complete limited, screened, site visits by the spring.

Summary

April brought significant advancement for our department. The Hazardous Materials Technician course completed by Firefighter Maus will bring increased capability for incidents involving hazardous materials. Prior to the completion of this course our department was not capable of handling some of the potential incidents we face. With this new knowledge Firefighter Maus will be able to train other members in hazardous materials response, increasing our ability to serve the community. Lieutenant Voiles completing the Officer course will advance his ability as a leader and company officer. This course is very intensive and challenging but rewarding in the end. Our crews strive each day to better themselves and our department. Lieutenant Voiles and Firefighter Maus demonstrated this attitude last month, but it happens every day by all of the members that serve our community.

April also brought a summit of sorts with Glen Lake Fire Department, Leelanau County Emergency Management, National Park Service, Leland Township Fire Department, and Cedar Area Fire & Rescue. These agencies met and formulated a plan for response to incidents within the National Park. The rescue incidents that are handled in the park are personnel and equipment intensive. By coordinating resources with many departments we are able to more efficiently and effectively respond to these types of incidents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew T. Doornbos Chief of Department