

Comstock Township Department of Fire & Rescue

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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.



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Comstock Fire & Rescue responded to over 2,600 incidents in 2025, reflecting a 9.5% 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. Two stations are staffed by two personnel, one station is staffed by three personnel, along with a duty chief 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.

We continue to emphasize training, safety, and operational readiness. Our firefighters logged over 8,000 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. Notably, we placed into service Engine 912, a 2025 Pierce Saber, which replaced the engine totaled in December 2024 on I-94. Funded through insurance coverage, this replacement restored a critical frontline response asset and ensured continued reliability for our crews and the community.

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 2026, 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, which will be put in service in the coming weeks, 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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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), our Traffic Attenuator (988) which is towed by our 1996 International (932), a Rescue Boat and MSU 3 (mobile rehab/victim support unit). The station also contains the office of the Deputy Chief, 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". The station also contains the office of the Assistant Chief. 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) and 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.

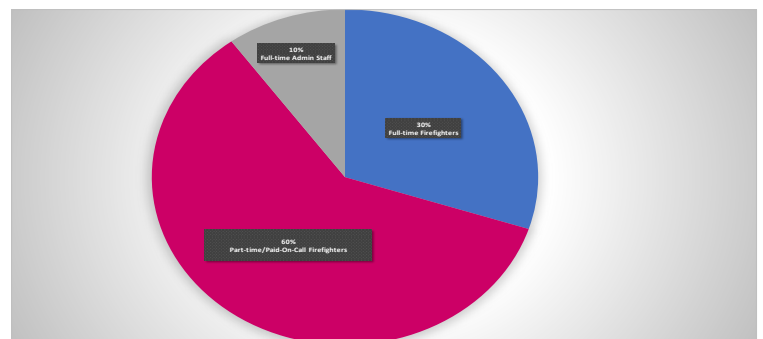


Our Staff:

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 2,600 requests for service on average each year.

2025 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
- ◆ 15 Full-time Firefighters
- ◆ 30 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	2018	Engine 911
Ford F 550	2019	Rescue 951
SMT Impact Trailer	2022	988
Ford F150	2022	982
Ford F150	2022	981
Ford F250	2018	984
Runabout Boat	1999	Rescue 989
<u>Station 9-2</u>		
Pierce Saber	2010	Engine 922
Pierce Saber	2025	Engine 912
Ford F350	2022	Rescue 952
Pierce International	1996	Engine 932
Polaris 900XP Quad	2019	Rescue 986
Antique Seagrave	1943	943 - Parade vehicle
<u>Station 9-3</u>		
Pierce Enforcer	2021	Engine 913
Ford F 550	2018	Rescue 953
Ford F150	2025	980
Ford F150	2020	Utility 983
Ford Maverick Pickup	2024	985
Boat	2022	Rescue 987

NEW ENGINE 912



Engine 912 was delivered to us in November 2025. This brand-new fire engine replaces the apparatus that was lost in an accident on December 12, 2024, and marks an important step forward for our department and the community we serve.

Engine 912 is a 2025 Pierce Saber, equipped with a 2,000-gallon-per-minute Waterous pump and the tools needed for today's firefighting and rescue operations. It's also powered by a PACCAR engine, making it the first engine in our fleet to feature this platform.

The cab safely seats four firefighters and meets current safety standards, helping to protect our crews while they respond to emergencies in the Township.

Engine 912 is housed at Station 9-2 (5947 E. H Avenue). The engine officially began responding to calls in January 2026, after firefighters completed hands-on training with a Pierce Manufacturing representative and driving time getting used to its handling and performance.

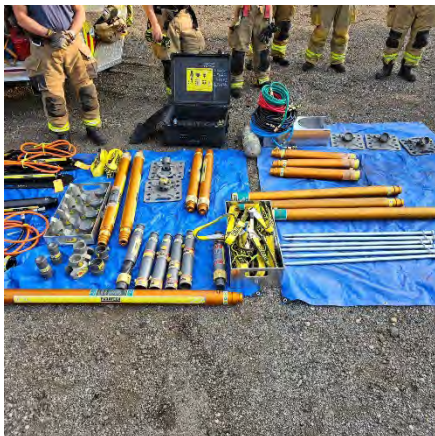
We're excited to put this new apparatus to work serving our community!

New Apparatus & Tools

PARATECH RESCUE TOOLS

Comstock Fire and Rescue enhanced its technical rescue capabilities by acquiring new specialized equipment. The department received two sets of Paratech MaxiForce air-lifting bags, two MultiForce air-lifting bags, and two HydraFusion 10-inch stabilization systems. This equipment strengthens our ability to safely and effectively perform heavy lifting, vehicle stabilization, and complex rescue operations, while improving firefighter safety and the level of service provided to the Township. These upgrades will be especially beneficial for highway responses.

Additionally, McDonald's Towing generously allowed the department to train at their facilities and provided access to all the vehicles needed for hands-on training. Their support was instrumental in ensuring our personnel are proficient in the use of this new equipment.



2025 SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GRANT FUNDS:

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award (AFG) for \$277,622.00 for engine training, aerial training, firefighter survival training, infectious control training, and training props.
- Office of Highway Safety (OHSP) grant award for up to \$100,000 for reimbursement to staff the traffic unit.

