

COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE



Matt Beauchamp

Fire Chief

2019

Annual Report

COMSTOCK FIRE & RESCUE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Comstock Fire & Rescue Department is to provide the most advanced fire & rescue service with the highest level of trained firefighters committed to deliver that service to our citizens with the utmost loyalty and compassion.



COMSTOCK FIRE & RESCUE MOTTO

Taking care of those who depend on us.



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April 1, 2020

2019 seen the largest in yearly calls for service by Comstock Fire & Rescue recording 2,197 incident responses. The department continues to partner with neighboring departments and community partners to provide a high level of service each day.

We strive to serve the residents of Comstock Township and our neighbors in Kalamazoo County with a combination of full time and part time personnel that staff our three fire stations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round. Thanks to the continued support from our township board and residents, we were able to add 3 full-time firefighters to our system in 2019. The department has a top-notch staff that works hard to provide the highest level of training, community risk reduction, fire prevention/public education and vehicle/equipment maintenance to ensure we can handle calls for service. We are truly a service-oriented department that is exploring ways to be a true community partner.

With the increase in full time staffing, training and community risk reduction efforts, we were able to lower the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating for the township's fire protection service from a 4 to a 3. The lower the rating the better. The rating refers to how much the department meets the prescribed preparedness criteria. This will, hopefully, allow for lower insurance premiums throughout the township.

Due to the diversified call types we see in and around our township, our personnel stay current by meeting or exceeding fire department related training for fire, hazardous materials, rescue and emergency medical services. The department was able to leap forward in the Capital Improvement Plan by receiving all new mobile and portable radios through a regional grant awarded from FEMA. This instantly modernized our communications ability on emergency scenes. The department continues to seek ways to keep training realistic by exploring opportunities in the township, at the regional training center on Nazareth Rd, throughout the state and beyond.

I want to thank the residents, business owners and the Comstock Township Board for their continued support to the fire department. The members of the Comstock Fire Department are residents as well, and we serve our neighbors with the highest level of training and care. We are exploring avenues of staying proactive with Community Risk Reduction opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

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2019 Operations

2019 Response Information

Total Runs for 2019	2,197
Average Runs Per Day	6
Average Response Time	4:31 (minutes)
Overlapping Incidents	232

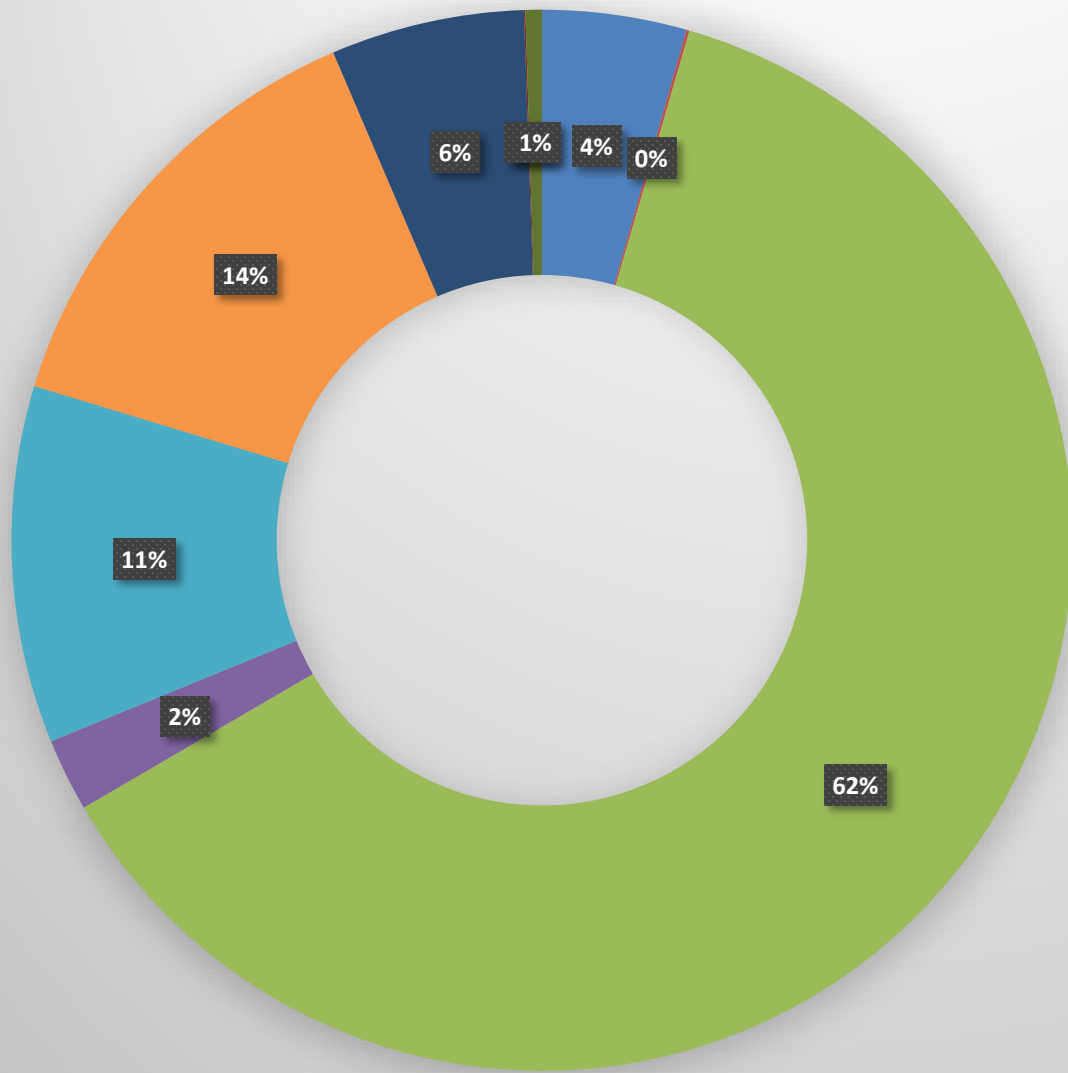
Aid To Other Departments

Kalamazoo Township	
Station #2	53
Station #3	240
City of Portage	35
Pavilion Township	7
Kalamazoo City	36
Galesburg / Charleston	12
Richland Township	6
Ross / Augusta	1
Cooper Township	5
South County	0
Oshtemo	2

Aid From Other Departments

Kalamazoo Township	101
Galesburg / Charleston	18
Kalamazoo City	22
City of Portage	4
Pavilion Township	4
Oshtemo Township	0
Richland Township	1
Parchment	0
Ross / Augusta	0
Cooper	1

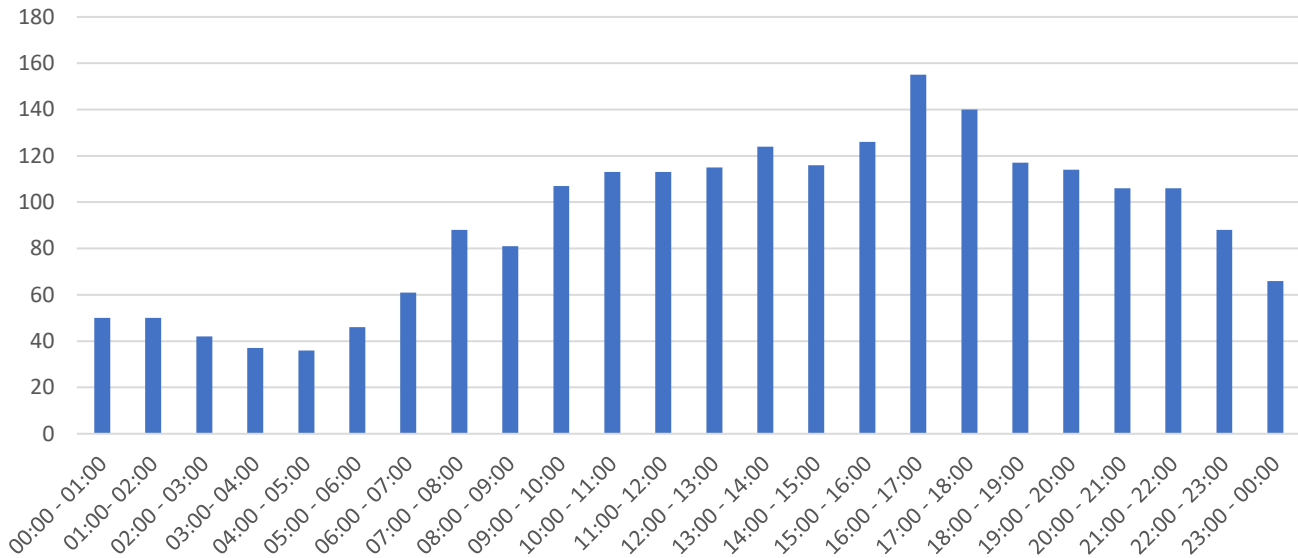
Basic Incident by Alarm Type 2019



- Fires - 97
- Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire) - 2
- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents - 1,370
- Hazardous Conditions (No Fire) - 49
- Service Calls - 240
- Good Intent Calls - 306
- False Alarms & False Calls- 130
- Severe Weather & Natural Disasters - 1
- Special Incident Types - 11

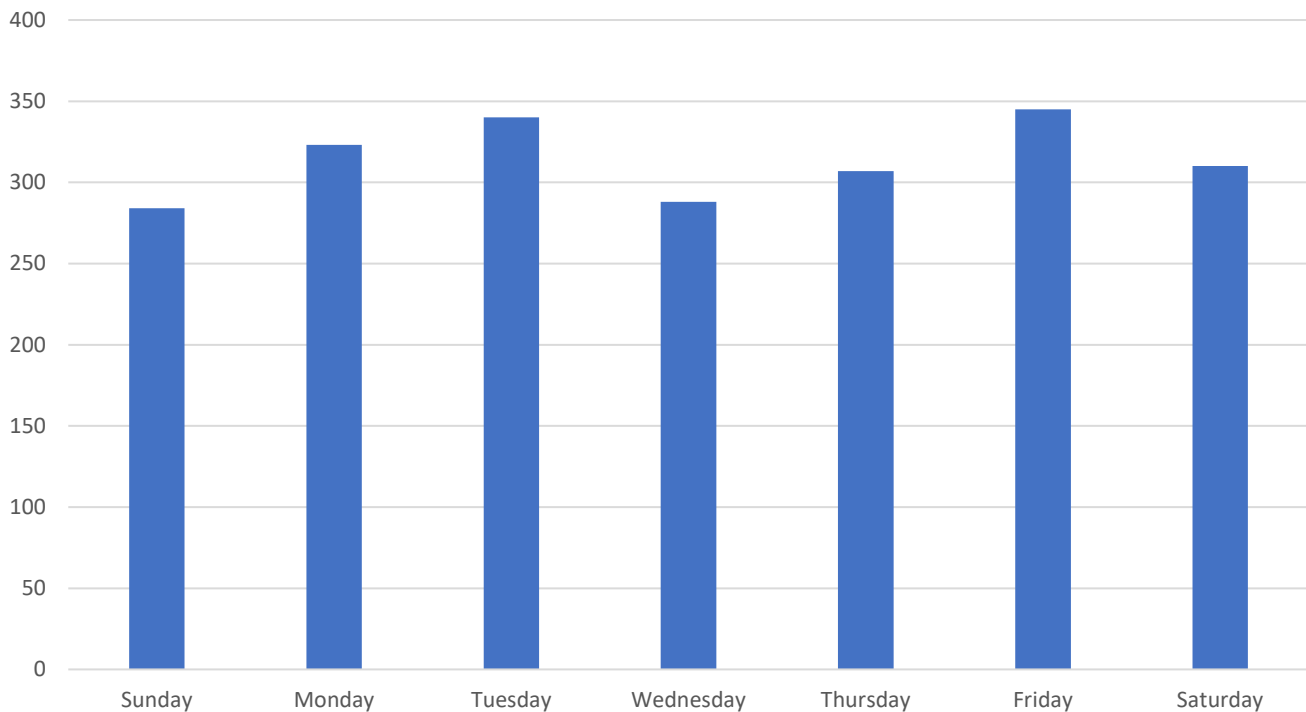
Response number by time of day

The average busiest hour of the day is 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Number of Responses by day of week

The busiest day of the week is Friday.



≡ Fire Station Information

Station 9-1 (Central)

1960 River St
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 345-2113

Built in 2009, Station 9-1 is the largest of the three stations. It was built in its current location, moving from the old station which was located near Merrill Park on Comstock Ave. The station features three large drive-thru apparatus bays. It is home to the pride of the fleet, a 1943 Seagrave fire engine. The station also contains the offices of the Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and Fleet Mechanics, as well as houses a large classroom which serves as the primary training location for firefighters. In addition to serving Comstock Township, this station covers all 9-1-1 requests for service in the Lakewood (Kalamazoo Township) area as well as provides mutual aid to Pavilion Township, the City of Portage, the City of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport.



Total Responses for 2019: 988

Station 9-2 (North)

5947 E H Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 349-5282

Built in 2014, Station 9-2 is the newest of the three stations. The station features three drive-thru apparatus bays and two additional traditional bays. In addition to serving Comstock Township, this station provides mutual aid to Eastwood (Kalamazoo Township), the City of Kalamazoo, Cooper Township and Richland Township.



Total Responses for 2019: 817

≡ Fire Station Information

Station 9-3 (East)

8700 E Michigan Ave
Galesburg, MI 49053
(269) 381-0804

Built in 2002, Station 9-3 is the oldest of the three stations. It was constructed in order to improve response times to Comstock residents and businesses located in the eastern portions of the township. It is also the smallest of the three stations, with only two drive-thru apparatus bays. This station also serves as the administrative office for the Comstock Township Department of Fire & Rescue. It contains the offices of the Fire Chief, the Fire Marshal and the Administrative Assistant. In addition to serving Comstock Township, this station provides mutual aid to neighboring Galesburg/Charleston Township and Augusta/Ross Township.



Total Responses for 2019: 386

Personnel:

The men and women of Comstock Fire & Rescue provide 24/7 essential fire suppression and investigation, education, rescue, and emergency medical services to nearly 15,000 residents and visitors, responding to nearly 2,300 requests for service each year. Our department consists of a full-time Fire Chief, Part-time Deputy Chief, Full-time Assistant Chief, Full-time Fire Marshal, Full-time Administrative Assistant, 9 Full-time firefighters, and 21 Paid on Call firefighters.



COMSTOCK FIRE & RESCUE

2019 SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GRANTS (Awards):

- \$244,834.00 - Regional Communications/Radio Grant
- \$34,339.50 - Fire House Subs grant to purchase 10 sets of PPE
- \$1,750.00 - United Way of Battle Creek & Kalamazoo Region Community Grant to purchase smoke alarms and reflective address signs

FIRE VEHICLES:

- Purchased 2019 Ford F-550 (New Rescue 951). This replaced 972 a grass/brush truck and Rescue 951)

TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS:

- 5,750 hours of department training including officer training.
- "2" The Rescue – Firefighter Emotional/Mental PTSD Training
- Chief Beauchamp graduated from the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program
- 6 personnel completed the Child Passenger Safety Tech certification class
- 4 personnel attended the Nozzle Forward Training
- 12 personnel attended the 2019 Winter Seminar training
- 7 personnel completed Blue Card Training
- 4 personnel attended the Pump Operations class in Oshtemo
- 9 personnel completed training and promoted to Apparatus Operators and were able to start taking Relief shifts to staff the stations.
- 1 personnel attended FDTN's Fire Officer development course
- 1 personnel graduated from the National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program
- 3 Probationary FF's graduated from Kalamazoo County MFR class

ADMINISTRATION:

- Hired 7 probationary firefighters
- Probationary FF Waterbury completed his probationary training
- Hosted 2nd Annual Blood Drive in memory of fallen Chief Ed Switalski
- Promoted 2 Lieutenants; R. Mack and M. Flick I
- 4 personnel retired.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCITON:

- Conducted 1st Car Seat Checkup Event
- Hosted 19th annual Kindergarten Fire Safety Open House in May @ 9-1
- Held our annual Fire Prevention Open House in October at 9-1
- Participated in the 2nd annual countywide "Keep the Wreath Green" campaign.
- 283 Pre-Incident Surveys completed
- Over 450 Fire Safety Inspections completed.
- Installed over 500 smoke alarms and 80 carbon monoxide alarms in 85 homes.
- Performed 27 car seat checks
- 16 CPR and First Aid classes were held in the community.



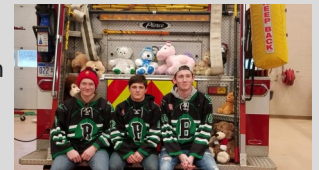
Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **January 14:** Working structure fire on Dosca St. this afternoon as the result of a cooking fire. All occupants were able to get out prior to FD arrival. The home had working smoke alarms. Assistance received on scene by Kalamazoo Township Fire and Portage MI Police & Fire. Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety and Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department back-filled our stations.



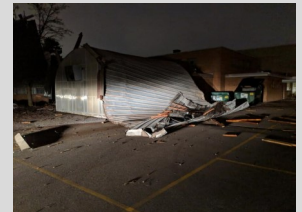
- ◆ **January 26:** First Car Seat Checkup Event was held at Station 9-1.

- ◆ **January 28:** Station 9-2 received a visit from Comstock members of the Southwest Michigan Blades Hockey Club. The team members donated teddy bears to the department from a recent teddy bear toss game. The bears will be given out to kids at accident scenes and other times of need. Thank you for this generous donation!



- ◆ **February 6:** Lt Doug McLiechey donated part of his liver to Captain Dale Beauchamp who was in liver failure. The surgery took place at University of Michigan Hospital. Both men made a complete recovery and were back to work after a few months of recovery.

- ◆ **February 24:** As a result of the high winds today, we responded to a report of the roof blown off at Forest Academy on Comstock Ave. Arrived to find part of the roof off the structure. No injuries were reported. The school was informed of the situation.



- ◆ **March 4:** CFD responded to a vehicle into a house this morning on S. 26th St near E. MN Ave. Arrived to find a vehicle had crashed into the home. The driver, single vehicle occupant, refused treatment on scene. No one was home at the time of incident. We secured the vehicle and electrical service to the home. A contractor is working on stabilizing and securing the home



- ◆ **March 12:** Badge pinning ceremony at Station 9-1 before training tonight for Firefighter Brendon Waterbury who completed his 1 year probie training. He put in a lot of hard work and dedication over the last year. Keep up the great work!



- ◆ **March 23:** Comstock was dispatched to a single vehicle accident around 8:00 p.m. this evening with non-life threatening injuries. Vehicle went over the guard rail at the edge of the river on King Highway just west of River St. Single lane closed while the wrecker service removes the vehicle

- ◆ **April 1:** Thank you Gift of Life Michigan for coming to our trainings last week to educate us and help us spread the word about organ, tissue and eye donation. We are very honored to help support this.





Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **April 8** – Comstock Fire was dispatched around 9:45 p.m. for a commercial structure fire in the 8500 block of East K Avenue. When firefighters arrived, flames were seen coming through the roof of the building, where investigators determined the fire started on the second floor. The business was located in a pole barn. When the building's trusses gave way, the roof collapsed, making it difficult to enter the building. Mutual Aid was given by Galesburg Fire Department and Kalamazoo Township Fire Department.
- ◆ **April 10** – WWMT's Will Haenni interviewed FF Flick on flood water awareness and rescue for their upcoming story on Storm Readiness which aired on April 20th.
- ◆ **April 12** – Crews were dispatched around 1:00 am for a Commercial Structure fire at J Huffman Transport on King Highway. The fire was contained to the middle section of the building. Mutual Aid was given by Galesburg, Kalamazoo Township and Portage Fire Departments.
- ◆ **May 17** - Comstock Fire welcomed all Comstock kindergarten classes to station 9-1 for a tour and several fire prevention activities. This wrapped up the fire prevention education that Fire Marshal Mike Kessler held in each of the kindergarten classes over the course of the school year. Pride Care also participated in this event.
- ◆ **May 17** – Engine 913 just pulled into River Oaks Park on M-96 to do a pre-incident survey when dispatched for a 12 year old stuck in a swing. The girl was wedged in a toddler swing and couldn't get herself out. It took several attempts by our firefighters to pull the swing off of her. We had to use the "jaws of life" aka bolt cutters to cut her down then remove the swing to free her.
- ◆ **May 31 – June 1** - Several on and off duty members of CFD assisted the Comstock Township Parks and Recreation in rebuilding the playground at the Celery Street Park today. Mother Nature also helped with providing the perfect day.
- ◆ **June 19** - The American Red Cross held a blood drive at our Station 9-1 in memory of Chief Ed Switalski.
- ◆ **June 20** – E. Michigan Ave (between Sprinkle Rd & River St) closed due to heavy rain that washed the road away.
- ◆ **June 22** - Comstock Fire participated in the [Gilmore Car Museum](#) Truck Show today. We brought our 1943 Seagrave to show off. Thank you FF's Overholser and Simsick for taking her out for a drive on this beautiful day.
- ◆ **June 26** – Comstock Fire was dispatched to a 2 vehicle accident on N. Sprinkle Rd north of E. Main Street. Both vehicles needed extrication to remove the patients.
- ◆ **June 24-27** - Lt. Michael Flick II attending FDTN's hands on fire officer development course this week in Indianapolis.





Significant Incidents/Activities

- ♦ **July 13** - Comstock Fire attended the "Neighborhood Park Day" at Fleetwood Park off Shadow-lane Ave today. Thank you FF Jackson and Lt. Flick II for showing our neighbors Engine 913 and Rescue 953 Comstock Township Parks and Recreation



- ♦ **July 15** - FF Rick Mack was promoted to Lieutenant. We held a badge pinning and swearing in ceremony at Station 9-1 before drill training.
- ♦ **July 20** - Comstock Fire & Rescue responded to a fatal motor vehicle crash early this morning. Single vehicle vs tree on E. MN Ave near S. 28th St. Vehicle split in two. Please be careful on the roadways. Condolences to those directly affected by this devastating loss. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.



- ♦ **August 1** - Comstock Fire responded to a pick up truck on fire around 1:55 pm today on the Sprinkle Rd off ramp of I-94 WB. No injuries reported and fire was extinguished without incident.

- ♦ **August 4** - Comstock Fire is proud to help out with the 25th annual Great Lakes Burn Camp Parade and Cookout this afternoon. FF Simsick escorted campers in a Engine 921 and FF Wright escorted campers in Rescue 953. Captain Watson and Captain Thompson helped with the Cookout. It was a great afternoon.



- ♦ **August 12** - FF Mike Flick was promoted to Lieutenant. We had a "Badge Pinning and Swearing In" Ceremony before Drill at McDonald's Towing for Extrication Training.

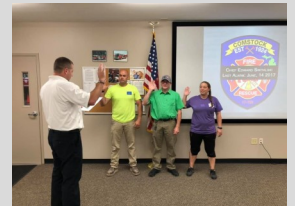


- ♦ **August 12 - 13** - Extrication Training at McDonald's Towing.

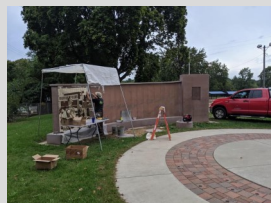
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- ♦ **October 2 - 9** - Work continues at the Firefighters Memorial Site on Comstock Ave. Fence Row Studio's is finishing up the Mosaic Tile Memorial Wall





Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **October 12** – Fire Prevention Open House held at Station 9-1. We had a great time teaching fire safety concepts and we had a live vehicle extrication demonstration. Don't forget "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" Also remember to sleep with your bedroom door closed. It could save your life in the event of a house fire.
- ◆ **October 24** - CFD responded to a vehicle into the building located at 5010 Gull Rd last night around 9:00 p.m. No injuries reported. Natural gas leak had to be mitigated. We secured the main gas line and ventilated the structure.
- ◆ **November 9th – 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff** held at Homer Stryker Field (Home of the Kalamazoo Growlers). Hosted again by Kalamazoo Mortgage. Proceeds went towards the Comstock Township Firefighters Memorial Fund.
- ◆ **Nov 29th – Dec 31st** - Comstock Fire is once again participating in "Keep The Wreath Green" Campaign, a national program that many of the Kalamazoo County Fire Department's are participating in by hanging a wreath with green Christmas lights at their Fire Stations. Starting on Thanksgiving and running through midnight New Year's Day every time a participating Department responds to a structure fire they replace a green light with a red light. There is one white light that represents a fallen firefighter.
- ◆ **December 7** - Comstock was dispatched to a house fire on Worden Ave.
- ◆ **December 9** - Congratulations to all of the graduates of the Kalamazoo County MFR class of 2019, in particular, our Probationary FF's: Evan McGruder, Eric Johnson, and Jonathan Niernberg.
- ◆ **December 13** - The American Red Cross held a blood drive at Station 9-1.
- ◆ **December 20** - Years of service recognition for Lt Mike Flick I and Lt Michael Flick II both 5 years. Congratulations to both and thank you for the dedication to the department & the community!
- ◆ **January 15, 2020** - Our 2019 Years of Service Recognition continued last night at Training for FF Erin Jackson - 5 years, FF Nathan Smeltzer - 10 years and FF Dave Cook - 15 years. Congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication to the department & the community! Also, thank you to their families for joining us in this recognition and supporting them in their careers at Comstock Fire.





Community Risk Reduction

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Capt. Kevin Thompson

Community Risk Reduction (often referred to as “CRR”) is defined as a process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by the strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact. When properly applied, CRR coordinates emergency operations with prevention and mitigation efforts throughout both the community and at the fire station level. The fire service has a long standing tradition of being the first people that our residents call when they have an emergency. The idea of Community Risk Reduction is to go beyond that call and attempt to keep the emergency from ever happening, or to minimize the negative outcome of it. This in turn creates a much safer community for all residents and visitors.

The Comstock Fire Department has embraced this idea of prevention for many years. Our Fire Marshal has been very active in the schools and community with education on prevention of fires. The department has even responded to incidents where young children alerted other residents to a fire in the home and helped them exit the building safely. This is one example where the outcome could have been completely different if it was not for the education given during one of the fire prevention activities offered by the Fire Marshal.

