



Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

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The Fire Chiefs Report - October 2020



FF Maus directing crews at a Farm Rescue Course.



FF Boomer shoring equipment at a Farm Rescue Course.



House fire in Leland

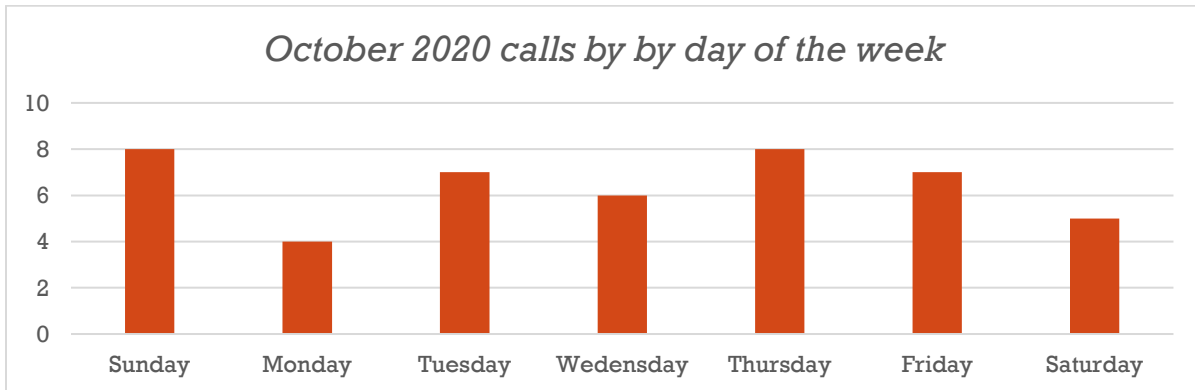
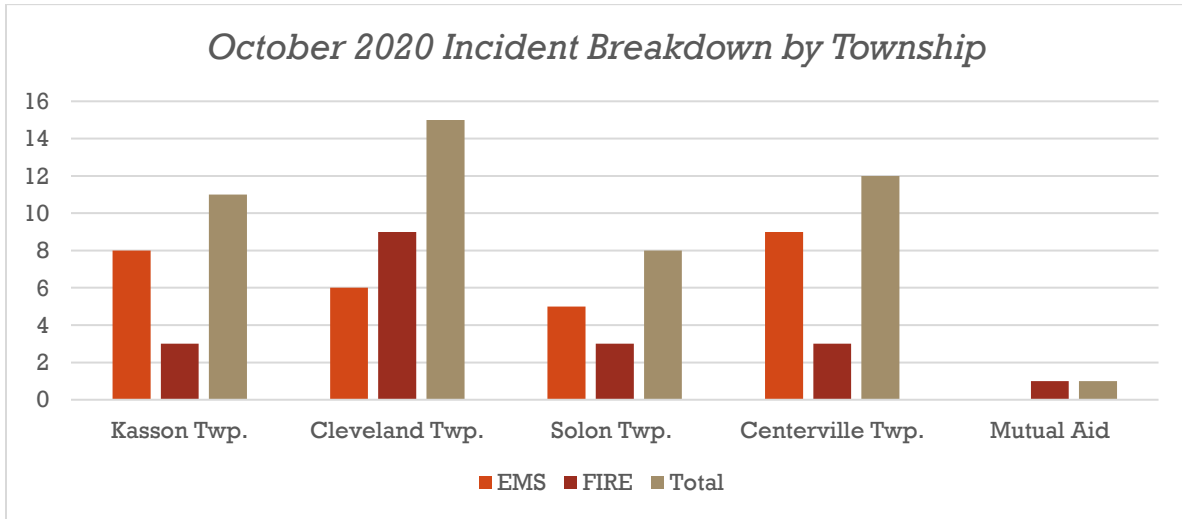


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Fire & EMS Statistics - 45 total calls for service in October



Overlapping Incidents:

There was one overlapping incident for October. The call was for a fire alarm that we were not able to respond to because the crew was still at the hospital after transporting a patient with general weakness. Leland Township Fire & Rescue responded and handled the alarm for us.



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Apparatus Information:

- **Engine 811:** In-Service
- **Tanker 822:** In-Service – Minor maintenance work being completed now that this apparatus does not have to function as our engine.
- **Brush 841:** In-Service
- **Kubota 882:** In-Service
- **Ambulance 891:** In-Service
- **Ambulance 892:** In-Service – The ambulance was retuned by Glen Lake after a stint there on loan due to their ambulance being out of service.

Training:

The full-time membership all attended an in-house training on the new engine provided by Halt Fire, the vendor that we purchased the Engine through. This training covered the entire apparatus and its pumping capabilities. Two members also attended a farm rescue course held at the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center in Traverse City. This course will provide our membership with the skills and knowledge necessary to handle incidents involving farm equipment, PTO's, augers, and material storage containers. Members also completed an additional 114 hours of training on various other topics throughout the month.

ALS Updates:

The agreement with Munson on the payment plan for the medic class has been finalized. Also, according to Munson staff the anticipated start date for the next paramedic class is July 2021.

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

At the last M.A.B.A.S. meeting intra-divisional boxes were discussed. This would change how we request resources from M.A.B.A.S. Division 3701 partner departments. This change will make it easier for the dispatchers to request resources from our division members and reduce the time it was taking for us to get those resources.



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Public Education:

We cannot do much in person public education due to COVID-19 but limited outreach continues through our digital platforms like Facebook.

Smoke Alarm Program:

Still on hold due to COVID-19

Fire-Wise Program:

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

Summary:

It was another busy month at C.A.F.R. despite the pandemic numbers beginning to creep up. The membership continues to provide our citizens with the highest levels of service.

Lastly, October brought the retirement of Fire Chief Chris Comeaux. Chief Comeaux's leadership has been the driving factor for the department's resurgence over the last three years. We as a department will continue to push each day to make Cedar Area Fire & Rescue better and to continue down the path Chief Comeaux set us on. I have been appointed by the C.A.F.R. board as the interim Fire Chief until the position is filled permanently. It is my goal to lead the department as Chief Comeaux did and to continue to uphold the standard the community has come to expect from their Fire Chief.

Respectfully Submitted 11/19/2020

Andrew Doornbos
Interim Fire Chief