FIRE VEHICLES/STATION UPGRADES:

- Purchased a 2025 Pierce Saber Engine to replace an engine that was totaled on I-94 in December 2024.
- Replace staff car unit 980
- Upgrade road safety equipment

ADMINISTRATION:

- Hired 10 probationary part-time/on-call firefighters.
- AC Kevin Thompson was promoted to Deputy Chief.
- 3 part-time firefighters were moved to full-time firefighter status
- 6 Firefighters graduated from the Fire Academy
- 4 Firefighters graduated from Life EMS EMT program
- 2 Firefighters graduated from Kellogg Community College EMT program
- 11 firefighters completed probationary training.
- 2 new Lieutenants promoted; Lt Krueger & Lt Jackson
- 1 new Captain promoted; Capt Meulman

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION:

- Held our annual Fire Prevention Open House @ Station 9-1 on October 16th.
- Participated in the 8th annual countywide "Keep the Wreath Green" campaign.
- Over 450 Pre-Incident Surveys were completed.
- 302 Fire Safety Inspections completed.
- Performed 26 car seat checks.
- 21 people attended CPR Classes.
- Held 1 Car Seat Events with Safe Kids of Kalamazoo County at Station 9-1.
- Installed 1,202 Smoke Alarms & 307 CO Alarms in 240 homes



INCIDENT DATA AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATISTICS



2025 OPERATIONS REPORT

Response Summary

Metric	2025	2024
Total Runs	2,605	2,380
Average Runs Per Day	7.15	6.5
Average Response Time	4:20 (min)	4:20 (min)
Overlapping Incidents	889	772

Fire Loss Overview

Metric	2025	2024
Fire Loss	\$1,422,474	\$504,681
Property Value Saved	\$7,549,481	\$6,294,125

Mutual and Automatic Aid Summary

Aid Given To Other Departments	Aid Received From Other Departments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kalamazoo Township: 26• City of Portage: 2• Pavilion Township: 12• Kalamazoo City: 4• Galesburg/Charleston: 16• Richland Township: 2• Cooper Township: 10• South County: 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kalamazoo Township: 17• City of Portage: 2• Pavilion Township: 9• Kalamazoo City: 5• Galesburg/Charleston: 5• Richland Township: 5• Cooper Township: 5



INCIDENT TYPE REPORT

2025 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 Loss
INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 1 - FIRE						
100- Fire, other	0	0.00%				
111- Building Fire	37	1.42%	\$612,583.00	\$399,954.00	\$1,012,537.00	79.64%
112 - Fire in structure, other	1	0.04%				
113- Cooking Fire, confined to container	14	0.54%	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00	0.26%
114- Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	0.04%	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	0.08%
117-Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	0	0.00%				
118-Trash or rubbish fire, contained	12	0.46%	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.31%
121-Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	0	0.00%				
122- Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle	1	0.04%				
130-Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	0	0.00%				
131-Passenger vehicle fire	21	0.81%	\$93,000.00	\$16,400.00	\$109,400.00	8.61%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	4	0.15%	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	0.16%
134-Water vehicle fire	0	0.00%				
137- Camper or recreational vehicle fire	0	0.00%				
138- Off road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	2	0.08%	\$51,500.00	\$0.00	\$51,500.00	4.05%
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1	0.04%				
141-Forest, woods or wildland fire	0	0.00%				
142 - Brush or brush-and grass mixture fire	11	0.42%	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.08%
143 - Grass fire	4	0.15%				
150-Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	4		\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	0.02%
151-Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	7	0.27%		\$100.00	\$100.00	0.01%
154-Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	4	0.15%				
155- Outside stationary compactor/compacted trash fire	1	0.04%				
160-Special outside fire, other	1	0.04%				
161-Outside storage fire	1	0.04%	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	0.03%
162-Outside equipment fire	1	0.04%				
TOTAL:	128	4.91%	\$764,008.00	\$421,454.00	\$1,185,462.00	93.24%

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)	0	
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	0	0.00%

TOTAL:	0	0.00%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 3 - RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENT

300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	20	0.77%				
311- Medical assist, assist EMS crew	275	10.56%				
320 - Emergency medical service incident, other	31	1.19%				
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	884	33.93%				
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	92	3.53%	\$44,250.00	\$3,000.00	\$47,250.00	3.72%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident	6	0.23%				
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	130	4.99%	\$20,630.00	\$2,000.00	\$22,630.00	1.78%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	0	0.00%				
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	0.08%				
353 - Removal victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.04%				
355- Confined space rescue	0	0.00%				
363- Swift water rescue	0	0.00%				
365-Watercraft rescue	0	0.00%				
381 -Rescue or EMS Standby	0	0.00%				

TOTAL:	1441	55.32%	\$64,880.00	\$5,000	\$69,880.00	5.50%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 4 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE)

400 - Hazardous condition, other	2	0.08%				
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)	15	0.58%				
413-Oil or other combustible liquid	1	0.04%				
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1	0.04%				
424-Carbon Monoxide incident	6	0.23%				
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	6	0.23%				
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	0	0.00%				
442 - Overheated motor	0	0.00%				
443 - Breakdown of light ballast	0	0.00%				
444 - Power line down	70	2.69%	\$15,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$16,000.00	1.26%
445-Arching, shorted electrical equipment	10	0.38%				
460-Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.04%				
461- Building or structure weakened or collapsed	3	0.12%				

462 - Aircraft standby	0	0.00%				
463 - Vehicle Accident, general cleanup	3	0.12%				
TOTAL:	119	4.57%	\$15,000.00	\$1,000	\$16,000.00	1.26%

INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 5 - SERVICE CALL

500 - Service Call, other	4	0.15%
511 - Lock-out	3	0.12%
512-Ring or jewelry removal	4	0.15%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.04%
522 - Water or steam leak	5	0.19%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	5	0.19%
542 - Animal Rescue	1	0.04%
550 - Public Service assistance, other	40	1.54%
551 - Assist police or other governmental	9	0.35%
552 - Police matter	3	0.12%
553 - Public service	216	8.29%
554 - Assist invalid	22	0.84%
561 - Unauthorized burning	37	1.42%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	13	0.50%

TOTAL:	363	13.93%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 6 - GOOD INTENT CALL

600 - Good intent call, other	9	0.35%
611 - Dispatched & canceled en route	158	6.07%
621- Wrong location	0	0.00%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	204	7.83%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	16	0.61%
650-Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	1	0.04%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	8	0.31%
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire Agency	2	0.08%
671-HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	0.04%

TOTAL:	399	15.32%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 7 - FALSE ALARM & FALSE CALL

700 - False alarm or false call, other	20	0.77%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	0.04%
711 - Municipal alarm systems, malicious false alarm	2	0.08%
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	0	0.00%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.04%
730-System malfunction, other	1	0.04%
731- Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3	0.12%

732-Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	0	0.00%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	9	0.35%
734-Heat detector activation due to malfunction	0	0.00%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	22	0.84%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	4	0.15%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	2	0.08%
741 -S[rinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.04%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	17	0.65%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - Unintentional	4	0.15%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	42	1.61%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	4	0.15%

TOTAL:	133	5.11%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 8 - SEVERE WEATHER & NATURAL DISASTER

800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1	0.04%
812 - Flood assessment	2	0.08%
813-Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.04%
814-Lighning Strike (no fire)	0	0.00%
815 - Severe weather or natural disaster standy	1	0.04%

TOTAL:	5	0.19%
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INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY: 9 - SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPE

900 - Special type of incident, other	14	0.54%
911 - Citizen complaint	3	0.12%

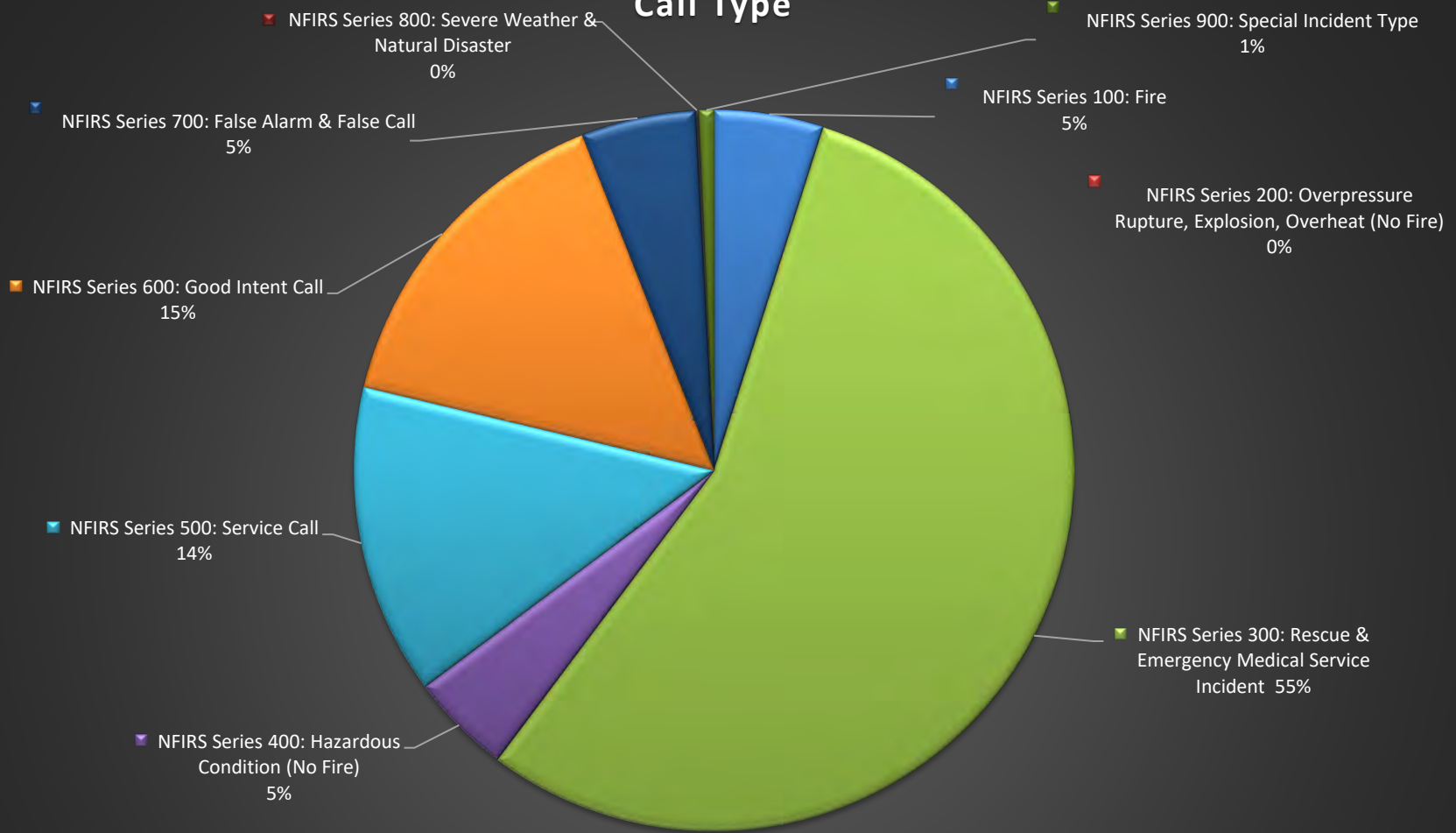
TOTAL:	17	0.65%
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TOTAL:	2605	100%	\$843,888	\$427,454	\$1,271,342	100.00%
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OUR INCIDENTS BY CALL TYPE:

NFIRS Series 100: Fire	128
NFIRS Series 200: Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
NFIRS Series 300: Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	1441
NFIRS Series 400: Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	119
NFIRS Series 500: Service Call	363
NFIRS Series 600: Good Intent Call	399
NFIRS Series 700: False Alarm & False Call	133
NFIRS Series 800: Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5
NFIRS Series 900: Special Incident Type	17
Total Calls for 2025	2605
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Structure Fire"	61
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vehicle Fire"	25
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vegetation Fire"	13
Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Motor Vehicle Accidents"	230
Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Extrications from Vehicles"	3
Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Rescues"	959

Call Type



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



FDR-NFIRS: January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

CATEGORY	LINE	2025	2024	2023
Summary	NFIRS Series 100: Fire	128	126	120
Summary	NFIRS Series 200: Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	3	1
Summary	NFIRS Series 300: Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	1441	1298	1106
Summary	NFIRS Series 400: Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	119	96	74
Summary	NFIRS Series 500: Service Call	363	348	197
Summary	NFIRS Series 600: Good Intent Call	399	354	295
Summary	NFIRS Series 700: False Alarm & False Call	133	143	108
Summary	NFIRS Series 800: Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5	1	1
Summary	NFIRS Series 900: Special Incident Type	17	11	15
Fire	Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Structure Fire" (NFIRS Codes 111- 123)?	61	64	48



CATEGORY	LINE	2025	2024	2023
Fire	Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vehicle Fire" (NFIRS Codes 130-138)?	25	19	25
Fire	Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vegetation Fire" (NFIRS Codes 140-143)?	13	11	28
Fire	What is the total acreage of all vegetation fires?	0.0		2.3
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents	Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Motor Vehicle Accidents" (NFIRS Codes 322-324)?	213	215	192
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents	Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Extrications from Vehicles" (NFIRS Code 352)?	2	3	1
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incidents	Of the NFIRS Series 300 calls, how many are "Rescues" (NFIRS Codes 300, 351, 353-381)?	21	31	32
Call Volume	How many EMS-BLS Response Calls?	862	784	629
Call Volume	How many EMS-ALS Response Calls?		1	



CATEGORY	LINE	2025	2024	2023
Call Volume	How many EMS-BLS Scheduled Transports?			
Call Volume	How many EMS-ALS Scheduled Transports?			
Call Volume	How many Community Paramedic Response Calls?			
Mutual and Automatic Aid	How many times did your organization receive Mutual Aid?	9	10	22
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Mutual and Automatic Aid	How many times did your organization provide Mutual Aid?	62	71	64
Mutual and Automatic Aid	How many times did your organization provide Automatic Aid?	92	69	69
Mutual and Automatic Aid	Of the Mutual and Automatic Aid responses, how many were structure fires?	29	34	21

NFIRS Summary

January 1 to December 31 for each year

Summary By Incident Type Category (All Incidents)

Incident Type Category	2025	2024	2023
Fires (100-173)	128	126	134
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat Calls (200-251)	0	3	1
Rescue and EMS Calls (300-381)	1,441	1298	1,315
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	119	96	156
Service Calls (500-571)	363	348	207
Good Intent Calls (600-672)	399	354	346
False Alarm and False Calls (700-751)	133	143	124
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	5	1	1
Special Incident Type Calls (900-911)	17	11	15
Unknown or Not Reported	0	0	0
Grand Total	2,605	2,380	2,299

Summary By Incident Type Category (Fire Incidents)

Incident Type Category	2025	2024	2023
Structure Fires (111-118)	61	64	63
Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fires (130-138)	25	19	26
Natural Vegetation Fires (140-143)	13	11	25
Outside Rubbish Fires (150-155)	16	25	13
Special Outside Fires (160-164)	3	7	4
Fires, Other (100)	0	0	3
Grand Total	118	126	134

Summary By Incident Type Category (EMS Incidents)

Incident Type Category	2025	2024	2023
Medical Assist Calls (311)	275	316	306
Emergency Medical Service Incidents (320-324)	1143	948	963
Lock-In Calls (331)	0	0	0
Search for Lost Person Calls (340-343)	0	0	2
Extrication, Rescue Calls (350-357)	3	5	5
Water and Ice-Related Rescue Calls (360-365)	0	2	0
Rescue or EMS Standby Calls (381)	0	1	2
Rescue and EMS Incidents, Other (300)	20	26	37
Grand Total	1,441	1,298	1,315

NFIRS Summary

January 1 to December 31 for each year

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

Incident Type Category	2025	2024	2023
Motor Vehicle Accident Calls (322-324)	230	215	221
Extrication from Vehicle Calls (352)	2	3	2
Rescue Calls (300, 350-351, 353-357, 360-365, 370-372, 381)	21	31	42
Rescue and EMS Incidents, (All Other EMS Calls)	938	1,049	1,050
Grand Total	1,191	1,298	1,315

Summary By Aid Given or Received (All Incidents)

Aid Given or Received Type	2025	2024	2023
Mutual Aid Received (1)	9	10	24
Automatic Aid Received (2)	31	40	46
Mutual Aid Given (3)	62	71	81
Automatic Aid Given (4)	92	113	86
Other Aid Given (5)	61	134	70
No Aid Given or Received (N)	2,350	2,012	1,992
Grand Total	2,605	2,380	2,299

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

Aid Given or Received Type	2025	2024	2023
Mutual Aid Received (1)	4	1	2
Automatic Aid Received (2)	14	16	17
Mutual Aid Given (3)	10	11	10
Automatic Aid Given (4)	20	45	18
Other Aid Given (5)	0	0	0
No Aid Given or Received (N)	13	5	16
Grand Total	61	78	63

NFIRS Summary

January 1 to December 31 for each year

Fire Service Casualty 2025 Summary

Fire Service Casualties	Fire-Related	Non-Fire	Grand Total
Fire Service Injuries	0	0	0
Fire Service Deaths	0	0	0
Total Fire Service Casualties	0	0	0

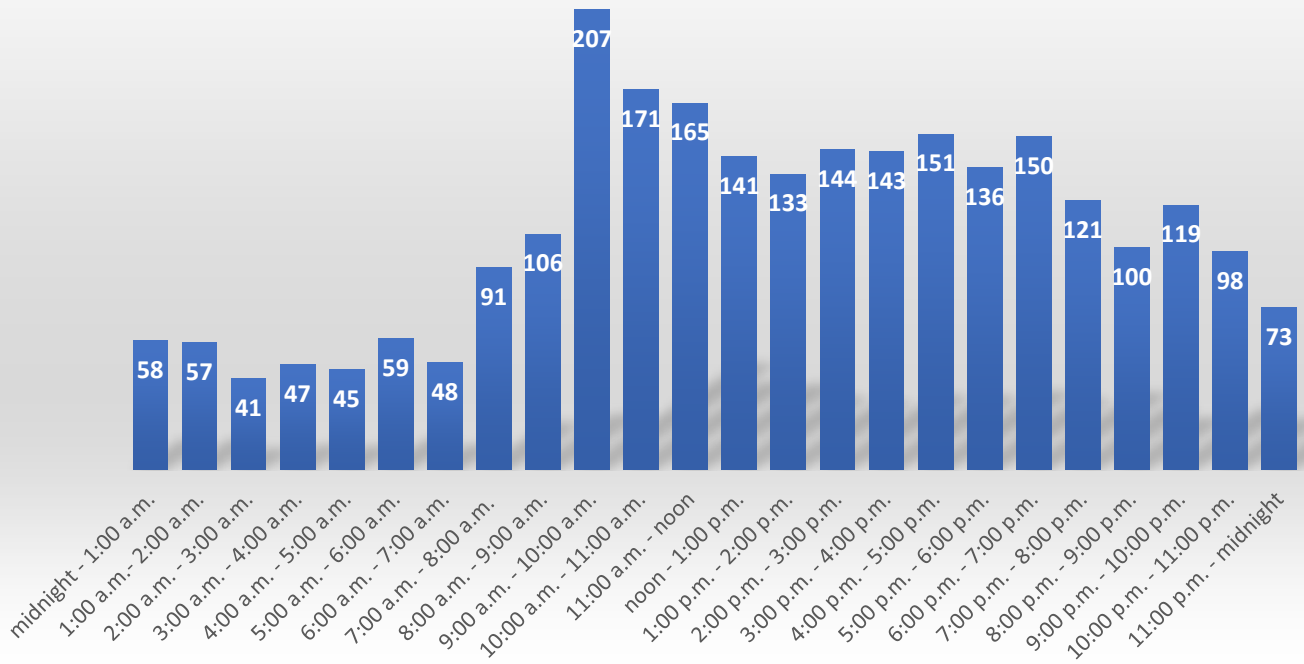
Civilian Fire Casualty 2025 Summary

Civilian Fire Casualties	Grand Total
Civilian Fire Injuries	4
Civilian Fire Deaths	0
Total Civilian Fire Casualties	4

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.

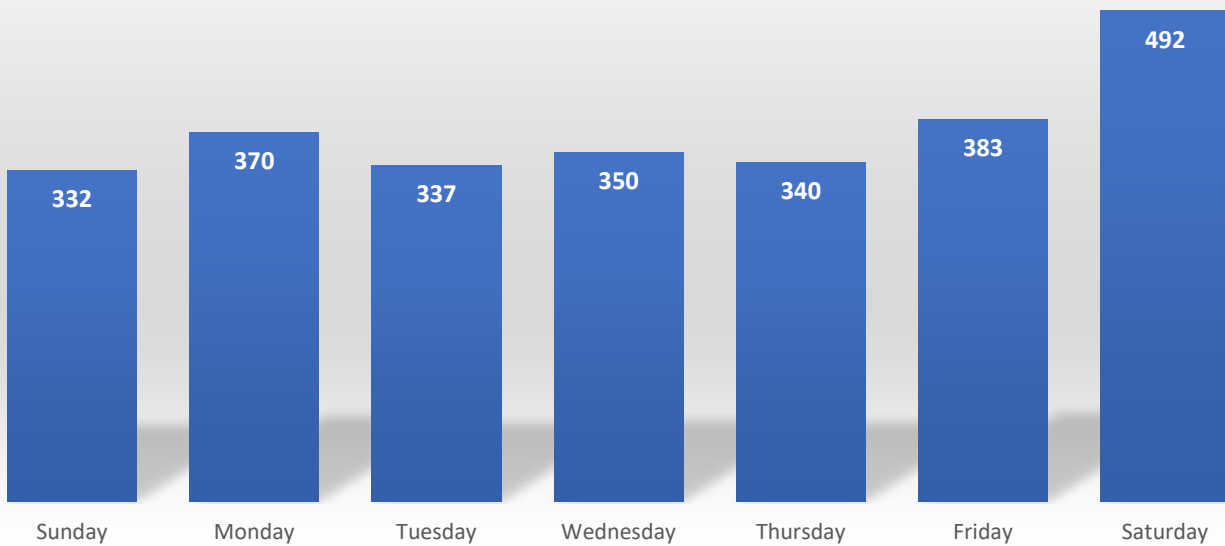
Response number by time of day

The average busiest hour of the day is 9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m.



Number of Responses by day of week

The busiest day of the week is Saturday





FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

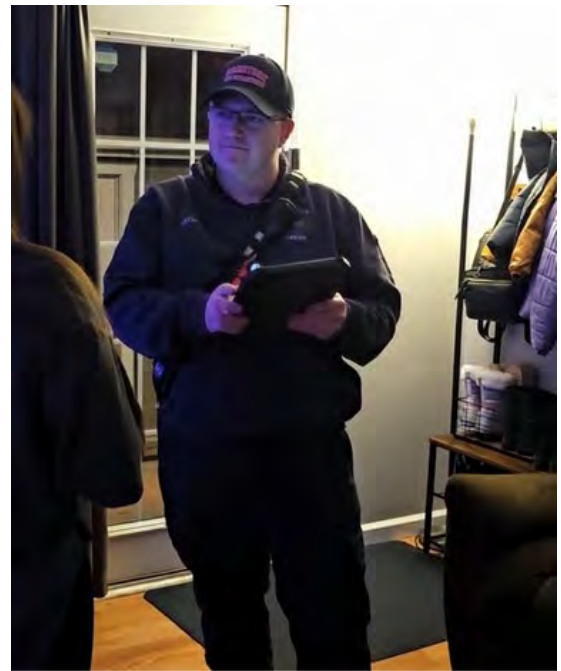


FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

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 that community members are educated on fire safety protocols.

In 2025, the Comstock Township Fire Department conducted over 400 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 25 years, Comstock Fire 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 300 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 offered hands-on and online CPR training sessions to equip the community with life-saving skills. In 2025, we conducted:

- 4 CPR classes for a total of 21 students.
-

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OPEN HOUSE

On October 16, 2025, Comstock Fire hosted a highly successful Open House at Station 9-1. Over 125 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 Department 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 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 now has eight 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.

CAR SEAT CHECK EVENT

Certified CPSTs can show you how to install your car seat, how to safely harness your child, and understand when it is time for the next step.

Open to kids and caregivers of all ages and stages!