Our department’s motto is “Taking Care Of Those Who Depend On Us”, and the implementation of a robust Community Risk Reduction plan helps to reinforce the idea that we are truly living up to our communities expectations. Through continued trainings on the topic of risk reduction and vigilance while in the community we hope to make our township as safe as possible. Some of the changes could be small, for example noticing a trip hazard in a hallway of a home. But those changes could also be as large as a neighborhood wide drive to ensure every home has working smoke alarms. With both examples we are reducing the risk to both ourselves as firefighters, and to the residents of the township.



Community Risk Reduction

Fire Marshal/Lt. Mike Kessler

Fire Safety Inspections



The main goal of a Fire Safety Inspection is to promote and encourage a community safe from fire. A second goal is to improve community relationships between the fire department and the business community through professional, kind, and courteous interactions outside of a typical emergency situation.

Fire inspections help identify any potential problems of fire hazards. This way they can be corrected and people can be educated on how to identify them as well as how to respond. Sometimes property owners get lax about maintenance but regular fire inspections help ensure that the owners ensure that the building stays compliant.

In Comstock Township, over 450 Fire Safety Inspections were completed in 2019. Comstock businesses are very willing to have the inspection and correct any deficiency that they may have. The owners and managers understand that it is very important to make their business a safe place for the employees and customers that are in their buildings.

Fire Prevention Education in Schools



Comstock Fire is in its 19th year presenting the *Safe at Home* program in the Comstock Elementary Schools which includes 700 students in three different buildings. This program is a fire safety education curriculum developed by the State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Michigan Public Fire Safety Education Committee. This program focuses on fire safety in the home – for everyone in the home.

Safe at Home addresses basic fire safety messages from pre-kindergarten through 4th grade. CFD conducted the classes at Comstock North Elementary, Comstock Green Meadow Elementary, and Comstock STEM Academy. The program is a 1/2 hour session held once a month throughout the entire school year. The curriculum includes "Fire Fighters are My Friends", "Reporting an Emergency 9-1-1", "What is Fire?", and other fire safety messages.

Station Tours



As part of the *Safe at Home* Program 150 Comstock Kindergarteners came to Station 9-1 and participated in activities such as a tour of the fire trucks and spraying water at a mock house fire. They also went through the Fire Prevention trailer to view a movie, escaped from a simulated smoke filled house and then proceeded to call 911 after their escape. Pride Care Ambulance participated by explaining the equipment within the ambulance and demonstrating the use of a collar and backboard by having the students take turns using the equipment.



Community Risk Reduction

CPR Training



About 92 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital, but statistics prove that if more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved. Immediate CPR can double, or even triple, a victim's chance of survival. This program will teach participants critical skills and knowledge needed to perform CPR and use an AED in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest and manage an emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services (EMS) take over. Comstock Fire has also added two more CPR instructors to our roster of 9 instructors to 11.

16 CPR and First Aid classes were conducted for:

- 80 Comstock High school students
- 12 Comstock School Coaches and Staff
- 10 Comstock School Bus Drivers
- 30 Comstock Business Employees



CPR Training

Fire Prevention Week – Open House



Our Fire Station Open House was held at Station 9-1 and was very successful. We were able to provide over 100 people with important information on fire safety and fire prevention. The children that attended the Open Houses were very excited to see the fire trucks, meet the firemen, and receive all the goodies that were available. The open house had a special visit from Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, Smoky the Bear, and Freddy the fire truck. The department held an extraction demonstration where a car was cut apart to show how we would remove a victim from a car accident.



Community Risk Reduction

Smoke Alarms Installed



The Comstock Fire Department continues to see many homes in which smoke alarms were removed or are not operating. All homes need working smoke alarms. The fire department recommends that one alarm be placed on each floor of your home and one in each bedroom and/or sleeping area. CFD believes smoke alarms are a key factor in preventing fire-related deaths.

Through our Smoke Alarm Program, Comstock Fire has installed 500 smoke alarms, and 80 carbon monoxide alarms in 85 homes, and each home receives a smoke alarm safety survey. This survey has shown that 91% of the homes in Comstock Township had an inadequate number of working smoke alarms, as a result 6 smoke alarms on average were installed per home. 98% of the homes did not have a carbon monoxide alarm, as a result each home received a carbon monoxide. Smoking is the leading know cause of residential fire fatalities in Michigan. 96% of the homes with a smoking had no working smoke alarms.

Install the smoke alarms also gave the fire department personal to educate the homes owners on the importance of a fire escape plan and sleeping with the bedroom door closed. We were also able to point out the fire hazards in the home and how to correct the problem.

Reflective Address Signs



With the help of the Comstock United Way Comstock fire personal has been able to purses the green address for home owners. By having address number on the home CFD will be able to respond to the needs of the residence quicker because of less confusion. When a home owner request an address sign CFD person will install it free of charge.

Car Seat Safety



Comstock fire now has 6 child passenger safety technicians who are car seat experts that have taken a 40-hour class with curriculum written by NHTSA in collaboration with National CPS Board and Safe Kids Worldwide. During the class they have learned the ins and outs of car seats, installation options, vehicle differences, harnessing procedures and more.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury for all children. Child restraints, or car seats, reduce the risk of injury by 71% to 82% and reduce the risk of death by 28% in comparison to children in **seat** belts alone.

Research has shown that using age- and size-appropriate child restraints (car seats, booster seats, and seat belts) is the best way to save lives and reduce injuries in a crash. ... Only 2 out of every 100 children live in states that require car seat or booster seat use for children age 8 and under.

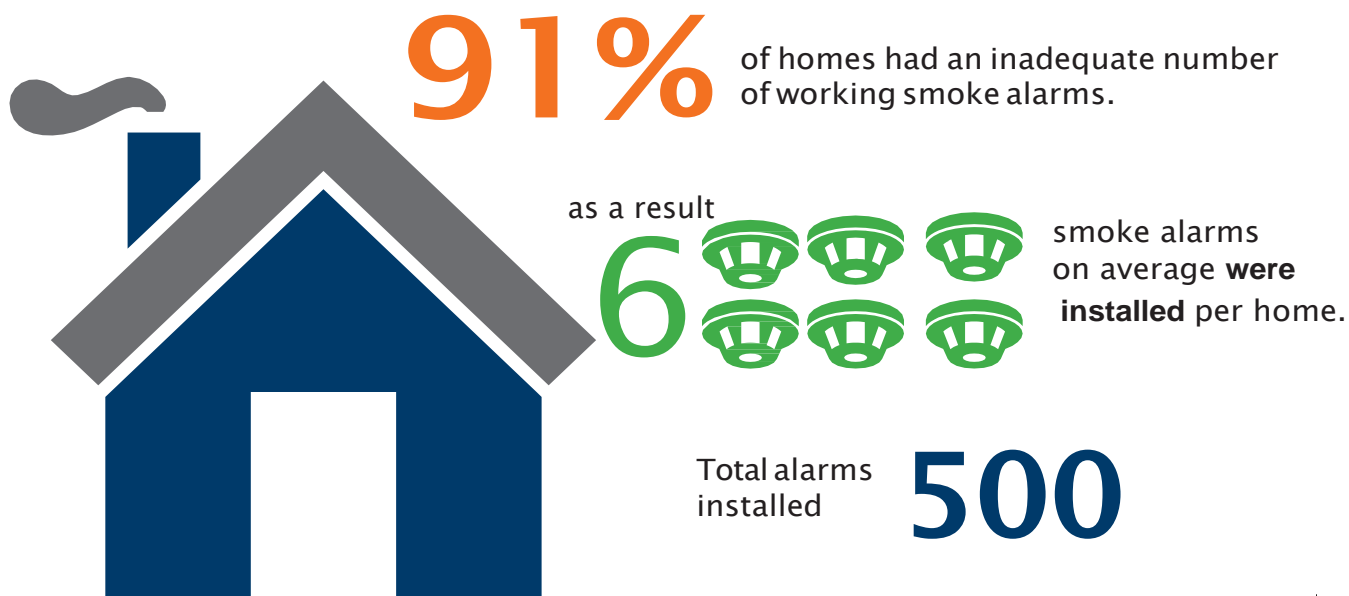
The department has started to the car safety checks in August of 2019, the seat checks On done on the second Friday and forth Saturday of the month. Each technician spends about 45 minutes with the care giver teaching how to install the seat correctly.

In 2019 CFD has done a total of 27 seat checks and have given away 20 seats.




SMOKE ALARM SAFETY SURVEYS BY THE NUMBERS


85 home safety surveys were conducted in Comstock Township and found...



FACT  **SMOKING** is the leading known cause of residential fire fatalities in Michigan.

 **15** of surveyed homes had at least one smoker.

96% of homes with a smoker **had an** inadequate number of working smoke alarms.

FACT  **DISABLED PEOPLE** have a higher risk of dying in a residential fire.

 **5** of surveyed homes had a **physically or mentally disabled person**.

85% of homes with a disabled person **had an** inadequate number of working smoke alarms.

WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES



Install a smoke alarms on **EVERY LEVEL** and in **EVERY BEDROOM** of your home.



Test each smoke alarm **EVERY MONTH**.



Change batteries every **SIX MONTHS** and replace smoke alarms every **TEN YEARS**.

2019 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Training Officer/Captain Kevin Thompson

In 2019, the Training Division continued to provide the highest level of training for our personnel by staying current while the modern fire service is evolving. MIOSHA training and Medical continuing education requirements were met as well as department required training topics which allow our personnel to meet professional qualifications. This also helps with our ISO rating which was given great initial reviews after meeting with the auditor on our training.

Some of the highlights of 2019 were;

- ◆ 5,750 Hours of documented training
- ◆ 4 additional new hires began the probationary requirements
 - 2 attended Medical First Responder (MFR)
- ◆ 2 The Rescue department wide training to support Firefighter Emotional/Mental PTSD training
- ◆ 4 personnel attended Pump Operator Academy in Oshtemo
- ◆ 9 personnel completed apparatus operator/relief training
- ◆ Department wide water supply training with Pavilion Twp. Fire Dept.
- ◆ Heavy/Large vehicle extrication training at McDonald's Towing
- ◆ Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) recertification training
- ◆ Several Hands-On topics at Richland training house, including joint training with Richland/Cooper
- ◆ Several Hands-On topics at the Training Tower Complex on Nazareth Rd. including live burns
- ◆ 4 personnel attended the Nozzle Forward Training.
- ◆ 1 personnel attended the FDTN Fire Officer Development Course in Indianapolis, IN
- ◆ 6 personnel completed the Child Passenger Safety Technician class and are all certified techs
- ◆ HelpNet – Counseling services
- ◆ 12 personnel attended the 2019 Winter Seminar with instructor Aaron Fields on the topic of line officer development
- ◆ 6 personnel completed Blue Card Incident Command Training (50 hours each)
- ◆ 1 personnel attended a two-week class at the National Fire Academy for the 4-year Executive Fire Officer Program
- ◆ 1 personnel attended a two-week class at the National Fire Academy for the 2-year Managing Officer Program
- ◆ Continue to have monthly Officer's meeting/training
- ◆ Added additional EMS continuing education training opportunities

2019 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



Vehicle Extrication Training 8/12/2019
At McDonald's Towing



Lt. Flick II attended FDTN Fire Officer
Development Course
June 2019



Chief Beauchamp graduated from the Executive Fire Officer Program at
the National Fire Academy
November 2019

Comstock Fire Department – 2019 Training Schedule

Dates	Topic	Mandatory	Elective Credits	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
Jan. 7/8	Extra EMS (LVA Device)				Cook
Jan. 14/15	CPR/AED (Q1 I-Gel)	Yes		Airway	
Jan. 22	Officer's Meeting				
Jan. 28/29	Ice Rescue		Ice Rescue		Flick 1/2
Feb. 5/6	Extra EMS				Cook
Feb. 11/12	HazMat	Yes		Operations	
Feb. 19	Officer's Meeting				
Feb. 25/26	Fire Behavior/TIC	Yes			
Mar. 5	Officer's Meeting				
Mar. 11/12	Career Survival				2 The Rescue
Mar. 18/19	Extra EMS				Cook
Mar. 25/26	Wildland (953/985) w/GCFD		Wildland		
April 8/9	Standpipe Kit/FDC		Standpipe		
April 16	Officer's Meeting				
April 22/23	Size-Up/IRR		Size-Up		
April 29/30	A/O Training – Hydrant Opt. #1				Dyer
May 6/7	Live Fire (Tower)		Fire Streams		
May 13/14	A/O Training – Hydrant Opt. #2				Dyer
May 20/21	Hose Advancement w/KDPS (Tower)		Live Burn		
May 28	Officer's Meeting				
June 3/4	CPR/AED	Yes		Medical	
June 10/11	A/O Training – Driving Opt. #1				Dyer
June 17/18	Forcible Entry (TTL) (Q2 I-Gel)		FE		
June 25	Officer's Meeting				
July 1/2	Foam/Utilities		Foam		
July 9	Officer's Meeting				

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Comstock Fire Department – 2019 Training Schedule

Dates	Topic	Mandatory	Elective Credits	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
July 15/16	RIC (Sim City)	Yes			
July 22/23	A/O Training – Driving Opt. #2				Dyer
July 29/30	Sports Injuries (Q3 I-Gel)			Trauma/Assess	
Aug. 5/6	A/O Training – Drafting Opt. #1				Dyer
Aug. 12/13	Extrication	Yes			
Aug. 20	Officer's Meeting				
Aug. 26/27	Search & Rescue/VES	Yes			
Sept. 2/3	A/O Training – Drafting Opt. #2				Dyer
Sept. 9/10	Flashover		Live Burn		
Sept. 17	Officer's Meeting				
Sept. 23/24	FF Survival (Sim City)	Yes			
Oct. 7/8	Fire Investigation				
Oct. 14/15	Extra EMS				Cook
Oct. 21/22	HazMat	Yes			
Oct. 29	Officer's Meeting				
Nov. 4/5	Bldg. Tour				905
Nov. 12	Officer's Meeting				
Nov. 18/19	Bldg. Construction	Yes			
Nov. 25/26	Extra EMS				Cook
Dec. 2/3	Pediatric EMS (Q4 I-Gel)			Peds	
Dec. 10	Officer's Meeting (Yrs. Of Service)				
Dec. 16/17	MIOSHA	Yes			

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PRIDE CARE Ambulance

Response Time Compliance Report 2019



Comstock Twp 2019 Response Time Compliance Report

MONTH	# OF Calls	# Late Calls	Compliance %
January 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	63	6	90.0%
Priority 2 - 14 min	19	1	95.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	61	0	100.0%
Total	143		
February 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	54	6	89.0%
Priority 2 - 14 min	18	2	89.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	47	1	98.0%
Total	119		
March 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	54	3	94.0%
Priority 2 - 14 min	22	1	95.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	55	0	100.0%
Total	131		
April 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	55	6	89.0%
Priority 2 - 14 min	23	0	100.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	43	0	100.0%
Total	121		
May 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	64	5	92.2%
Priority 2 - 14 min	34	0	100.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	54	1	98.1%
Total	152		
June 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	64	3	95.3%
Priority 2 - 14 min	34	1	97.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	45	0	100.0%
Total	143		

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MONTH	# OF Calls	# Late Calls	Compliance %
July 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	62	7	88.7%
Priority 2 - 14 min	32	1	96.9%
Priority 3 - 20 min	59	0	100.0%
Total	153		
August 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	61	7	88.5%
Priority 2 - 14 min	31	2	93.5%
Priority 3 - 20 min	50	0	100.0%
Total	142		
September 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	57	7	87.7%
Priority 2 - 14 min	17	3	93.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	50	0	100.0%
Total	124		
October 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	54	10	81.5%
Priority 2 - 14 min	20	2	90.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	55	0	100.0%
Total	129		
November 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	53	8	84.9%
Priority 2 - 14 min	33	2	93.9%
Priority 3 - 20 min	51	0	100.0%
Total	137		
December 2019			
Priority 1 - 10 min	61	3	95.1%
Priority 2 - 14 min	27	0	100.0%
Priority 3 - 20 min	50	0	100.0%
Total	138		

Total Calls = 1632

Overall compliance w/ Protocol for Pri 1 = 89.7%