

August 15, 2008

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 Asst Chief Flynn 1228
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 Robert Casey 1233
 Mike Lince 1238
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 Randy Agruda vm 1240
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Brian Bloom vm 1241
 Tony Posey vm 1242
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 Station One 3814
 Station Eight ****
 Station Nine 0299
 Station Eleven 7682

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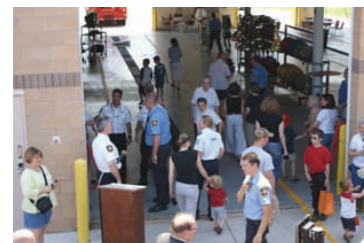
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Station 1 Dedication ...

On July 26th, the citizens of East Bay Township, Garfield Township, and Acme Township, along with our Fire Board members, and Metro Firefighters celebrated the opening of Metro's newest station not with a traditional "ribbon-cutting" ceremony but rather a "hose-uncoupling" ceremony. After a blessing was put on our new station by Chaplain Jude Younker, and a welcoming speech by Chief Pat Parker, our Fire Board members officially opened Station 1 by un-coupling fire hose.

(left: Chairman Lee Wilson-Garfield Twp Supervisor, Wayne Kladder-Acme Twp Supervisor, Glen Lile-East Bay Twp Supervisor, Fire Chief Parker)



New Firefighter hired ...

Rob Harvey is the next firefighter to join the full-time ranks of Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department. Rob was in the US Army from 1986 – 1989 and Michigan Army National Guard from 1989 – 1992. He started with Metro in June of 1990 and has held the ranks of Medical Director, Lieutenant, and Captain during his volunteer/part-paid career. Rob is a certified Rescue Diver, an Emergency Medical Technician Specialist currently working with North Flight EMS, he has his Firefighter I & II certification, Fire Officer III certification, as well as his Hazardous Materials Operations and Extrication credentials. Rob is also heading up our newest group of individuals known as "GT Metro Fire Dept–Honor Guards" and will be responsible for the training of these members for special events.

On his off time, he enjoys spending time with his two daughters, Danielle and Amanda. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Please congratulate Rob at Station 11 next time you see him.



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Operation Changes/Updates in Metro...

By Asst Chief Terry Flynn

Here are a few items for everyone to take note of from the Operations Division.

1. A Pre-Incident Survey is scheduled for August 19th at Traverse City Products on Hughes Drive. A reminder that all members must attend at least one Pre-Incident Survey per year.
2. **Schedule Change:** The required SCBA fit-testing/training on August 26th-29th will be postponed until September because the fit-testing equipment was out of service for a while.

3. Everyone is reminded that the following training events need to be completed by all members to remain on active status:
 - * Apparatus Driving
 - * Apparatus Pumping
 - * RIT/Mayday Training
 - * Hose Testing
 - * HazMat Annual Training
 - * SCBA Fit Testing/Training
 - * Airport Training (for those wishing to work station duty)
 - * Attend one Pre-Incident Survey
 - * One additional training event
 I will be reviewing each members training activity with their respective station officers.

4. Our department will now have our own All-Call pager tone that will aid all of our members in several different circumstances. They include:
 - * Any known smoke report or confirmed structure fire in Metro response area (shall be immediate Metro All-Call tone)
 - * Any two station Metro response to Multi-casualty incident (including PIA's)
 - * Severe weather alerts (snow or tornado)

- * Conditions when call volume swamps available station personnel.
- * Short notice trainings or cancellations of same.

Bring your pager in to get the new tones placed with Troy Holliday.

5. Central Dispatch has placed the NEW GT METRO radio frequency into their console and we hope to put in into service soon. We will be programming all radios with a new frequency list soon also.
6. The TCFD has offered some mutual training opportunities in late August at the Cherry Capital Airport involving school buses. We are invited but the dates are not finalized. Stay tuned.
7. Each Captain has been sent a website which offers on-line National Fire Academy courses. They are pretty good and can be done while working shifts at the stations or if you are just hanging out. Please try them.

Aug – Sept Training Topics

- Aug 19th – 1630 hrs**
Pre-Incident Survey –
Traverse City Products–501 Hughes Dr.
- Aug 20th – Search & Rescue**
(Sta. 11) House by GT Academy.
- Aug 21st – Station 1 training**
(If working shifts at Sta. 1, you need to get signed off on Truck 1 by now)
- Sept 3rd – Medical (Sta. 11)**
Disaster Planning (2L Oper)
- Sept 4th – Airport Training**
(CCA–TCFD HOT Drill)
Water supply with tankers. *If working shifts at Sta. 1 or 11 one of these 3 trainings are required.*
- Sept 8th – Medical (Sta. 8)**
Patient Assessment (1L)
- Sept 9th – Airport Training**
(CCA–TCFD HOT Drill)
Water supply with tankers.
- Sept 13th – Airport Training**
(CCA–TCFD HOT Drill)
Water supply with tankers.

Station Hose testing—members are required to attend at least one training at any Metro station.

Check website for additional trainings.

Message from the Chief...

Hello and Happy Summer to you all.

We have many things on the radar screen. The most important item is the creation of the fire authority. Our board has approved the draft language and it now goes before the townships for public hearings. If you are interested in the process the following dates are open for public comment: September 2nd Acme Township 7:00 pm, September 8th East Bay Township 6:30 pm, and Garfield Township September 11 7:00 pm. Once all three townships have approved the articles, the articles of organization will go to the Michigan Secretary State for her approval. We hope to be operating as an authority by the first of the year. We will operate the same as before, but with a 7 member board. This will also create a legal organizational structure. It will be called the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority. We will continue doing business as Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department.

We also will be presenting our 2009 budget at these public hearings with the exception of East Bay. The budget will be presented at their meeting on August 11th at 6:30. The main increase in the budget is inflationary and for staffing.

Other issues are station leases, fire ordinance increases, and the hiring of a risk reduction/public education specialist. We are currently working on a spec for a new engine for station 11. As time and money dictates, we will slowly change out door decals on trucks to the new logo.

We have some new elected officials and trustees on the township boards. We will be holding orientation meetings in the near future to showcase the department and the many positive things that we are doing. Lee Wilson has been on our board since its inception in 1980. Before that he was a firefighter with us. We wish him the best!

Until next time, be safe!

Pat

Training News ...

Upcoming Training: See schedule on page 2.

Training Exercises: A live car fire training was held at the end of July where we had the opportunity to extinguish 4 vehicles that were on fire. Firefighters drilled on response to car fires and arrived on scene of fires and were able to successfully extinguish a vehicle fire quickly without the use of a lot of water. Also, a training was held on vehicle extrication. Veteran Firefighters and new rookies trained with tools to extricate trapped patients quickly from a wrecked vehicle.



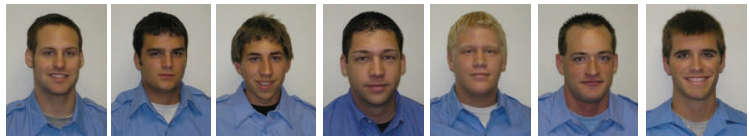
Call Statistics for 2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total	Percentage
Station 1	2	57	66	57	61	53	65	361	17.80%
Station 8	24	27	35	42	29	42	29	228	11.24%
Station 9	46	23	22	29	30	34	22	206	10.15%
Station 11	197	173	163	180	164	166	190	1233	60.79%

Total Incidents Jan–July: 2028 July = 306

New Members...

Yes, more new members. Please welcome our newest members to our department. Station 1: Curtis Walters, Shawn Stinson, and Daniel Watkins. Station 8: Elliott VanHorn.



Station 11: Cody Lipe, Anthony Brown, and Brandon Corbett. All of our new members are new to the fire service and will be attending fire school this fall. Cody and Anthony have already completed Firefighter I & II. Anthony comes to us from Elk Rapids Fire Dept. Fire School this fall will have a total of 8 new members representing Metro Fire and 12 members taking the MFR class starting in September. Please take time to introduce yourself and welcome them to the family.

