

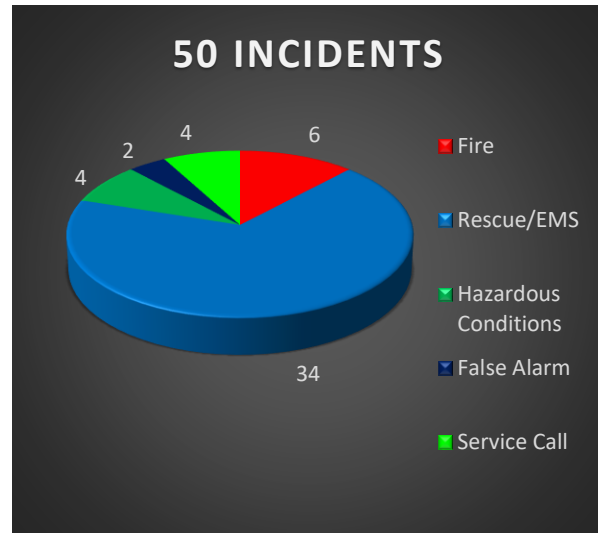
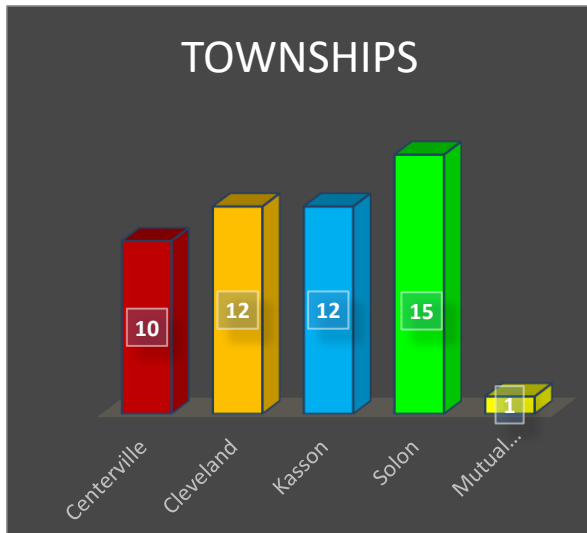


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CHIEF'S REPORT

May 2020

A. Call for Service Statistics



I. Fire



Structure Fire on S. Maple City Road 05/15/2020



Grass Fire on S. Sullivan Road 05/06/2020



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Cedar Area Fire & Rescue (CAFR) responded to a structure fire, chimney fire, appliance fire, and three grass fires in May.

05/15/2020- The structure fire on South Maple City Road was a second alarm basement fire. When first arriving crew's made entry into structure they were involved in a collapse. Crew was able to self-extricate and were checked for injuries. Thankfully, no firefighters were injured in the incident. Crews extinguished the basement and preserved all evidence for investigation. The initial investigation is complete and a more in-depth investigation is scheduled for June 18th, 2020.

05/17/2020- CAFR crews assisted Glen Lake Fire Department on a chimney fire off S. Wheeler Road. The chimney fire was extinguished without extension to the structure.

EMS/Rescue.



05/31/2020- Vehicle accident with injuries at M-72 and Cedar Road

I. CAFR responded to 34 EMS calls throughout May. One of the calls was a vehicle accident with injuries, all other calls were typical in nature



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Covid-19

Cedar Area Fire and Rescue currently has five residences with Covid-19 positive patients. Crews will be advised by dispatch if they are responding to any of these addresses.

With the state beginning to reopen, our crews remain cautious and the station is still closed to the public.

II. Overlapping Calls

Cedar Area Fire and Rescue had nine overlapping calls in May. This represents 18% of our total call volume for the month.

III. M.A.B.A.S.

The May M.A.B.A.S. meeting for division 3701 was canceled due to the state shutdown. The M.A.B.A.S. statewide phone and radio drill were still performed. There is no meeting currently scheduled for our division. Hopefully, this meeting will continue soon.

B. Apparatus Report

1. 811 (Engine)
 - Delivery date has been set for August 27th, 2020.
 - All loose equipment has been ordered for the engine.
2. 822 (Tanker) – In service
3. 891 (Ambulance)- In service
4. 892 (Reserve Ambulance)- In service
5. 841- In service
6. 882-In service



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C. Smoke Detector Program

The smoke detector program has been suspended due to the state Covid-19 response. If duty crews are on a call and see a need for a detector, they will install one if they are able. (no change)

We are hoping to restart our door to door program in July of 2020.

D. Wild land Urban Interface Program

This is a “by appointment” program and we still have several appointments to complete once the Covid-19 rules are lifted by Governor Whitmer. As we did with the smoke detectors, we will be going door to door to increase awareness of this program during the summer months. (No change)

E. Advanced Life Support

The Advance Life Support Sub Committee has a meeting date set for June 24th, 2020. This meeting will begin conversation on how to best transition from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support over the next several years.

F. Training

CAFR staff completed 136.5 hours of training for the month of May. These numbers will begin to increase again as the state is beginning to open and we are able to hold trainings at the station.

G. Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

All outside doors need replacement due to age and rust issues. The outside door that faces north has had a broken window since before January of 2018. The concrete floor in the south truck bay is also in need of repair due to damage in multiple locations. I am currently seeking out bids from three contractors for the repair cost.



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H. Firehouse Subs Grant

A grant through Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for a rescue boat is currently being written. The grant is due by August 19th, 2020. *CAFR* will be requesting \$25,000.00 and will have to match \$5552.00. The total cost of the boat is \$30,552. This boat is built specifically for water rescue and will allow our department to access the Cedar river and Lake Leelanau with ease. It can also be used for our beach areas off Lake Michigan in normal weather and wave conditions.

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