



# Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

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## *The Fire Chiefs Report - December 2020*



Happy Holidays from the C.A.F.R.  
membership!

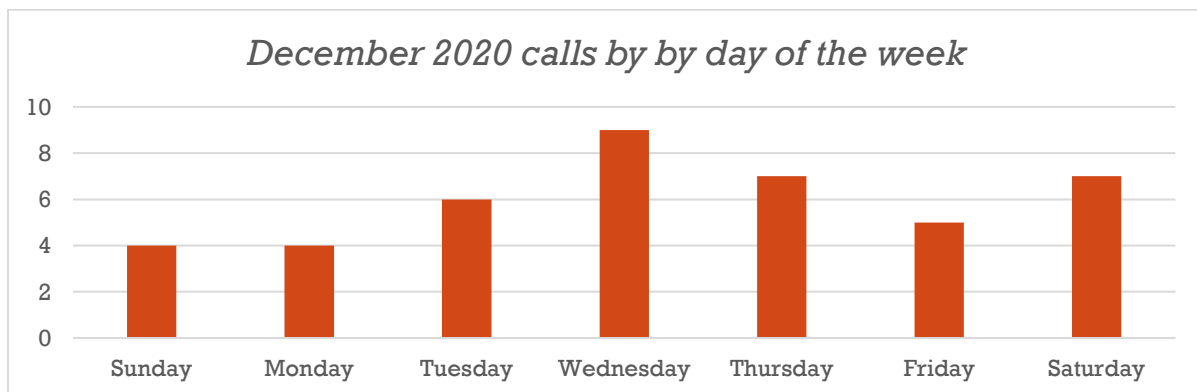
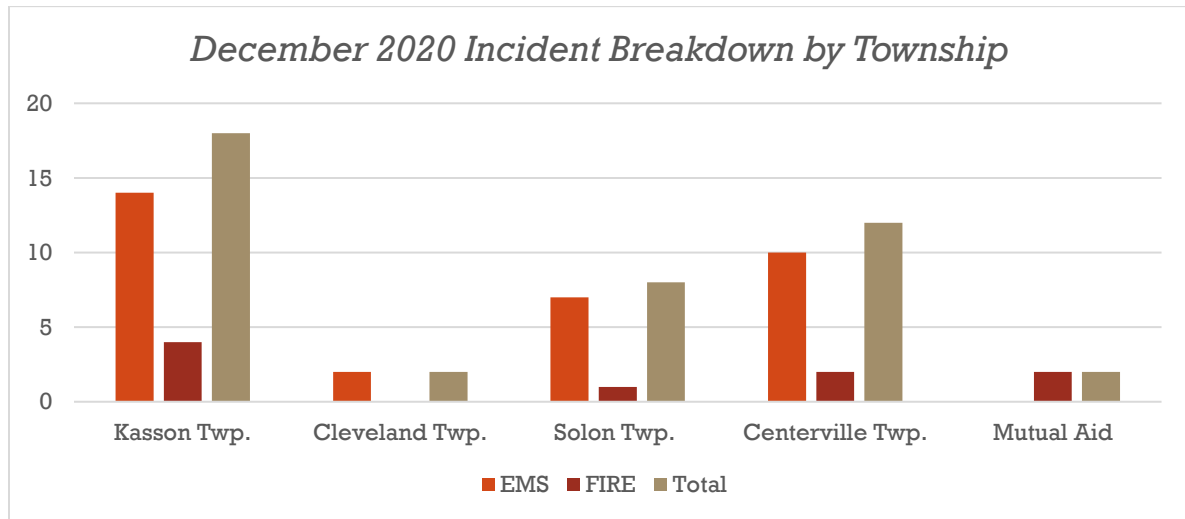


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## Fire & EMS Statistics - 42 total calls for service in December



## Overlapping Incidents:

There were 2 overlapping incidents for December. We were able to handle the one of the incidents and Glen Lake handled the second for us.



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## Apparatus Information:

- **Engine 811**: In-Service:
- **Tanker 822**: In-Service: Minor maintenance work being completed.
- **Brush 841**: In-Service:
- **Kubota 882**: In-Service:
- **Ambulance 891**: In-Service:
- **Ambulance 892**: In-service: Minor maintenance being completed.

## Training:

CAFR staff completed 125 hours of training last month covering various topics. Development of the 2021 department training program is ongoing. Lt. Voiles is now acting as our department training officer and is working closely with Interim Chief Doornbos to create productive, meaningful training that will support our department goals.

Members have started to sign up for off-site training for 2021. From Company Officer level classes to Instructor courses and specialties like Hazardous Materials Technician, these courses are in addition to what is required of the membership for yearly training. When selecting these courses, consideration is given to areas of our department that we have identified as needing more emphasis. 2021 will see a large jump in member capability and knowledge!

## ALS Updates:

It appears that the mid-summer start date for the paramedic class offered by Munson Healthcare is still on track. Further information will be given as that time nears.

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

No updates from M.A.B.A.S.

## Public Education:

Distanced outreach continues through our digital platforms like Facebook.

## Smoke Alarm Program:

Still on hold due to COVID-19



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## Fire-Wise Program:

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

## Summary:

Happy Holidays from the membership of our department! Calls for the month have continued the trends that developed throughout this year. Duty crews continue to deliver exceptional service and show great pride in what we do; CAFR is in a great place as a department right now!

The Interim Fire Chief transition is still moving along smoothly. Chief Comeaux continues to educate me on the duties he fulfilled as Chief, and his last official day as a consultant to the department will be January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Finally, Cedar Area Fire & Rescue in conjunction with the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center and the Michigan DNR will be hosting a wildland fire S-130 & S-190 course this spring. The course is open to all firefighters in the region and will greatly increase our abilities as wildland firefighters and allow us to be able to work more effectively with State and Federal resources should that become necessary during the fire season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew T. Doornbos  
Interim Fire Chief