Left to Right: Elliott VanHorn, Curtis Walters, Shawn Stinson, Dan Watkins, Cody Lipe, Anthony Brown, Brandon Corbett

E-Mail

Anyone interested in having their own name@gtmetrofire.org e-mail address, please contact Troy Holliday or Cory Ellis to have it set up.



New Helmets are making their way into our system. Metro will be ordering new helmets as needed and will be replacing current ones. Please be patient as all members will eventually receive a new Traditional Style helmet in the upcoming years.

Duty Schedule...

Just a reminder that August 16th the schedule will be posted. Please make sure you are e-mailing your requests to schedule@gtmetrofire.org to ensure it is arriving to the correct areas.

REMINDER:

Turn in your timesheets to your Captain if you want to get paid!

Your Metro Wellness Menu

There is much to be offered and much to choose from in the Traverse City and Metro area for health and fitness needs and services. Many of the local gym's, and wellness centers have group rates that are less than an individual membership, as well as catered rates to the local emergency service people. Yes, that includes all of you Grand Traverse Metro fire fighters and Emergency responders. Listed below are locations and rates that are being offered to all of the Metro fire fighters if you are looking for a specific fair, or maybe looking to try something different that you have been curious about. Many offer personal training options, group exercise classes (i.e. Spin, Pilates, Boot Camp etc...), as well as unique or specific training methods for activity or work related demands. Just show your ID at your facility of choice, and ask for more details.

Bella Group: 231 633-4156
 25% of all group exercise rates
 Spin, Yoga, Pilates, etc.
 Personal Training

Borgata Fitness Club: 231 946-1331
 \$150/yr group rate
 Weights and Cardio
 Personal Training

Nourish Wellness Center: 231 421-3401
 Discount by inquiry
 Nutrition Consulting

Centre Ice Fitness: 231 932-8340
 \$33 /mo membership
 \$30 with 5 person commitment
 \$40-8 pack drop in classes or equip.
 Classes, Cardio, Weights
 Personal Training

Fit For You: 231 922-7285
 \$20/mo(+\$25 process fee)
 \$15/mo(+\$25 process fee) 15 person min.
 Firefighter physical demand specific training
 Cardio, Weights, Nutrition

Anytime Fitness: 231 922-7700
 Hero Rate: Carrier FF only
 \$38.70/mo. Spouse Included
 * added key fee of \$29/person

Grand Travers Athletic Club:
 231 946-0220
 \$139/yr. Fitness; \$189 with classes
 \$250 with courts
 Cardio, Weights, Sauna
 Step, Boot Camp, Spin, Racquetball,
 Squash, Walleyball, Personal Training

Premier Health and Fitness: 231 995-0920
 \$19.50/mo. For 1 year membership
 Weights, Cardio, Pool*
 Class discount per request
 Martial Arts, Pilates, Spin, Step
 Sculpt, Personal Training

Seung-Ni Tea Kwon Do Academy 231 932-4300
 Discount by inquiry
 Tae Kwon Do, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Body Pump (Fitness Class)

Grand Traverse Resort: 231 534-6587
 Village Membership: Initiation Fee \$875
 Monthly Dues: \$105
 Includes for Spouse and Children under 23
 Tennis, Fitness and Cardio, Yoga, Aerobics, Lap Pool, Rec. Pool,
 Outdoor Pool, Services, Food, and More.... Just ask!

Come and join us for our
OPEN HOUSE
 at Station 11.

OPEN HOUSE

GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT • STATION 11
3000 ALBANY • JUST OFF VETERANS DRIVE NEXT TO VFW • GARFIELD TOWNSHIP



- ★ FREE PIG ROAST AND REFRESHMENTS!
- ★ MEET YOUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS
- ★ FUN FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
- ★ SMOKE TRAILER AND OBSTACLE COURSE
- ★ EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATION
- ★ FIRE STATION TOURS
- ★ CHILD PASSENGER SEAT CHECKS
- ★ COMMISSION ON AGING - FILE OF LIFE EMERGENCY CONTACT STATION

SEPT. 6, 2008 • 11:00AM - 3:00PM




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