

Hamilton
Fire & Rescue
Hamilton, Michigan

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Annual Report

As of November 30, 2011 Hamilton Fire & Rescue has responded to 216 incidents, which compares to 231 as of November 30, 2010. A complete break down of all incidents will be provided to each township after January 1, 2012.

Training for the department is on going in both the fire side and the medical side of what we do.

This past year beyond the normal monthly fire and medical training, we also completed the following extra training classes.

The first was in Rapid Intervention Teams. The classes deal with how to rescue a down victim, and or firefighter, in the event of a building collapse.

The second class was on water rescue. The class focus was on rescues in rapid water and rivers. We have also updated the life vest that we use in these types of rescues. Saugatuck Fire Department has also given use a flat bottom boat, motor, and trailer for use in water rescues.

The third class was on Advance Trauma Life Support. The class goes into detail on how to best treat victims of severe trauma.

Over the past few years we have focus in on updating the fire side of the department's activities. We have updated the front line equipment and have received a lowered ISO rating.

As a department we feel that our next focus is in the medical response we provide. We are currently license by the State of Michigan to respond to a medical emergency, and or car crashes as Medical First Responder, MFR.

We our currently looking at moving to the next level of Basic Life Support, BLS, which would allow us limited additional treatment of victims of a medical emergency. The end goal would be Advance Life Support, ALS, which would allow us the administer medications.

This upgrading of our medical response will take several years of additional training and expanding some of our medical equipment needs.

With this in mind we are currently looking at how to best replace the current rescue truck with our future needs in mind.

As always please feel free to call me at any time with any questions or concerns you may have.

David Haverdink

Chief
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