

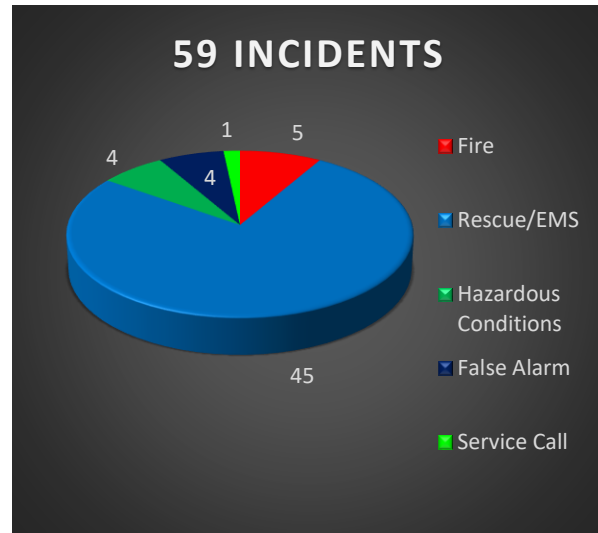
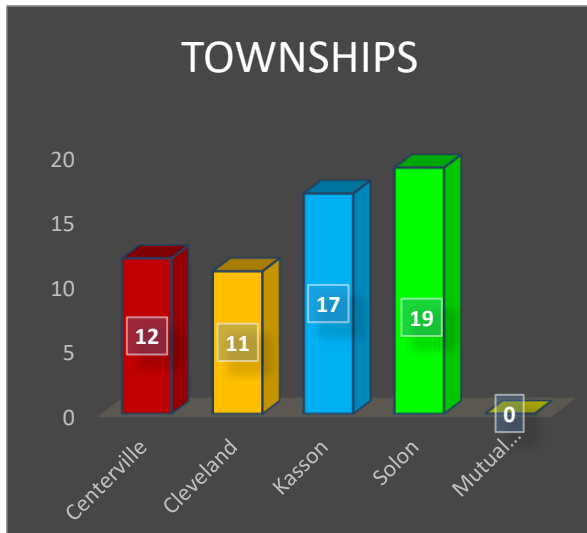


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CHIEF'S REPORT

September 2020

A. Call for Service Statistics





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Fire

09/13/2020

Structure fire at Leelanau Redi-mix off Newman road-

This was a large-scale event that our crew worked tirelessly to extinguish. Throughout the day, this fire grew to a three-alarm event. After pulling all three alarms, there were a total of four Chiefs, three engines, nine tankers, one ladder truck, and one portable hydrant working. Five of the tankers and two Chiefs came from Grand Traverse County thanks to our M.A.B.A.S. agreement.

The crews were able to mitigate the fire, limiting it to the building of origin and were able to protect the adjacent building which sustained no damage. Total losses for this fire are still being determined as it is still under investigation.

During the event, CAFR had a crew working in the attic when the fire pushed them out due to high heat, smoke, and fire. Because of the rapid exit from the attic, we lost 100 feet of hose, a combination fog nozzle, a folding attic ladder, a six-foot pike pole, and a four-foot closet hook. There has been an insurance claim placed through Tokio Marine HCC to replace the lost equipment totaling \$2123.00. CAFR will receive a check for \$1,623.00 as there was a \$500.00 deductible on the policy.

9/17/2020

Grass fire at M-22/651-

CAFR crew was dispatched to M-22/651 for a small grass fire in the National Park on the fringe of the pine needle ground fuel. Crew was able to extinguish all fire without incident.

EMS/Rescue

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue responded to forty-five Emergency Medical Service-related incidents throughout the month of September. Other than an accident with injuries at M-72 and the Hayloft exit, all calls were typical in nature.



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I. Overlapping Calls

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue had eight overlapping calls in September. This represents 12% of calls for the month and 21% for the year.

II. M.A.B.A.S.

The September M.A.B.A.S. meeting was canceled. Our division is attempting to meet as soon as possible. With the new state regulations in place this may ease the ability to hold this meeting in person.

B. Apparatus Report





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1. 811 (Engine)- In Service

Chief Comeaux, Assistant Chief Doornbos, and Lt. Mikowski left for Appleton, WI on September 28th. While in Appleton, at the Pierce Manufacturing Plant, our group performed a detailed inspection on the new engine with the staff from Pierce. The crew had Pierce repair some minor blemishes and add corrections to fabrication. By the time the engine left Pierce Manufacturing it surpassed all requirements of quality that Pierce has built its reputation on. This Engine will serve Cedar Area Fire & Rescue for many years and was designed and built to grow with the department.

2. 822 (Tanker) - In service. Primer in need of repair. Parts have been ordered.
3. 891 (Ambulance) - In service
4. 892 (Reserve Ambulance) - in service. Currently on loan to Glen Lake Fire Dept.
5. 841- In service
6. 881-In service

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)

D. Wild land Urban Interface Program

Crews will begin contacting residents in October to make appointments for assessment of properties. All appointments will be held outdoors following current state guidelines for Covid-19 precaution.



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E. Advanced Life Support (ALS)

The discussions with Munson Medical Center concerning the Paramedic program continue. The price of the Paramedic program has still not been determined. As I reported last month, I was hoping to have the cost of the program confirmed from Munson by the October board meeting. Due to an unforeseen incident with my contact at Munson, this will be delayed until November.

I have been informed that the class will be starting in February, and a full-time educator has been hired to run the program.

North Flight EMS has merged with Mobile Medical Response (MMR). This has left North Flight EMS with only 1/7 of the company. I will be in contact with Paul Oleson from North Flight to confirm how this will impact current and future advanced life support intercept contracts until Cedar Area Fire & Rescue is through the ALS transition.

F. Training

CAFR staff completed 121 hours of training for the month of September. This is an increase of 32 hours from last month. Duty crews continue to perform computer based and hands on training every shift.

G. Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

The staff has been doing a great job in preparation of receiving the new engine. All shifts have different jobs that pertain to preparing the engine to go into service as soon as possible.

Our part-time staff continues to remain active both in the station, covering shifts, and responding to calls.

NOTES: