

COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE



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2015

Annual Report

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2015 was a very busy year for Comstock Fire & Rescue – in fact, a record year. Comstock Fire & Rescue for the first time in our 91 year history responded to over 1,400 calls for service, ending the year with 1,464 incident responses. On January 9, 2015 Comstock Fire & Rescue was an integral part of an incident that made International news when we responded to the 193 vehicle accident on I-94 assisting Galesburg/Charleston Fire. The incident involved a major fire, 40,000 pounds of commercial grade fireworks and 6,000 gallons of Formic Acid that challenged crews for almost 55 hours.

Throughout 2015, Comstock Fire & Rescue continued to respond with greater efficiency having placed in service two Medical Rescue Tahoe's that allow for a quicker response to the majority of the calls handled every day. This change also reflected savings in fuel usage, hours of usage for two of the Rescue/Engines that resulted in an overall decrease in vehicle maintenance.

Our continued training on subjects that are at the forefront of the Fire Service led many of the hands on opportunities in 2015. Fire flow-path, Fire Behavior and Incident Management, Accountability and Firefighter Rescue all had personnel working hard throughout the year. The Comstock Fire Department had a wonderful opportunity as a resident donated a 2 story residential structure for training. This led to priceless training sessions that are difficult to duplicate.

Public Education was also in the news for Comstock Fire & Rescue. Working with the local CBS affiliate, WWMT Channel 3 and Public Media Network, Comstock and a number of our Kalamazoo County neighbors helped air two segments on smoke detectors and sleeping with your bedroom door closed during live fire training at the house that had been donated by a Comstock resident. Both segments received strong positive reactions from the Michigan Fire Chiefs Association as well as the West Michigan Fire Chiefs Association.

We continue to serve the residents of Comstock Township and our neighbors in Kalamazoo County with a strong paid-on-call system that mans the three fire stations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round. