

COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



PRESENTED BY
MATT BEAUCHAMP
FIRE CHIEF

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.



Celebrating 100 Years of Service



Our History

The Comstock Fire Department traces its history back to 1924. At that time, there were no paid staff and not even any firetrucks—just a few dedicated volunteers manning a bucket brigade, and later a wheel-driven cart. It soon became evident, however, that more fire protection was needed for the community. In 1928, funds were raised to establish a fire protection association. Those funds were used to acquire both a Model T truck and an old, used fire truck, which the men put together to make the department's first working fire engine. The association also elected its first fire chief.

The department gradually upgraded its equipment over the next two decades to meet the growing needs of the community. The second fire engine was a Packard Paddy Wagon that was outfitted for service. Later, the department purchased its first "true" fire truck, a 1934 Chevy with two 30-gallon soda acid tanks on the back. This truck, nicknamed "Daisy June" by the community, was later outfitted with a 500-gallon tank for added pressure. In 1943, the department purchased its first brand-new fire truck, a Seagrave "No. 43." Although no longer in service, this truck is still owned by the department today.

In the late 40s, two separate fire districts were established, and more volunteers joined the department to meet the ever-growing needs of the community. The township board also required office space, leading to the construction of a joint township hall & fire station near the corner of River St. and Comstock Ave in 1951. Though the township hall eventually moved to a new location on King Hwy, Central Station would be here for almost 60 years; the Comstock Township Firefighters' Memorial now occupies the site where it once stood. "Daisy June" and the Seagrave No. 43 were the first fire trucks housed at the station.

Due to the growth of the township and the need for more fire protection, a second fire station with two truck bays was built in 1961 at the corner of East H Avenue and N 26th Street. The first trucks stationed here were a 1961 Ford 500 G.P.M. pumper and a Seagrave No. 42. Two more bays were added in 1971. In 2001, we added our third fire station at 8700 E Michigan. Station 9-3, previously known as "East Station," remains in service to this day and also contains the administrative offices for the department. The current Station 9-1, previously known as "Central Station", located one mile south of the original 1951 Central Station, was built in 2009. During the summer of 2014, the 1961 "North Station", now known as Station 9-2, was demolished and rebuilt at the same location. During construction, the station was temporarily relocated to the Church of God on East H Avenue.

On January 9, 2015, Comstock Fire & Rescue responded with many other area departments and agencies to Interstate 94 for what ended up being a 193-vehicle pileup that shut down the interstate for over 2 days. In February of 2017, the Insurance Services Office completed a formal review of Comstock Township and improved its Public Protection Classification. With the change in classification, Comstock became one of the top 233 fire departments in the State of Michigan (out of almost 2,000) in terms of fire protection and its potential cost savings for residents and businesses located within the township.

On June 14, 2017, Fire Chief Ed Switalski was struck and killed by a vehicle while working the scene of a vehicle slide off. This was the first line-of-duty death for Comstock Fire & Rescue since its inception in 1924.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMSTOCK

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March 2025

Comstock Fire & Rescue responded to 2,380 incidents in 2024, reflecting a 3% increase from the previous year. Our commitment to serving the residents of Comstock Township remains unwavering, with operations running 24/7 from three fire stations. Each station is staffed by two personnel around the clock, ensuring rapid response to emergencies. This is made possible through the dedication of our full-time and part-time personnel, who continue to uphold the highest standards of service.

This year was particularly special as we celebrated 100 years of service to the community. Since our founding in 1924, Comstock Fire & Rescue has been committed to protecting lives and property with courage, dedication, and professionalism. This milestone is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our firefighters – past and present – who have selflessly served our township through a century of change and progress.

We continue to emphasize training, safety, and operational readiness. Our firefighters logged over 8,600 hours of training to uphold the highest skill levels in fire suppression, hazardous materials response, emergency medicine, and technical rescue operations. This year, we made significant investments in equipment, infrastructure, and personnel development, ensuring we are well-prepared to meet the growing needs of Comstock Township.

Community engagement and collaboration continue to be central to our mission. Through fire prevention education, CPR training, and public safety initiatives, we have worked alongside residents, schools, and businesses to make our township safer. Additionally, with grant funding and strategic planning, we have improved resources for both firefighters and the public, including the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for residents in need.

As we enter 2025, we remain dedicated to excellence, innovation, and ongoing improvement. Plans for the new Fire Station 9-3 are underway, and we are excited to introduce a state-of-the-art aerial ladder truck in the first quarter of 2026, enhancing our capabilities as the township continues to grow.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the residents, business owners, and the Comstock Township Board for their continued support of our fire department. The members of Comstock Fire & Rescue are more than just first responders—we are neighbors, community partners, and dedicated professionals committed to protecting and serving with the highest level of training and care.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Beauchamp

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Fire Chief

“Taking Care Of Those Who Depend On Us.”



Comstock Fire & Rescue’s ISO Class Rating is “3”

In 2020, The Charter Township of Comstock Department of Fire and Rescue secured a favorable Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating of 3, among the top ratings for municipalities in Michigan. The ISO Rating measures a community’s capacity for fire prevention and fire suppression, which can favorably influence the business community’s insurance rates.

The ISO conducts a periodic review of the community’s ability to respond to and mitigate a fire incident. This review analyzes 911 call processing, pre-emergency planning, fire response, fire training, the distribution of fire resources, and the reliability of the water distribution grid.

Through the Public Protection Classification (PPC) program, ISO evaluates municipal fire protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of these communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). They then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 (best) to 10 (worst). Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area’s fire-suppression program does not meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our fire department is a foundation of the community, and members work hard to protect lives and property every day. The Comstock Department of Fire & Rescue is responsible for providing rescue and emergency medical care as well as fire education, inspection, suppression, and investigation to over 15,000 residents and visitors within Comstock Charter Township. The department operates out of three fire stations located throughout the 35 square-mile coverage area. We are staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

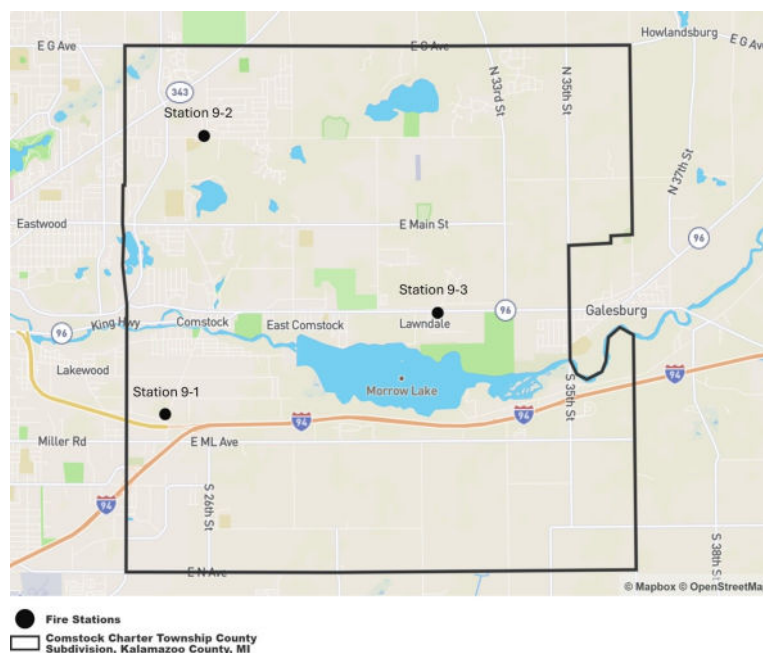
Critical infrastructure within the township served by the department includes six miles of Interstate 94, two state highways (M-43 and M-96), Norfolk Southern freight and high-speed Amtrak passenger railroad lines, several miles of the Kalamazoo River, a hydroelectric dam, and a few small lakes.