May 28th from 4-7pm

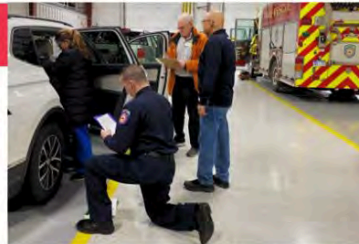
Comstock Township Fire Station 1
1960 River St. Kalamazoo, MI 49048

**SAFE
KIDS**
KALAMAZOO
COUNTY

Led By
**BRONSON
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL**



- Registration is not required.
- Car seats will be available first come first served for eligible participants while supplies last.
- Children and a vehicle must be present to participate in the car seat program.
- Expectant parents needing a car seat must be at least 27 weeks pregnant.



FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

FIRE PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION STATISTICS

Category	Statistics
Fire Safety Inspections	302 inspections completed
Fire Prevention Education	300 students participated in the "Safe at Home" program. School visits take place 7 months of the year ½ hour per class - 18 students per class with 16 classes
Station Tours	150 kindergarteners visited Station 9-1
CPR Training	4 CPR Classes (21 participants total)
Fire Prevention Week Open House	125+ attendees
Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Installations	1,202 Smoke Alarms & 307 Carbon Monoxide detectors 240 home installations total
PR Events	53
Reflective Address Signs	11
Car Seat Safety Program	26 car seat check appointments 1 car seat event held at Station 9-1 with 40 car seats installed

2025 MICHIGAN FATAL FIRE STATISTICS



106 PEOPLE

lost their lives in **90** fires



12am - 12pm
Fatal fires **peaked**
during these hours

ONLY
29%



of homes with fatal fires
were reported as having
working smoke alarms

69%

People **age 50+**
represent the majority
of **fatal fire victims**.

50% **49%**

Fatal fires **impacted**
both men and women
almost equally

(1% Not reported)



25% of fatal fire
victims had a reported
disability

Most fatal fires occurred on **Saturday, Monday & Friday's**

TOP 3 FATAL FIRE CAUSES



SMOKING
Discarded
materials can
ignite furniture.



ELECTRICAL
Overloads and
faulty wiring
spark fires.



HEATING
Placing too
close to
combustibles.

TOP 3 AREAS OF ORIGIN



LIVING ROOM
Upholstered
furniture ignites
easily.



KITCHEN
Unattended
cooking starts
fires.



BEDROOM
Fires start
while occupants
sleep.

FIRE PREVENTION



SMOKE SAFELY
Always use deep ashtrays and fully extinguish smoking
materials. Never smoke in bed or near furniture.



PLAN YOUR ESCAPE
Fires move fast. Practice an escape plan with two
exits from each room and a meeting place outside.



TEST YOUR ALARMS
Install smoke alarms on every level of your
home and near bedrooms. Test them monthly.



**Get out, stay out,
and call 911.**

MI PREVENTION HOME SAFETY VISITS

10,743
TOTAL

Installed
46,970
SMOKE ALARMS

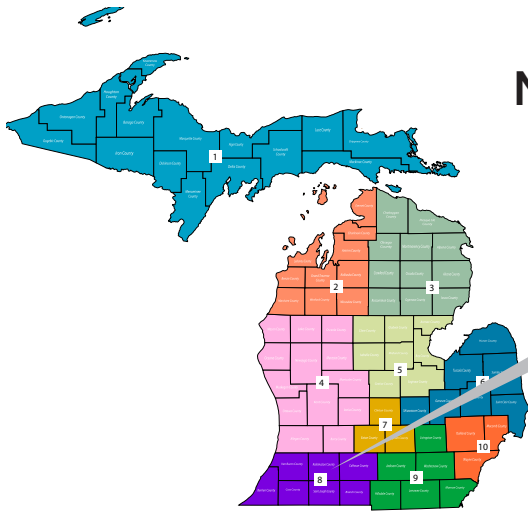
11,906
CO ALARMS

535
DISABILITY ALARMS



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MI ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT REGIONS FIRE DEATH STATISTICS 2017 - 2023



REGION 8



TOTAL FIRE FATALITIES

94 PEOPLE have died in **73** FIRES

22% of fires were **MULTI-FATAL** fires

41% of reported causes were **CARELESS SMOKING**

DEADLIEST DAY **TUESDAY** **21%**
DEADLIEST MONTH **JANUARY** **14%**

ALL

counties suffered a fatality

FIRE DEATHS BY AREA OF ORIGIN

50% of fires started in the **LIVING ROOM**



**2019 to present*

30%* of victims found in **AREA OF ORIGIN**

45%* of victims found in **BEDROOM**

23%* of victims were reported to be **DISABLED***
**2019 to present*

FIRE DEATHS BY GENDER AND AGE

62% of victims were **MALES**

38% of victims were **FEMALES**

44% of victims were between **50 and 79**

10% of victims were reported to be **IMPAIRED BY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL**



Only **32%** were reported as having working smoke alarms



CREATE YOUR ESCAPE PLAN AND PRACTICE IT IN THE DARK

A majority of fire deaths happen overnight, take the time to be prepared!



6pm - 6am

63%



6am - 6pm

36%

**1% not reported*



TRAINING DIVISION



2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

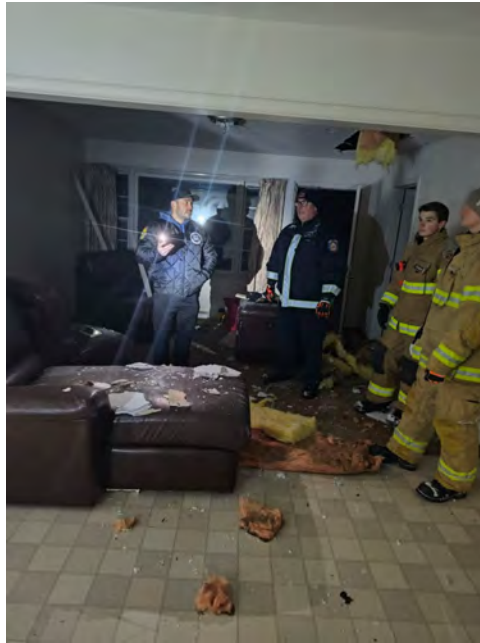
Training Officer/Deputy Chief Kevin Thompson

The Training Division remained dedicated to delivering top-tier training for our personnel in 2025, 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 2025:

- **8,146 hours** of documented training.
- **10 new hires** began probationary training.
- **Company-level training** continued for on-duty personnel, covering more in-depth topics.
- **Pump Operator Academy:** Five personnel attended in Oshtemo.
- **Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) recertification** completed.
- **EMT License:** 6 personnel obtained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) license.
- **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** 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.
- **Fire Inspector Course:** One person attended.
- **Winter Seminar (KZOO FOOLS):** 9 personnel participated in a firefighting tactics and leadership seminar.
- **Oathkeepers Fire Conference:** 3 personnel attended in Southern Ohio, covering engine/truck company fireground operations.
- **Additional Training Courses:** Rescue Task Force, MUSAR Rope Operations, Trench Rescue, EMS Instructor Coordinator, and boat in-service training.
- **Nozzle Forward Training at the Kalamazoo Regional Training Tower:** 3 personnel attended a two-day intense hands-on course in hose line management and fire attack.
- **Fire Officer Bootcamp in Pensacola Beach, FL:** 2 personnel attended five days of training, including class lectures and hands-on training in mid-rise and high-rise operations.

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



CREWS TRAINED ON AN ACQUIRED STRUCTURE THROUGH KZOO F.O.O.L.S FROM GULL LAKE VIEW GOLF COURSE
JANUARY 11, 2025



2025 WINTER SEMINAR PRESENTED BY KZOO F.O.O.L.S.
JANUARY 18, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



HANDS ON ICE RESCUE REFRESHER TRAINING AT CAMPBELL LAKE IN ROBERT MORRIS PARK
JANUARY 26, 2025



VEHICLE EXTRICATION TRAINING AT MCDONALD'S TOWING
HOSTED BY MACQUEEN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS
UTILIZING HURST JAWS OF LIFE EXTRICATION TOOLS AND PARATECH FIRE & RESCUE EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION
EQUIPMENT
FEBRUARY 4, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

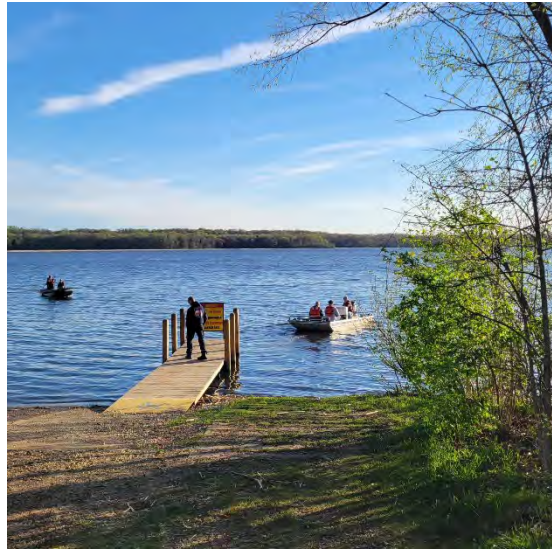


PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER CADEN SMELTZER GRADUATED FROM LIFE EMS EMT COURSE
APRIL 9, 2025



HOSE ADVANCEMENT TRAINING FOR PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS
APRIL 25, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

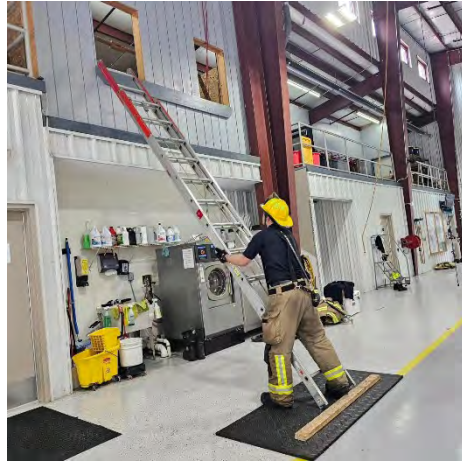


BOAT OPERATIONS REFRESHER TRAINING AT MORROW LAKE
APRIL 30, 2025



FF JOZWIK ATTENDED GREAT LAKES H.O.T. FIRE TRAINING CONFERENCE IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
JUNE 17, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



HOSELINE AND VENTILATION TECHNIQUE TRAINING AT STATION 9-1
JULY 9, 2025



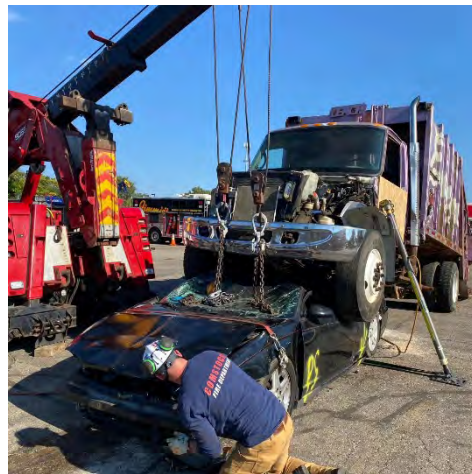
TRAINING ON NEW EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT CONSISTING OF STABILIZATION STRUTS
AND AIR LIFTING BAGS AT MCDONALD'S TOWING

JULY 23, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



TRAINING ON NEW HEAVY VEHICLE EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT AT MCDONALD'S TOWING
AUGUST 6, 2025

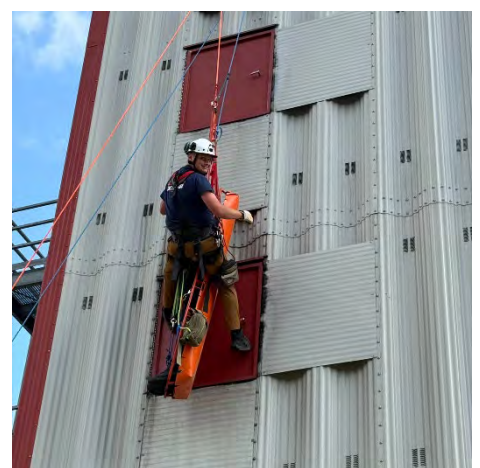
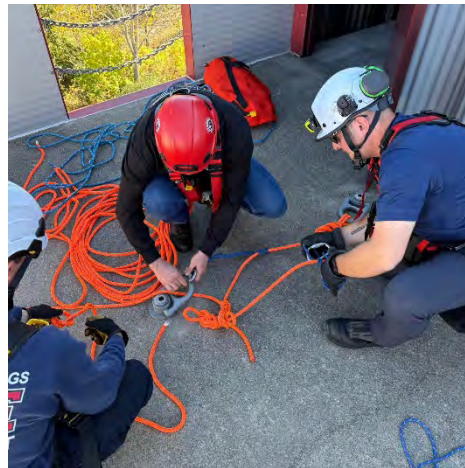


