



MONTHLY REPORT



FEBRUARY 2024

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Highlights From The Month

HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

SIMPLE STEPS FROM ROOF TO FOUNDATION TO MAKE A HOME SAFER FROM EMBERS AND RADIANT HEAT

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration
- Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating
- Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors - mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles - anything that can burn
- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches

VISIT [FIREWISE.ORG](https://www.firewise.org) FOR MORE DETAILS

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WILDFIRE TIPS FROM THE NFPA: RESEARCH AROUND HOME DESTRUCTION VS. HOME SURVIVAL IN WILDFIRES POINT TO EMBERS AND SMALL FLAMES AS THE MAIN WAY THAT THE MAJORITY OF HOMES IGNITE IN WILDFIRES. EMBERS ARE BURNING PIECES OF AIRBORNE WOOD AND/OR VEGETATION THAT CAN BE CARRIED MORE THAN A MILE BY THE WIND AND CAN CAUSE SPOT FIRES AND IGNITE HOMES, DEBRIS AND OTHER OBJECTS.

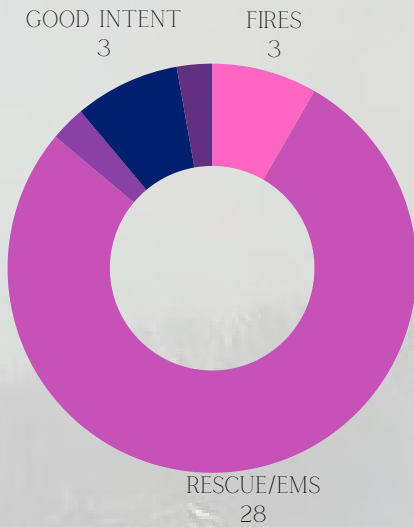
MEMBERS FROM CEDAR AND GLEN LAKE WERE JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LAND CONSERVANCY TO TOUR THE TRAIL SYSTEM ON WHEELER ROAD. THIS CONSISTED OF THE PALMER WOODS PRESERVE AND OTHER TRAILS IN THE AREA.



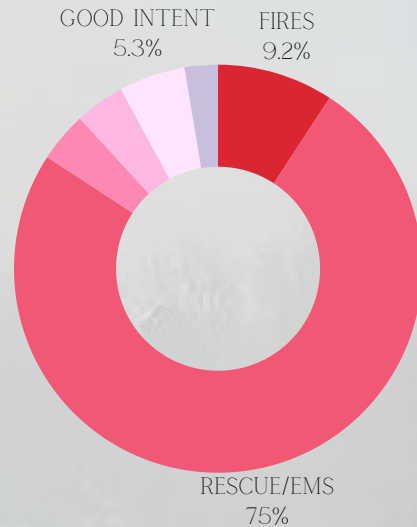
Monthly Statistics

36 Calls for Service in February

Monthly Breakdown

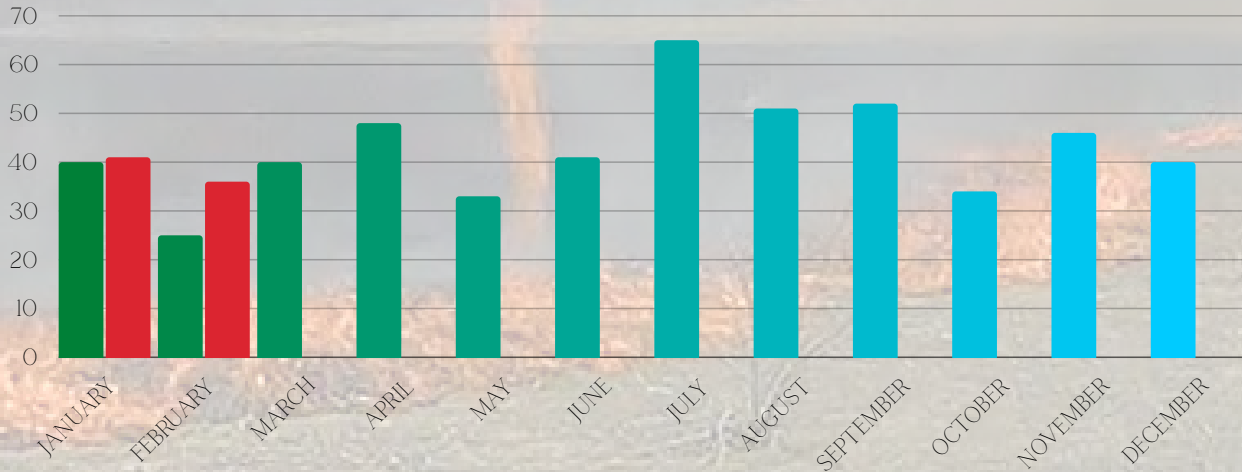


Yearly Totals



Annual Call Comparison

2023 - 2024

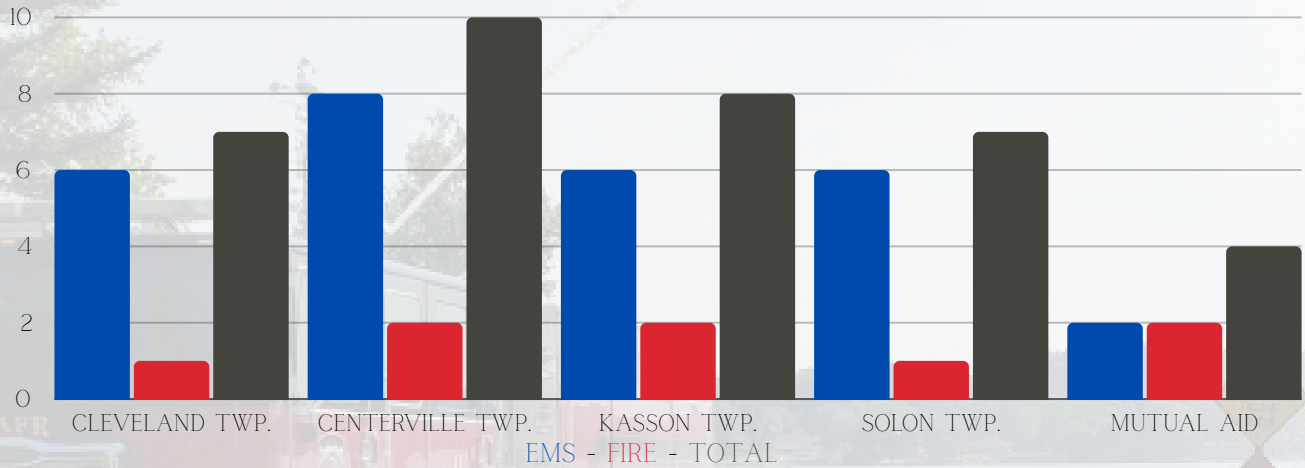


TOTAL CALLS FOR
SERVICE
YEAR-TO-DATE

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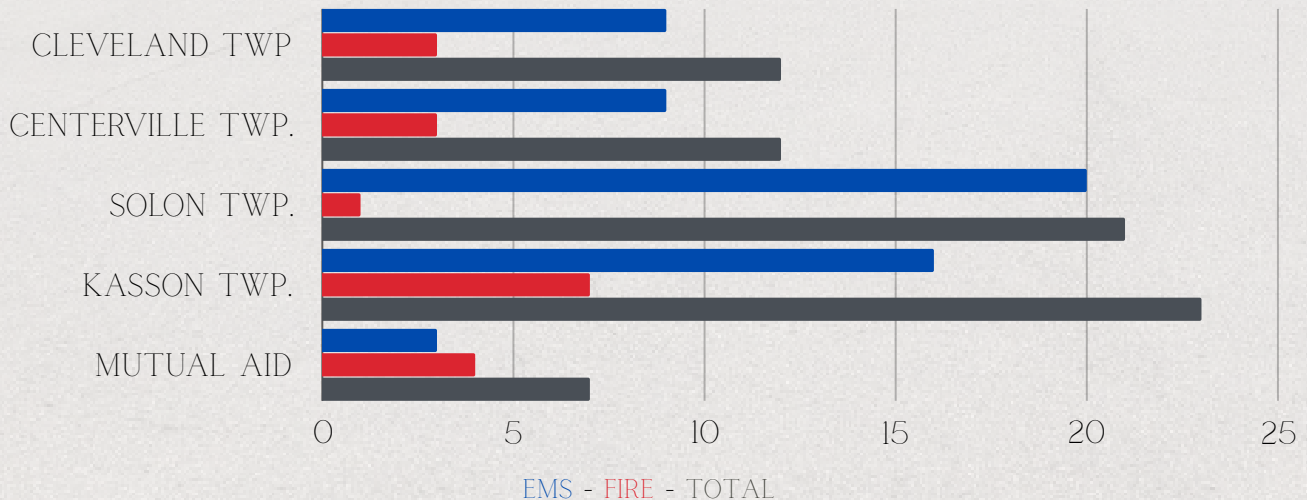
MONTHLY CALLS BY TOWNSHIP

Kasson finished the month leading our calls for service with 15 followed by Solon with 11. Cleveland and Centerville finished the month with 5 and 4. We also responded to 1 EMS type and 2 Fire type aid Incidents.



YEARLY CALLS BY TOWNSHIP

Kasson Township takes the lead in total calls for service in 2024. Solon is second, followed by Cleveland and Centerville. Incidents where we have given aid stand at 3 for the year.



APPARATUS HEALTH



Engine 811 - In Service with no reported issues.



Tanker 822 - In-Service with no Reported Issues



Brush 841 - In-Service with no Reported Issues



Kubota 882 - In-Service with no Reported Issues



Ambulance 891 - In-service with no reported issues



Ambulance 892 - In-Service with no Reported Issues

TRAINING

Our members completed 357 hours of training last month covering various topics. This also includes our new members probationary training requirements.

357 Hours of
Training

MABAS DIVISION 3701

No news for February.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Distanced education continues on our social media platforms. We are accepting requests for the FireWise property assessments to reduce the risk of wildland fires around homes. To take part in this free program contact:

Chief Doornbos - adoornbos@cedarareafirerescue.org
Firefighter Boomer - dboomer@cedarareafirerescue.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

OUR LIGHT WINTER SO FAR IS SETTING US UP FOR A BUSY SPRING. THE IRREGULAR SNOW FALL THIS YEAR IS ALLOWING THE GROUND TO BECOME MORE DRY THAN USUAL THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE ARE PREPARING FOR AN EARLY WILDFIRE SEASON THAT DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER COULD BE LONGER THAN USUAL. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF ANY OPEN BURNING AND CONSULT THE MICHIGAN DNR WEB PAGE FOR GUIDANCE ON BURNING - [HTTPS://WWW2.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BUR/ NPERMITS/](https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/bur/np/permits/).

ALSO WITH THE EARLY SPRING WEATHER WE ARE AGAIN GETTING FAMILIARIZED WITH OUR LOCAL WILDERNESS RECREATIONAL AREAS. WE JOINED WITH GLEN LAKE FIRE TO TRAIN ON THE NEW TRAIL MARKING SYSTEM THAT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AT THE WHEELER ROAD TRAIL SYSTEM. THIS TRAINING TOOK US ONTO THE TRAILS WITH OUR UTV'S TO ASSESS ACCESS AND EGRESS POINTS ALONG WITH LEARNING THE MARKING SYSTEM. THIS NEW SYSTEM WILL ALLOW US TO MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO THE INCIDENTS THAT WE GET ON THE TRAILS EACH YEAR.



WE ARE STILL ABLE TO PERFORM THE FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS AND WITH THE WAY SPRING IS LOOKING WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO COME OUT AND PREFORM THIS FREE SERVICE TO YOU. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A WILDFIRE ASSESSMENT PLEASE LET US KNOW!

BE SAFE!

Chief Doornbos