Whether rivers, roads, or rails, they know the nooks and crannies of our service area from corner to corner. The members of our fire department help residents prevent emergencies, and they are equipped to respond when the need arises.

The department is a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and holds mutual aid agreements with surrounding agencies, including Galesburg, Kalamazoo City, Kalamazoo Township Pavilion, Portage, and Richland.



Area Protected



Fire Station Information

Station 9-1

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

Built in 2009, Station 9-1 is the largest of the three stations. The station features three large drive-thru apparatus bays. It is home to the pride of the fleet, a 1943 Seagrave fire engine. This station responds with 2 Engines (911 & 921), 1 Rescue vehicle (951), a Rescue Boat and MSU 3 (mobile rehab/victim support unit). The station also contains the offices of the Deputy 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.



Station 9-2

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. This station responds with 2 Engines (912 & 922), 1 Rescue vehicle (952), our Utility Terrain Vehicle (986) aka "Lil Pard", and our Traffic Attenuator (988) which is towed by our 1996 International (932). In addition to serving Comstock Township, this station provides mutual aid to Eastwood (Kalamazoo Township), the City of Kalamazoo, Cooper Township and Richland Township.



Fire Station Information

Station 9-3

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 responds with 1 Engine (913), 1 Rescue vehicle (953), and a Rescue Boat. 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.

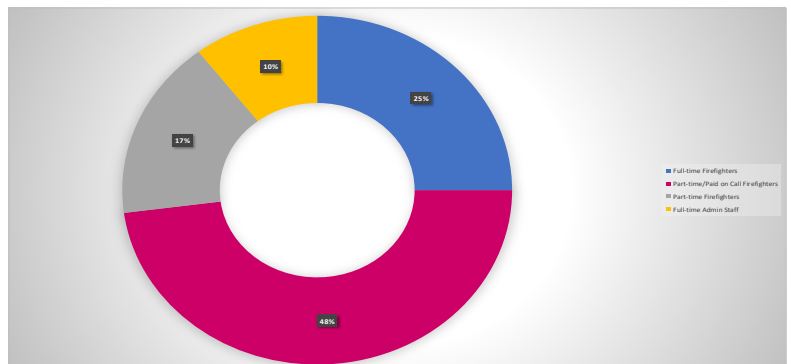


Our Staff:

The men and women of Comstock Fire & Rescue provide 24/7 essential fire suppression and investigation, education, rescue, and emergency medical services to over 15,000 residents and visitors, responding to over 2,300 requests for service on average each year.

2024 Career and Part-time/Paid-on-Call Firefighters:

- ◆ 1 Full-time Fire Chief
- ◆ 1 Full-time Deputy Chief
- ◆ 1 Full-time Assistant Chief
- ◆ 1 Full-time Administrative Assistant
- ◆ 1 Full-time Fire Marshal
- ◆ 12 Full-time Firefighters
- ◆ 23 Part-time/Paid-on-Call Firefighters



Apparatus in Service



The Comstock Fire & Rescue operates a variety of fire, emergency service apparatus, and support vehicles to provide service to our citizens.

<u>Station and Equipment Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Station 9-1</u>		
Pierce Saber	2003	Engine 921
Pierce Enforcer	2017	Engine 911
Ford F 550	2019	Rescue 951
Ford F150	2022	981
Ford F150	2022	982
Ford F250	2018	984
Runabout Boat	1999	Rescue 989
Antique Seagrave	1943	943 - Parade vehicle
<u>Station 9-2</u>		
Pierce Saber	2010	Engine 922
Pierce Enforcer	2021	Engine 912
Ford F350	2022	Rescue 952
Pierce International	1996	Engine 932
SMT Impact Trailer	2022	988
Polaris 900XP Quad	2019	Rescue 986
<u>Station 9-3</u>		
Pierce Enforcer	2021	Engine 913*
Ford F 550	2018	Rescue 953
Ford F150	2020	980
Ford Expedition	2015	Utility 983
Chevrolet Suburban	2019	985
Boat	2022	Rescue 987

* Totaled in 12/12/24 Highway Accident

2024 SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ARPA FUNDS:

- \$152,000 – Battery-Powered Extrication Equipment
- \$36,500 – Vehicle Stabilization & Air Lifting Bags
- \$52,500 – Chest Compression devices & AEDs

FIRE VEHICLES/STATION UPGRADES:

- Purchased a 2024 Ford Maverick to replace the Fire Marshal vehicle.
- Station 9-1 Kitchen upgrade

ADMINISTRATION:

- Hired 16 probationary firefighters.
- Capt Steeby graduated from EMU's School of Fire Staff and Command.
- FF's Zack Smith & Colin Fletter completed probationary training.
- 3 new Lieutenants promoted; Lt Crabtree, Lt Meulman, & Lt Ogden
- 18 personnel upgraded from Medical First Responder (MFR) to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B)
- 1 personnel upgraded from EMT-B to Paramedic

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION:

- Held our annual Fire Prevention Open House @ Station 9-1 on October 12th.
- Participated in the 7th annual countywide "Keep the Wreath Green" campaign.
- Over 450 Pre-Incident Surveys were completed.
- 304 Fire Safety Inspections completed.
- Performed 32 car seat checks.
- 15 people attended 4 Community Hands-Only CPR Classes.
- Held 2 Car Seat Events with Safe Kids of Kalamazoo County at Station 9-1.
- Installed 817 Smoke Alarms & 187 CO Alarms in 187 homes

MAY 7TH TORNADO PAVILION ESTATES & PORTAGE FED EX BUILDING



On the evening of May 7, 2024, multiple counties were hit with severe weather. Our units responded to multiple tornado-related incidents in Portage and Pavilion. The incident at Pavilion Estates alone had over 170 damaged homes with 8 injured persons. Overall, 16 injuries were reported throughout the county related to the event, luckily none were life-threatening. 2 of our stations remained staffed while these incidents occurred.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

November 5th - Gull Rd Incident

On November 5th, while parked on the scene of a motor vehicle crash on Gull Rd, east of Sprinkle Rd, unit 981 was struck by a passerby's vehicle. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. All emergency lights were activated. Unit 981 was driven by the on-duty chief officer.

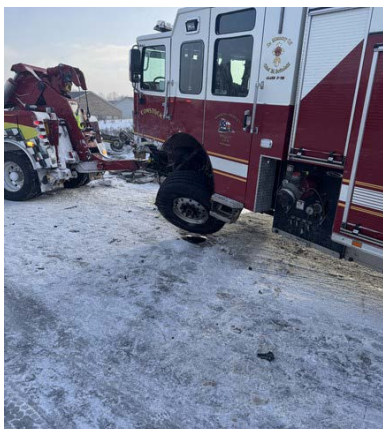
Vehicle 981



December 12th - I-94 Incident

Two firetrucks and one Utility Pick up truck were hit by a box truck that lost control on I-94 on the morning of December 12th.. Our crews were working an accident and were just about to clear the scene when the incident occurred. Two firefighters sustained minor injuries and the box truck driver had to be extricated and transported to the hospital.

Engine 911



Engine 913



Utility 984





TRAINING DIVISION



2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Training Officer/Assistant Chief Kevin Thompson

The Training Division remained dedicated to delivering top-tier training for our personnel in 2024, aligning with evolving fire service standards. Our efforts ensured compliance with MIOSHA regulations, medical continuing education, and department-mandated training, significantly contributing to our ISO rating.

Key Achievements in 2024:

- **8,600 hours** of documented training.
- **16 new hires** began probationary training.
- **Company-level training** continued for on-duty personnel, covering more in-depth topics.
- **Pump Operator Academy:** Four personnel attended in Oshtemo.
- **Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) recertification** completed.
- **EMS License Upgrades:**
 - 18 personnel upgraded from Medical First Responder (MFR) to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B).
 - 1 personnel upgraded from EMT-B to Paramedic.
- **Hands-on training** at the Training Tower Complex, including live burns.
- **Vehicle extrication training** at McDonald's Towing.
- **HelpNet Counseling Services** provided to personnel.
- **Blue Card Incident Command Training** and **Health & Safety Officer (HSO) training** completed by all personnel.
- **Monthly Officer Meetings & Trainings** continued.
- **Expanded EMS Continuing Education** opportunities.
- **WMED Capstone Event:** 9 personnel trained first-year medical students in a Medical First Responder course.
- **Incident Safety Officer Course:** All department members attended a two-day session.
- **Winter Seminar (KZOO FOOLS):** 12 personnel participated in a firefighting tactics and leadership seminar.
- **Oathkeepers Fire Conference:** 5 personnel attended in Southern Ohio, covering engine/truck company fireground operations.
- **Additional Training Courses:** Rescue Task Force, MUSAR Rope Operations, Crash Course Village Extrication, boat in-service training, and Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire Staff & Command.
- **Firemanship Conference in Aurora, IL:** 3 personnel attended five days of training, including lectures from 27 speakers and hands-on heavy vehicle stabilization and lifting techniques.

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



CREWS TRAINED ON EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION FOCUSING ON CPR, ADVANCED AIRWAY AND
MOVING PATIENTS
JANUARY 8th & 9th 2024 – STATION 9-1

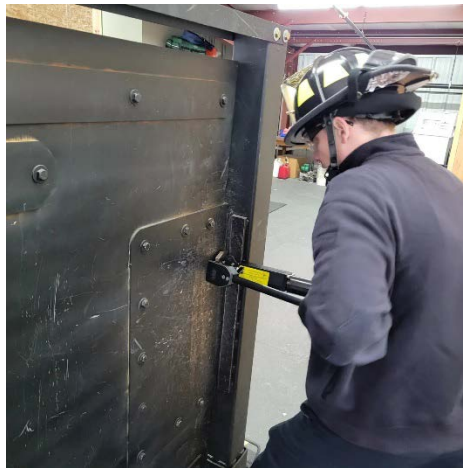


2024 WINTER SEMINAR PRESENTED BY KZOO F.O.O.L.S.
FEBRUARY 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

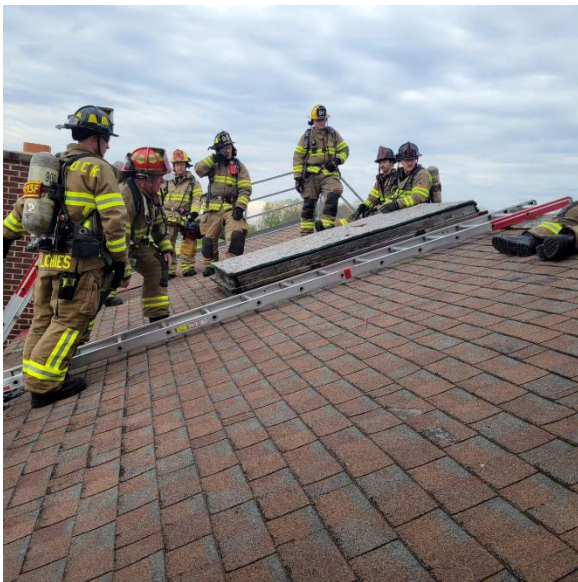


SEVERAL MEMBERS GRADUATED FROM LIFE EMS AMBULANCE EMT-B CLASS
March 29, 2024



EMS, MACHINE RESCUE AND FORCIBLE ENTRY TRAINING AT STATION 9-1
APRIL 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



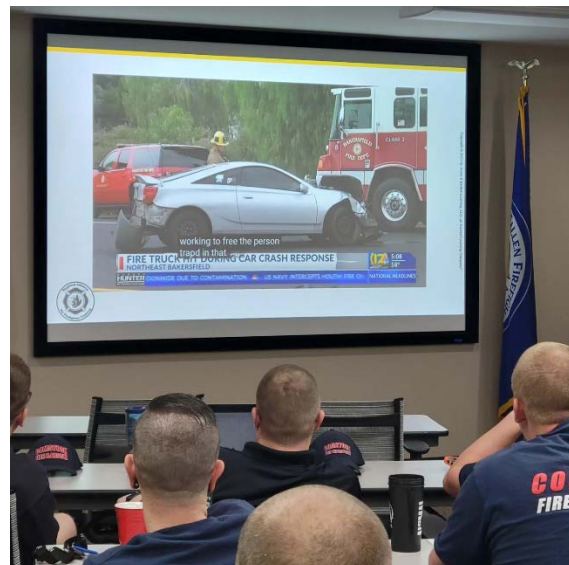
GROUND LADDER OPERATIONS TRAINING @ THE KALAMZOO REGIONAL TRAINING TOWER
APRIL 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



LT. MEULMAN ATTENDED A 3 DAY LIVE FIRE FIXED FACILITY INSTRUCTOR CREDENTIAL PROGRAM TRAINING HELD AT THE KALAMAZOO REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING COMPLEX

APRIL 2024



HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING AT STATION 9-1
MAY 2024

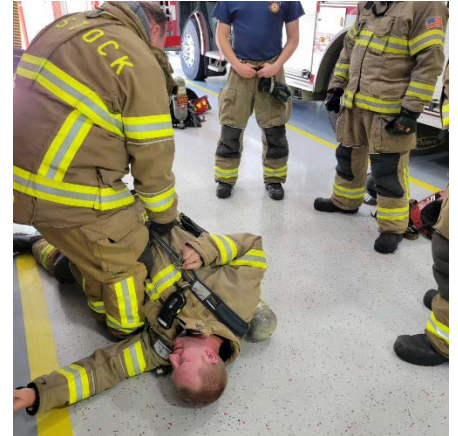
2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



CAPT FLICK II & FF/AO MCGRUDER ATTENDED A WEEKLONG ROPE RESCUE OPERATIONS
TRAINING AT THE MICHIGAN URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (MUSAR) TRAINING
FOUNDATION

MAY 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



DEPARTMENT WIDE TRAINING "SAVING OUR OWN" - RAPID INTERVENTION CREW (RIC)

MAY 2024



LT CRABTREE, LT MEULMAN & LT OGDEN ATTENDED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING NETWORK'S (FDTN) 4-DAY HANDS ON FIREGROUND COMPANY OFFICER COURSE IN INDIANA

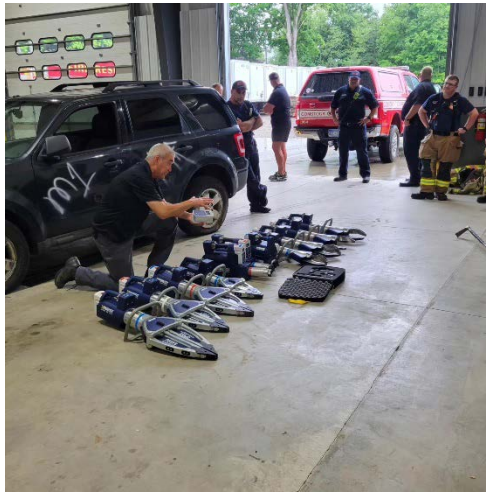
JUNE 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



CARTER KIT TRAINING WITH “SIMPLE SAFETY RESCUE FORCE” TO HELP BETTER UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CALLS FOR SERVICE

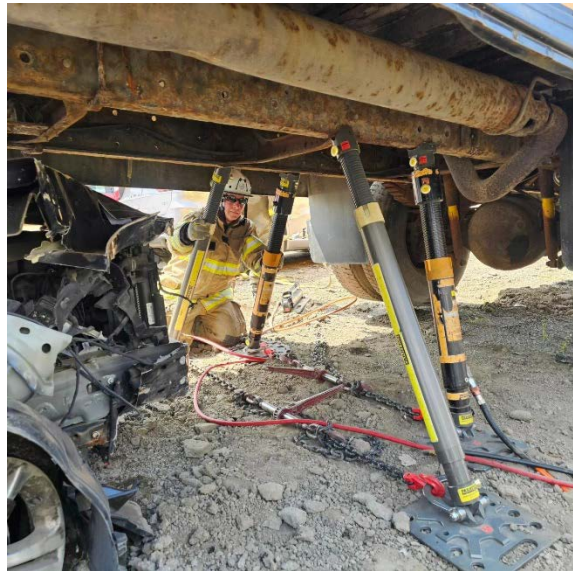
JUNE 2024



TRAINING ON HURST BATTERY-POWERED EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT AT MCDONALD'S TOWING FACILITY

JULY 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



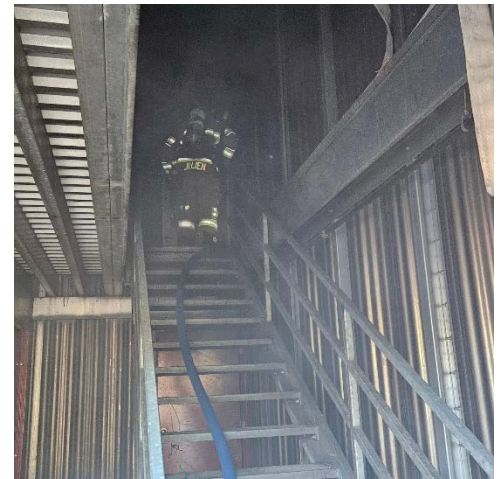
CAPT FLICK II, LT FLICK I & LT MEULMAN ATTENDED A 5-DAY FIREMANSHIP CONFERENCE IN AURORA, IL
JULY 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



TRAINING ON EMERGENCY INCIDENT PRIORITIES, COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS USING BLUE CARD COMMAND SIMULATION PROGRAM (GRANT FUNDED)

AUGUST 2024



LIVE FIRE EVOLUTIONS TRAINING AT THE KALAMAZOO REGIONAL TRAINING TOWER

SEPTEMBER 2024

2024 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



OATHKEEPERS FIRE CONFERENCE IN SOUTHERN OHIO

OCTOBER 2024



FF/AO DURECKI COMPLETED LIFE EMS PARAMEDIC COURSE

DECEMBER 2024

Conclusion

2024 was a year of tremendous growth and skill development for our personnel. Through comprehensive training programs, hands-on experiences, and continued education, we reinforced our commitment to excellence in fire service. Our training efforts directly enhance the safety, effectiveness, and readiness of our department to serve the community.

Comstock Fire Department – 2024 Training Schedule

Owner	Dates	Topic	Mandatory	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
	Jan. 8/9	EMS/I-Gel	Yes	Yes	Crabtree/Ogden
	Jan. 22/23	HelpNet			
	Jan. 30	Officer Training/Meeting			
	Feb. 5/6	Ice Rescue	Yes		Flick 1/2
	Feb. 10 (Saturday)	Ice Rescue (Hands-on)			Flick 1/2
	Feb. 13	Officer Training/Meeting			
	Feb. 19/20	Fire Alarm Response			Hearld
	March 4/5	HazMat	Yes	Yes	Simsick
	March 12	Officer Training/Meeting			
	March 18/19	Machine Rescue			
	Apr. 1/2	CPR/AED (Pit Crew) I-Gel	Yes	Yes	Crabtree/Ogden
	Apr. 15/16	Ventilation/Ladders	Yes		
	Apr. 23	Officer Training/Meeting			
993	Apr.29/30	Hose Advancement (Training Tower)			Flick 2
	May 7	Officer Training/Meeting			
994	May 13/14	RIC (SIM City)	Yes		
999	May 20/21	A/O-Water Supply			
994	May 28/29 (Memorial Day)	Ropes/Tech Rescue			Wright
996	June 10/11	Search & Rescue	Yes		
	June 18	Officer Training/Meeting			
999	June 24/25	Carter Kits	Yes	Yes	
999	July 1/2	A/O-Water Supply			
993	July 8/9	New Extrication Tools	Yes		Carl Hein
	July 16	Officer Training/Meeting			
901	July 22/23	Forcible Entry/I-Gel	Yes		

Training is at Station 9-1 unless otherwise posted. Monday's @ 0900hrs and Tuesday's @ 1830hrs.