CAPT MEULMAN ATTENDED ADVANCED LARGE VEHICLE EXTRICATION COURSE IN JACKSON, MI
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



LIVE FIRE TRAINING AT THE TRAINING TOWER ON NAZARETH RD.
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025



LT KRUEGER & FF DITTMER ATTENDED A WEEK-LONG ROPE RESCUE OPERATIONS COURSE AT THE KALAMAZOO REGIONAL TRAINING TOWER.

OCTOBER 13-17, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



FF'S DITTMER, LAWSON, HAMACHER & SAVAGE ATTENDED A 3-DAY COURSE ON LARGE VEHICLE EXTRICATION
KALAMAZOO

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025



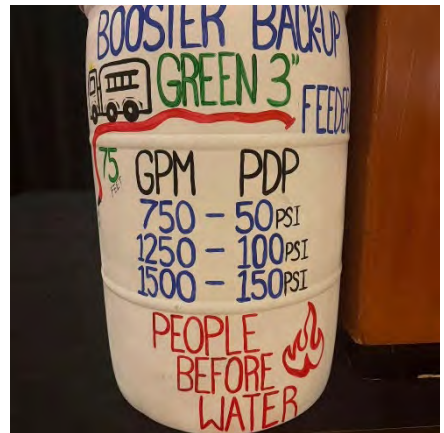
FF'S J. JOHNSON, TAVERNA & LAMPHEAR ATTENDED "NOZZLE FORWARD" TRAINING AT THE KALAMAZOO
REGIONAL TRAINING TOWER.

OCTOBER 25-26, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



MANUFACTURERS TRAINING FROM PIERCE ON NEW ENGINE 912
NOVEMBER 10-14, 2025



LT'S KRUEGER & JACKSON ATTENDED COUNTY FIRE TACTICS "FIRE OFFICER BOOTCAMP" IN
PENSACOLA BEACH, FL
NOVEMBER 10-14, 2025

2025 TRAINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



PROBATIONARY FF'S RIEGER, HOFFMAN & FLETCHER GRADUATED FROM LIFE EMS EMT-B PROGRAM

DECEMBER 5, 2025

Conclusion

2025 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 – 2025 Training Schedule

Owner	Dates	Topic	Mandatory	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
996	Jan. 6/7	Ice Rescue Classroom	Yes		Flick1/Flick 2
	Jan. 14	Officer Training/Meeting			
901	Jan. 20/21	Lithium Battery/EV Response			Meulman
902	Feb. 3/4	EMS		Yes	Ogden
	Feb. 11	Officer Training/Meeting			
902	Feb. 17/18	CPR/AED (Re-Cert)	Yes		Ogden
993	March 3/4	Traffic Incident Mgmt.			Thompson
995	March 17/18	Haz-Mat	Yes		Steeby/Thompson
	March 25	Officer Training/Meeting			
993	March 31/April 1	Saws/Battery Operated Tools			Flick 2
	Apr. 8	Officer Training/Meeting			
999	Apr. 14/15	Search & Rescue/Ladders/JPR's	Yes		
993	Apr. 28/29	Boat Operations			Flick 2
	May 6	Officer Training/Meeting			
994	May 12/13	Trench Awareness	Yes		Mack
	May 20/21	A/O Training			
996	May 27/28 (Memorial Day)	Phys. Fitness/Phys. Ability			
994	June 9/10	RIC/FF Survival	Yes		
	June 17	Officer Training/Meeting			
905	June 23/24	Midlink Tour / Drafting w/PTFD?			
	June 3/4	A/O Training			
993	July 7/8	Hose Advancement/Ventilation	Yes		
	July 29	Officer Training/Meeting			
993	July 21/22	Paratech Equip			Carl Hein/Flick 2
	July 15/16	A/O Training			
901	Aug. 4/5	Paratech Equip			Carl Hein/Meulman

Comstock Fire Department – 2025 Training Schedule

Owner	Dates	Topic	Mandatory	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
	Aug. 26/27	A/O Training			
999	Aug. 18/19	Driver's Training	Yes		
	Aug. 12	Officer Training/Meeting			
994	Sept. 2/3 (Labor Day)	Elevators/Fire Alarms			
	Sept. 9	Officer Training/Meeting			
901	Sept. 15/16	Live Fire	Yes		
	Sept. 23/24	A/O Training			
902	Sept. 29/30	CPR/AED	Yes		
	Oct. 7/8	A/O Training			
997	Oct. 13/14	IRR/Size-up/Blue Card	Yes		
	Oct. 21	Officer Training/Meeting			
997	Oct. 27/28	HazMat	Yes		
	Nov. 4	Officer Training/Meeting			
995	Nov. 10/11	TIC/Forcible Entry/TTL			
902	Nov. 24/25	RTF Review			
	Dec. 2	Officer Training/Meeting			
996	Dec. 8/9	Building Construction	Yes		

YEARS OF SERVICE

5 YEARS OF SERVICE



CAPT M. MEULMAN



LT. J. OGDEN



FF/AO1 B. MCNETT

*Not Pictured – FF/AO H. JOZWIK

10 YEARS OF SERVICE



FF/AO1 T. GRAY

*Not Pictured - ADMIN ASST. K BEAUCHAMP

YEARS OF SERVICE

15 YEARS OF SERVICE



LT J. DOUG MCLIECHEY



FF/AO J.SLAGER



FF/AO CARL MARTENSEN

30 YEARS OF SERVICE



LT/FM M. KESSLER



CHIEF M. BEAUCHAMP