



Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

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Fire Chiefs Report – February 2021

DANGER!

Protect Yourself & Your Family from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Recognize the Signs and Symptoms of
Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning



Headache



Shortness
of breath



Chest pain



Nausea or
vomiting



Dizziness



Collapse



Loss of consciousness

Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

- Use portable generators outside the house and garage.
- Keep generators at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and vents.*
- Install a battery-operated or battery-backup CO detector in the hallway outside bedrooms.
- NEVER ignore a beeping CO alarm. Go outside and call 911 if the alarm sounds.

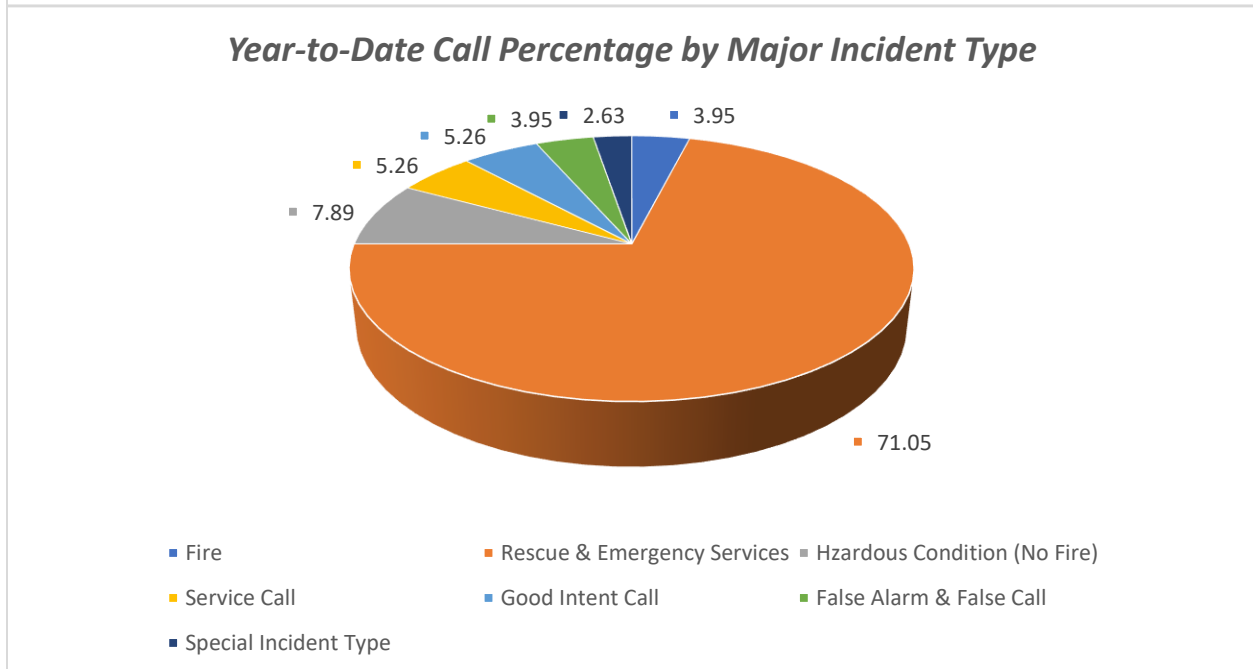
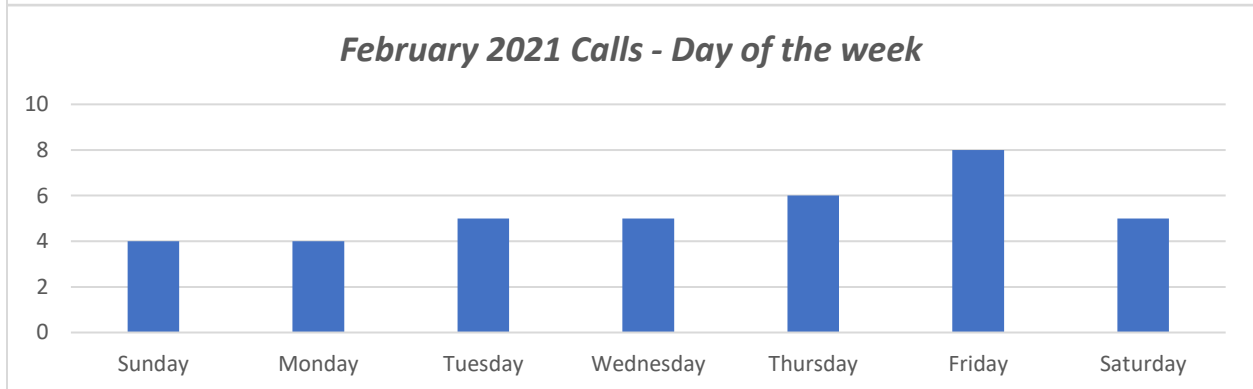
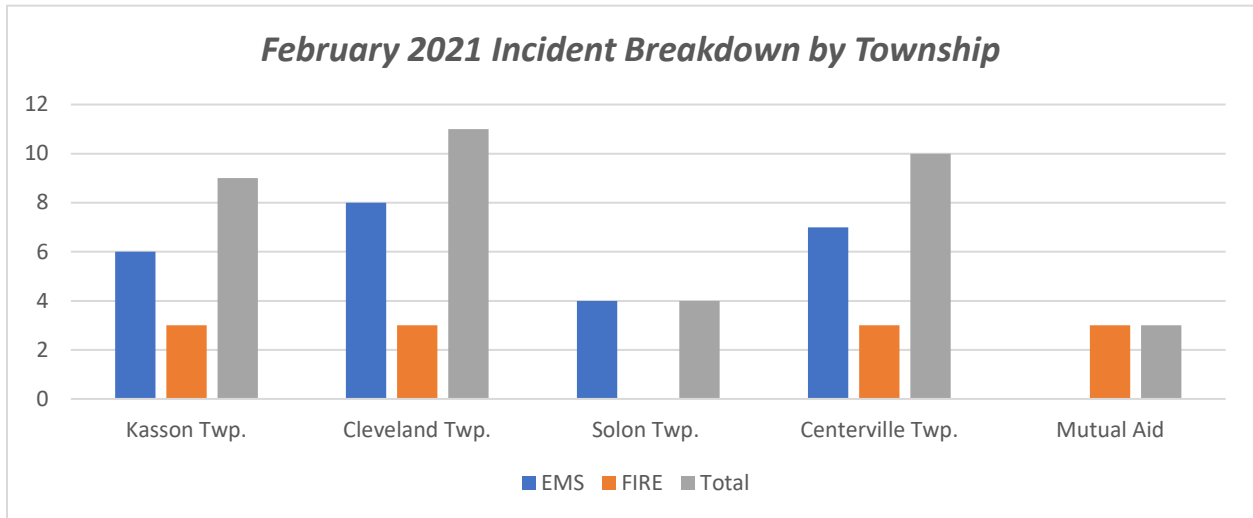
* Minimum distance recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Install and test carbon monoxide (CO) alarms at least once a month.

CO is called the "invisible killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

Statistics

37 Calls for Service in February



Department Operations

Apparatus:

- **Engine 811**: In-Service: Final outfitting and placement of equipment completed.
- **Tanker 822**: In-Service: Minor maintenance work being completed.
- **Brush 841**: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- **Kubota 882**: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- **Ambulance 891**: In-Service: Yearly Preventative Maintenance Completed
- **Ambulance 892**: In-service: Minor maintenance being completed.

Training:

CAFR staff completed 206 hours of training last month covering various topics. Members have started the coursework for the upcoming S-130 & S-190 course with the Michigan DNR.

This month Chief Doornbos started the Fire Service Staff & Command program through Eastern Michigan University. This executive fire officer program runs one week per month through October and includes fire service leaders from throughout Michigan.

ALS Updates:

It appears that the mid-summer start date for the paramedic class offered by Munson Healthcare is still on track. This program will be a combination of virtual learning and in-person skills training. Further information will be given as that time nears.

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

FF Boomer and Chief Doornbos have been tasked with development of a credentialing document that will be used statewide for municipal wildland fire resources.

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

February brought continued advancement of our 2021 goals. We started to complete preplans on our area target hazards which give us invaluable information should there be an incident at one of these facilities. Members responded with Glen Lake multiple times for reported fires at the Homestead which due to a prompt, professional response, did not result in major incident. We have seen an increase of Carbon Monoxide incidents lately. Please make sure you have working CO Alarms and do not be afraid to call us if you think there may be an issue with CO in your home. The final day of February was my official first day as your Fire Chief. I am now in the office fulltime working to bring the best possible service we can to our citizens. Please stop in and say hello, we would love to show you what we have been up to throughout the COVID pandemic and our plans for the future!

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew T. Doornbos
Chief of Department