Comstock Fire Department – 2024 Training Schedule

Owner	Dates	Topic	Mandatory	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
999	July 30/31	A/O-Drafting			
995	Aug. 5/6	Live Fire (Training Tower)			Thompson
999	Aug. 12/13	A/O-Drafting			
995	Aug. 19/20	Midrise Ops.			Steeby
	Aug. 27	Officer Training/Meeting			
998	Sept. 3/4 (Labor Day)	No Topic Yet! Training Tower Reserved!!			
	Sept. 10	Officer Training/Meeting			
998	Sept. 16/17	Driver's Training	Yes		
999	Sept. 23/24	A/O-Master Streams			
998	Sept. 30/ Oct. 1	FF Survival			
999	Oct. 7/8	A/O-Master Streams			
902	Oct. 14/15	Extrication/Stabilization	Yes	Yes	Meulman
	Oct. 22	Officer Training/Meeting			
902	Oct. 28/29	CPR/AED/I-Gel	Yes	Yes	
997	Nov. 11/12	HazMat	Yes	Yes	
	Nov. 19	Officer Training/Meeting			
997	Nov. 25/26	EMS			Ogden
	Dec. 3	Officer Training/Meeting			
901	Dec. 9/10	Bldg. Const./Size-Up	Yes	Yes	

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INCIDENT DATA AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATISTICS



2024 OPERATIONS REPORT

Response Summary

Metric	2024	2023
Total Runs	2,380	2,299
Average Runs Per Day	6.5	6.3
Average Response Time	4:20 (min)	3:58 (min)
Overlapping Incidents	772	662

Fire Loss Overview

Metric	2024	2023
Fire Loss	\$504,681	\$586,813
Property Value Saved	\$6,294,125	\$3,264,345

Mutual and Automatic Aid Summary

Aid Given To Other Departments	Aid Received From Other Departments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kalamazoo Township – Station #2: 56• Kalamazoo Township – Station #3: 67• City of Portage: 24• Pavilion Township: 15• Kalamazoo City: 22• Galesburg/Charleston: 26• Richland Township: 5• Cooper Township: 20• South County: 2• Climax: 1• Alamo: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kalamazoo Township: 18• City of Portage: 5• Pavilion Township: 3• Kalamazoo City: 2• Galesburg/Charleston: 5• Richland Township: 4• Cooper Township: 3

INCIDENT TYPE REPORT

2024 Year End Report

Basic Incident Type Code and Description	Total Incidents	Percentage of Incidents	Total Property Loss	Total Content Loss	Total Loss	Percent of Total
INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 1 - FIRE						
100- Fire, other	0	0.00%				
111- Building Fire	39	1.64%	\$287,747.00	\$98,628.00	\$386,375.00	76.56%
112 - Fire in structure, other	0	0.00%				
113- Cooking Fire, confined to container	11	0.46%				
114- Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	0	0.00%				
117-Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	1	0.04%				
118-Trash or rubbish fire, contained	13	0.55%				
121-Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	0	0.00%				
130-Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	0.04%				
131-Passenger vehicle fire	16	0.67%	\$50,761.00	\$3,800.00	\$54,561.00	10.81%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	2	0.08%	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	0.50%
134-Water vehicle fire	0	0.00%				
137- Camper or recreational vehicle	0	0.00%				
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	0	0.00%				
141-Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.04%				
142 - Brush or brush-and grass mixture fire	9	0.38%				
143 - Grass fire	1	0.04%				
150-Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1					
151-Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	19	0.80%	\$45.00		\$45.00	0.01%
154-Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	5	0.21%				
160-Special outside fire, other	5	0.21%				
161-Outside storage fire	0	0.00%				
162-Outside equipment fire	2	0.08%				
TOTAL:	126	5.29%	\$341,053.00	\$102,428.00	\$443,481.00	87.87%

INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 2 - OVERPRESSURE RUPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT (NO FIRES)

221 - Overpressure rupture of air or gas pipe/pipeline	0	0.00%
243- Fireworks explosion (no fire)	2	
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.04%

TOTAL:	3	0.13%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 3 - RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENT

300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	26	1.09%				
311- Medical assist, assist EMS crew	316	13.28%				
320 - Emergency medical service incident, other	46	1.93%				
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	687	28.87%				
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	110	4.62%	\$18,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$19,000.00	3.76%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident	5	0.21%				
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	100	4.20%	\$34,000.00	\$200.00	\$34,200.00	6.78%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	2	0.08%				
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3	0.13%				
353 - Removal victim(s) from stalled elevator	0	0.00%				
355- Confined space rescue	0	0.00%				
363- Swift water rescue	1	0.04%				
365-Watercraft rescue	1	0.04%				
381 -Rescue or EMS Standby	1	0.04%				

TOTAL:	1298	54.54%	\$52,000.00	\$1,200	\$53,200.00	10.54%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 4 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE)

400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	0.04%				
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	0	0.00%				
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.04%				
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	18	0.76%				
413-Oil or other combustible liquid	1	0.04%				
422 - Chemical spill or leak	2	0.08%				
424-Carbon Monoxide incident	8	0.34%				
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	6	0.25%				
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	3	0.13%				
442 - Overheated motor	8	0.34%	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00	1.59%
443 - Breakdown of light ballast	0	0.00%				

444 - Power line down	37	1.55%
445-Arching, shorted electrical equipment	5	0.21%
461- Building or structure weakened or collapsed	4	0.17%
462 - Aircraft standby	0	0.00%
463 - Vehicle Accident, general cleanup	2	0.08%

TOTAL:	96	4.03%	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$8,000.00	1.59%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 5 - SERVICE CALL

500 - Service Call, other	16	0.67%
511 - Lock-out	2	0.08%
512-Ring or jewelry removal	1	0.04%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.04%
522 - Water or steam leak	7	0.29%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	0.08%
542 - Animal Rescue	0	0.00%

550 - Public Service assistance, other	14	0.59%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	23	0.97%
552 - Police matter	7	0.29%
553 - Public service	192	8.07%
554 - Assist invalid	31	1.30%
561 - Unauthorized burning	34	1.43%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	18	0.76%

TOTAL:	348	14.62%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 6 - GOOD INTENT CALL

600 - Good intent call, other	11	0.46%
611 - Dispatched & canceled en route	131	5.50%
621- Wrong location	2	0.08%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	176	7.39%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	14	0.59%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	17	0.71%
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire Agency	3	0.13%
671-HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	0	0.00%

TOTAL:	354	14.87%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 7 - FALSE ALARM & FALSE CALL

700 - False alarm or false call, other	25	1.05%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	2	0.08%
711 - Municipal alarm systems, malicious false alarm	2	0.08%
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	2	0.08%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	3	0.13%
732-Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	0	0.00%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	5	0.21%
734-Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.04%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	34	1.43%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	3	0.13%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	3	0.13%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	0	0.00%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	10	0.42%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - Unintentional	1	0.04%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	47	1.97%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	5	0.21%

TOTAL:	143	6.01%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 8 - SEVERE WEATHER & NATURAL DISASTER

800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	0	0.00%
814 - Lightning Strike (no fire)	1	0.04%

TOTAL:	1	0.04%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 9 - SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPE

900 - Special type of incident, other	6	0.25%
911 - Citizen complaint	5	0.21%

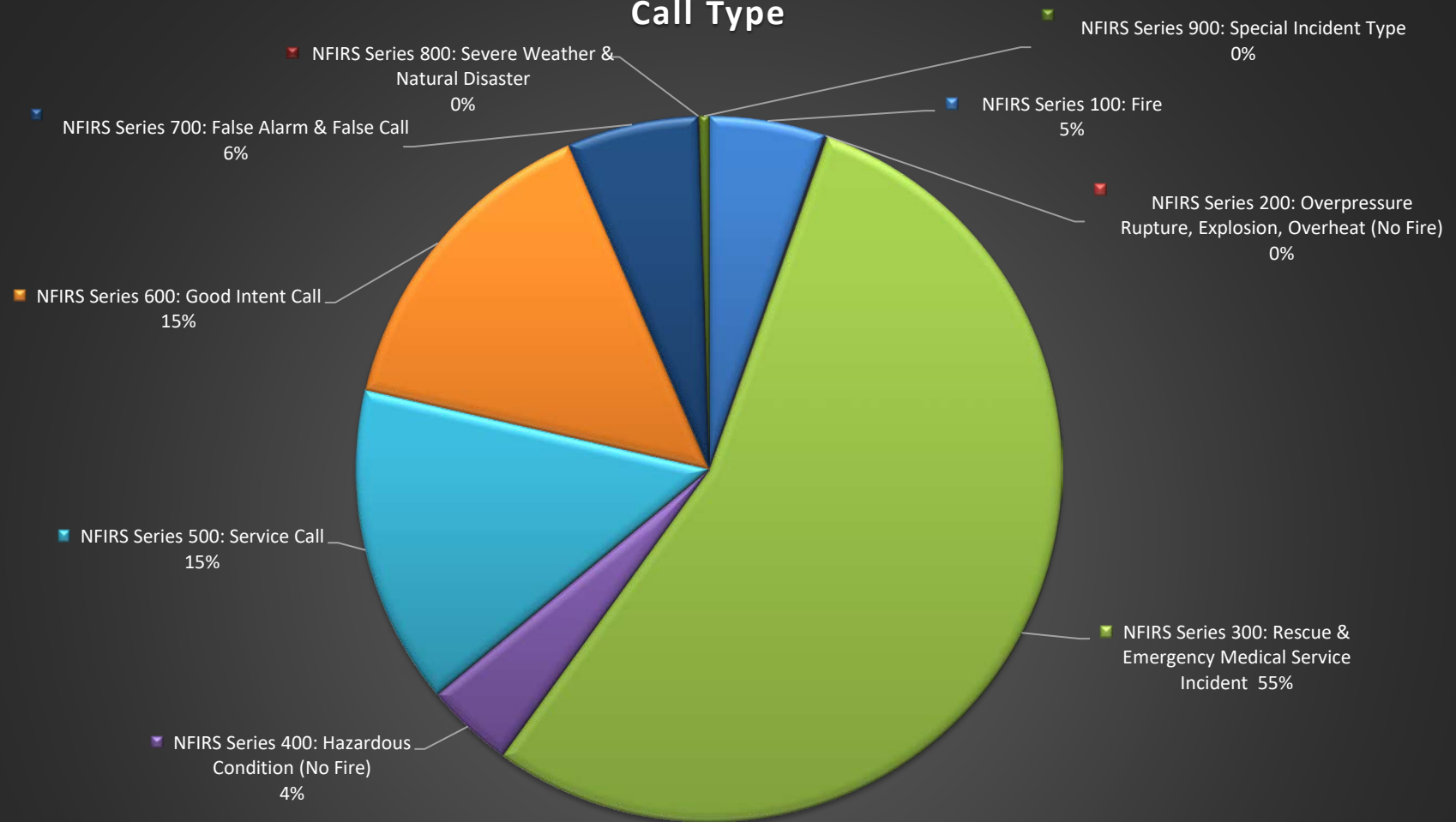
TOTAL:	11	0.46%
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TOTAL:	2380	100%	\$401,053	\$103,628	\$504,681	100%
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OUR INCIDENTS BY CALL TYPE:

NFIRS Series 100: Fire	126
NFIRS Series 200: Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	3
NFIRS Series 300: Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	1298
NFIRS Series 400: Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	96
NFIRS Series 500: Service Call	348
NFIRS Series 600: Good Intent Call	354
NFIRS Series 700: False Alarm & False Call	143
NFIRS Series 800: Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
NFIRS Series 900: Special Incident Type	11
Total Calls for 2024	2380
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Structure Fire"	64
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vehicle Fire"	19
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vegetation Fire"	11
Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Motor Vehicle Accidents"	215
Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Extrications from Vehicles"	3
Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Rescues"	31
How many EMS-BLS Response Calls?	1049
How many times did Comstock Fire receive Mutual/Automatic Aid?	40
How many times did Comstock Fire provide Mutual/Automatic Aid?	71
Of the Mutual and Automatic Aid responses, how many were structure fires?	34

Call Type



- NFIRS Series 100: Fire
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- NFIRS Series 500: Service Call
- NFIRS Series 600: Good Intent Call
- NFIRS Series 700: False Alarm & False Call
- NFIRS Series 800: Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

NFIRS Summary

January 1 to December 31 for each year

Summary By Incident Type Category (All Incidents)

Incident Type Category	2024	2023	2022
Fires (100-173)	126	134	96
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat Calls (200-251)	3	1	4
Rescue and EMS Calls (300-381)	1298	1,315	1,315
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	96	156	88
Service Calls (500-571)	348	207	127
Good Intent Calls (600-672)	354	346	298
False Alarm and False Calls (700-751)	143	124	152
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	1	1	5
Special Incident Type Calls (900-911)	11	15	20
Unknown or Not Reported	0	0	9
Grand Total	2,380	2,299	2,114

Summary By Incident Type Category (Fire Incidents)

Incident Type Category	2024	2023	2022
Structure Fires (111-118)	64	63	52
Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fires (130-138)	19	26	2
Natural Vegetation Fires (140-143)	11	25	15
Outside Rubbish Fires (150-155)	25	13	12
Special Outside Fires (160-164)	7	4	14
Fires, Other (100)	0	3	1
Grand Total	126	134	96

Summary By Incident Type Category (EMS Incidents)

Incident Type Category	2024	2023	2022
Medical Assist Calls (311)	316	306	444
Emergency Medical Service Incidents (320-324)	948	963	848
Lock-In Calls (331)	0	0	1
Search for Lost Person Calls (340-343)	0	2	0
Extrication, Rescue Calls (350-357)	5	5	1
Water and Ice-Related Rescue Calls (360-365)	2	0	2
Rescue or EMS Standby Calls (381)	1	2	0
Rescue and EMS Incidents, Other (300)	26	37	19
Grand Total	1,298	1,315	1,315

NFIRS Summary

January 1 to December 31 for each year

Summary By Incident Type Category (EMS Incidents - AFG Categories)

Incident Type Category	2024	2023	2022
Motor Vehicle Accident Calls (322-324)	215	221	212
Extrication from Vehicle Calls (352)	3	2	1
Rescue Calls (300, 350-351, 353-357, 360-365, 370-372, 381)	31	42	21
Rescue and EMS Incidents, (All Other EMS Calls)	1,049	1,050	1,081
Grand Total	1,298	1,315	1,315

Summary By Aid Given or Received (All Incidents)

Aid Given or Received Type	2024	2023	2022
Mutual Aid Received (1)	10	24	21
Automatic Aid Received (2)	40	46	37
Mutual Aid Given (3)	71	81	83
Automatic Aid Given (4)	113	86	61
Other Aid Given (5)	134	70	83
No Aid Given or Received (N)	2,012	1,992	1,829
Grand Total	2,380	2,299	2,114

Summary By Aid Given or Received (Structure Fires - Incident Type 111-123)

Aid Given or Received Type	2024	2023	2022
Mutual Aid Received (1)	1	2	4
Automatic Aid Received (2)	16	17	9
Mutual Aid Given (3)	11	10	9
Automatic Aid Given (4)	45	18	24
Other Aid Given (5)	0	0	1
No Aid Given or Received (N)	5	16	7
Grand Total	78	63	54

NFIRS Summary

January 1 to December 31 for each year

Fire Service Casualty 2024 Summary

Fire Service Casualties	Fire-Related	Non-Fire	Grand Total
Fire Service Injuries	3	1	4
Fire Service Deaths	0	0	0
Total Fire Service Casualties	3	1	4

Fire Service Injuries

4

Fire Service Deaths

0

Civilian Fire Casualty 2024 Summary

Civilian Fire Casualties	Grand Total
Civilian Fire Injuries	0
Civilian Fire Deaths	0
Total Civilian Fire Casualties	0

Civilian Fire Injuries

0

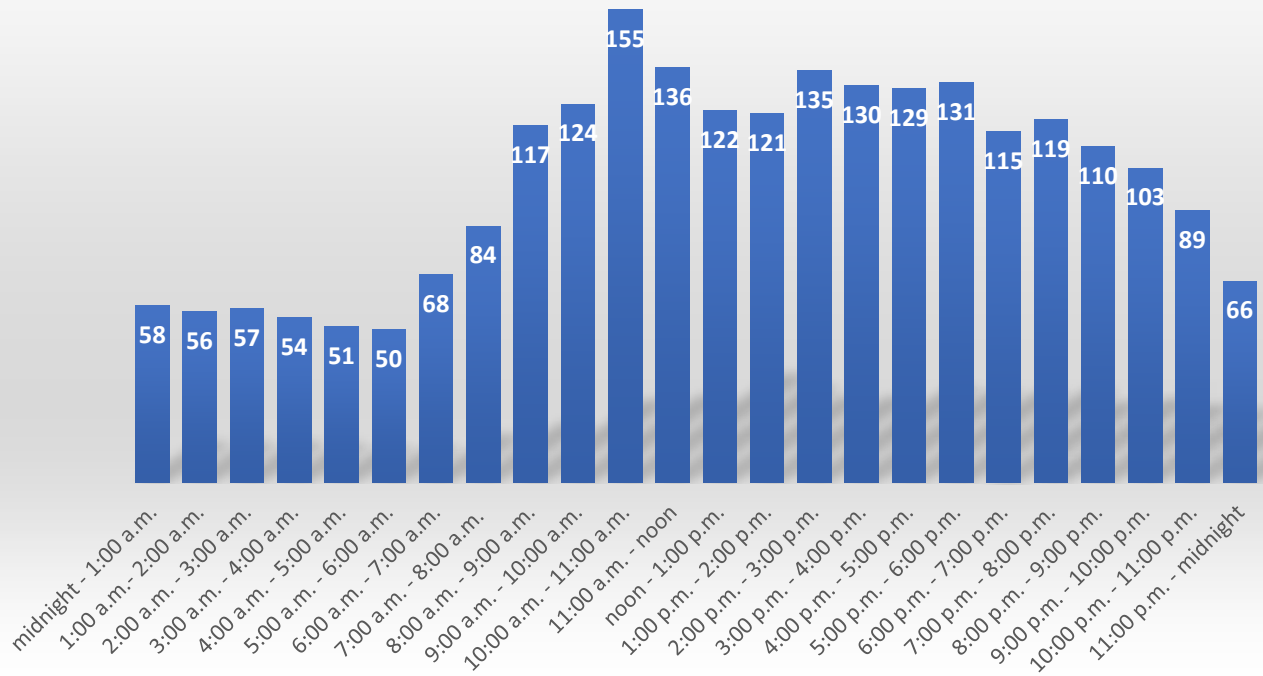
Civilian Fire Deaths

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Note: The numbers in the summary tables represent all incidents (total responses) reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and include all Aid Given or Received incidents and all fire exposure incidents.

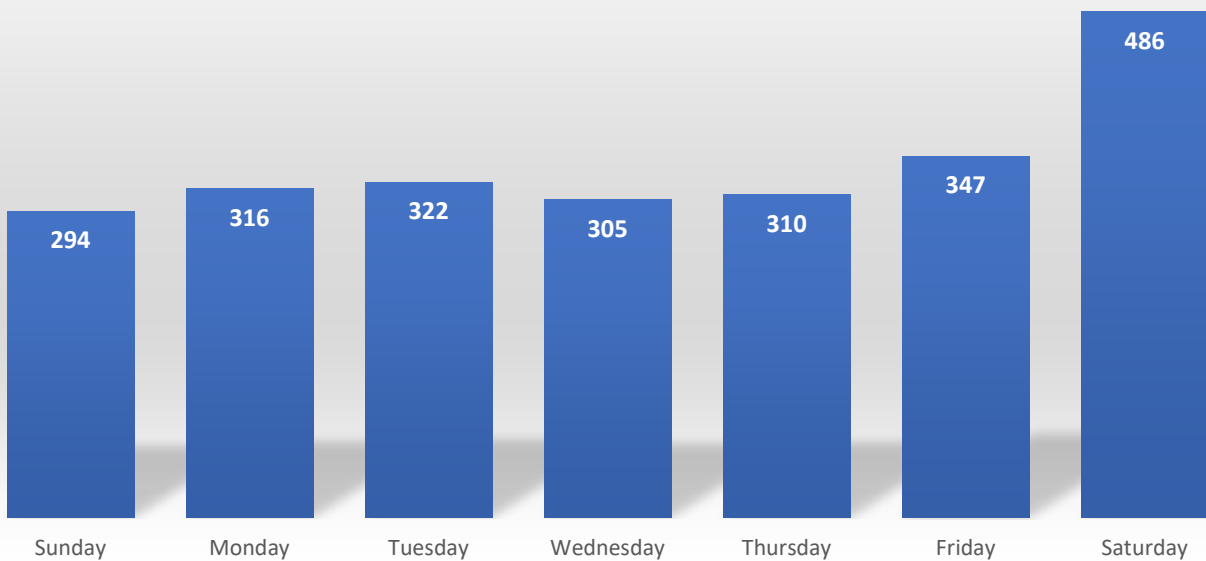
Response number by time of day

The average busiest hour of the day is 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.



Number of Responses by day of week

The busiest day of the week is Saturday





FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

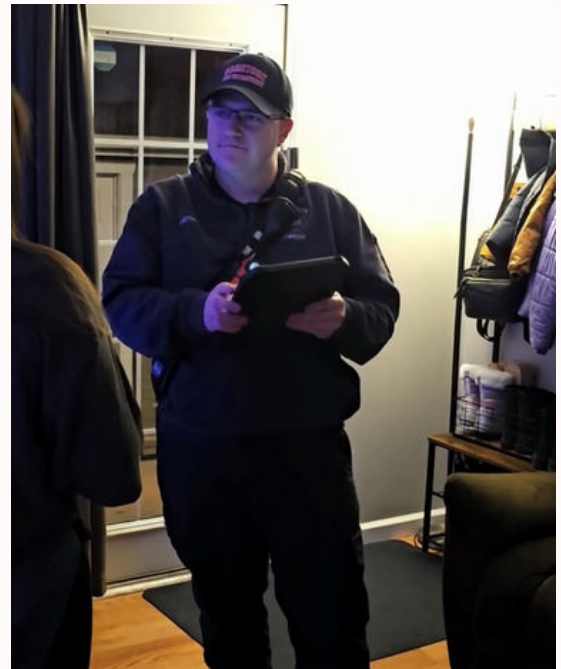


FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Fire Safety Inspections play a crucial role in promoting a fire-safe community and fostering positive relationships between the fire department and local businesses. These inspections help identify potential fire hazards, ensuring that corrective measures are taken and community members are educated on fire safety protocols.

In 2024, the Comstock Township Fire & Rescue conducted 405 Fire Safety Inspections. Business owners and managers demonstrated a strong commitment to safety, proactively addressing deficiencies to create a safer environment for employees and customers alike.



FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



For the past 24 years, Comstock Fire & Rescue has proudly delivered the Safe at Home program to Comstock Elementary Schools, reaching approximately 340 students annually. Developed by the State Fire Marshal's Office in collaboration with the Michigan Public Fire Safety Education Committee, this program educates children on essential fire safety practices at home.

Covering topics such as "Firefighters are My Friends," "Reporting an Emergency – 911," and "What is Fire?", the curriculum provides engaging, age-appropriate lessons for students from pre-kindergarten through first grade. Classes are conducted monthly at Comstock Elementary and Comstock STEM Academy throughout the school year.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

STATION TOURS

As part of the Safe at Home initiative, approximately 170 Comstock kindergarten students visited Station 9-1, where they participated in interactive activities. These included touring fire trucks, simulating fire suppression, escaping a smoke-filled house, and learning how to call 911 in an emergency. Our EMS partners at Life EMS also contributed to the educational experience.



CPR TRAINING

With nearly 92% of sudden cardiac arrest victims dying before reaching the hospital, early intervention is critical. Studies show that immediate CPR can double or even triple survival chances. Comstock Fire & Rescue offered hands-on and online CPR training sessions to equip the community with life-saving skills.

In 2024, we conducted:

- 3 Hands-Only CPR classes at Station 9-1, training 24 community members.
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- 7 CPR classes for a total of 33 students.



FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OPEN HOUSE

On October 12, 2024, Comstock Fire & Rescue hosted a highly successful Open House at Station 9-1. Over 150 attendees received vital fire prevention information, engaged with firefighters, and enjoyed special appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime-Fighting Dog, and Freddy the Fire Truck. We were thrilled to host this event in person and look forward to continuing such community engagement opportunities.



SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION PROGRAM

Comstock Fire & Rescue continues to find homes lacking operational smoke alarms, a critical component of fire safety. Our Smoke Alarm Program provides and installs smoke and carbon monoxide alarms free of charge for township residents.

Key findings from our home safety surveys include:

- 89% of homes lacked an adequate number of working smoke alarms, with an average of six installed per home.
- 100% of homes lacked carbon monoxide alarms, prompting installations at each residence.
- 85% of homes with smokers had no working smoke alarms, highlighting a significant fire risk.

Beyond installation, our personnel educate homeowners on fire escape planning, the importance of sleeping with bedroom doors closed, and ways to identify and mitigate fire hazards.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

With the support of local and federal grants, Comstock Fire & Rescue provides green reflective address signs to homeowners at no cost. Clearly displayed address numbers enhance emergency response times by reducing confusion, ensuring firefighters and first responders can locate residences quickly. Upon request, CFD personnel install these signs free of charge.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM

Comstock Fire & Rescue now has nine certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians trained through a 40-hour course developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Safe Kids Worldwide. These experts educate families on proper car seat installation, harnessing procedures, and vehicle safety differences.

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of injury-related deaths for children. Properly used child restraints can reduce the risk of injury by 71-82% and lower the risk of death by 28%. However, only 2% of children live in states requiring car seat or booster seat use up to age 8. Our technicians are dedicated to improving these statistics by ensuring every child travels safely.

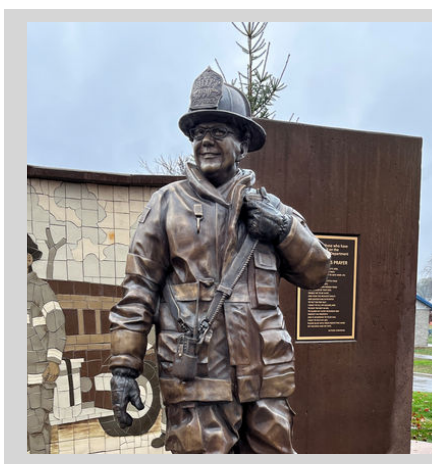
FIRE PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION STATISTICS

category	statistics
Fire Safety Inspections	304 inspections completed
Fire Prevention Education	320 students participated in "Safe at Home" program School visits take place 7 months of the year ½ hour per class - 20 students per class with 16 classes
Station Tours	170 kindergarteners visited Station 9-1
CPR Training	3 Hands-Only CPR classes (15 participants total) 7 CPR classes (33 participants total)
Fire Prevention Week Open House	200+ attendees
Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Installations	817 Smoke Alarms & 187 Carbon Monoxide detectors 187 home installations total
PR Events	55
Reflective Address Signs	40
Car Seat Safety Program	32 car seat check appointments 2 car seat events held at Station 9-1 with 28 car seats per event

COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

Chief Switalski Statue Unveiling

November 16, 2024



STANDING ON THE HISTORIC SITE THAT HOUSED COMSTOCK'S CENTRAL STATION FOR 60 YEARS (1950–2010), THE COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL STANDS AS A LASTING TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATION, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT—PAST AND PRESENT. FOR OVER A CENTURY, THEY HAVE BRAVELY SERVED THEIR COMMUNITY WITH HONOR, DIGNITY, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT.

THE MEMORIAL'S DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN A MULTI-PHASE EFFORT. PHASE 1 INTRODUCED A WALKWAY, A MEMORIAL ROCK, AND A FLAGPOLE, LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR WHAT WAS TO COME. IN 2020, PHASE 2 WAS COMPLETED, FEATURING A STRIKING MOSAIC MEMORIAL WALL, A MURAL, AND ENHANCED LANDSCAPING THROUGHOUT THE SITE. DURING THIS PHASE, BENCHES WERE INSTALLED, PINE TREES, PLANTS, AND PERENNIALS WERE ADDED, AND POWER WAS RESTORED FOR THE FLAGPOLE LIGHTING AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

ONE CRITICAL PIECE, HOWEVER, REMAINED UNFINISHED—THE BRONZE STATUE HONORING FALLEN CHIEF ED SWITALSKI. FUNDRAISING EFFORTS CONTINUED, AND IN 2024, THANKS TO GENEROUS PRIVATE DONATIONS, WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO BRING THIS VISION TO LIFE. LOCAL SCULPTOR JOSHUA DIEDRICH TOOK ON THE PROFOUND RESPONSIBILITY OF CAPTURING CHIEF SWITALSKI'S SPIRIT, WORKING CLOSELY WITH US AND THE FAMILY TO ENSURE THE STATUE EMBODIES THE LEGACY HE LEFT BEHIND IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THIS MEMORIAL STANDS NOT ONLY AS A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE BUT AS A SYMBOL OF THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE DISPLAYED BY OUR FIREFIGHTERS EVERY DAY.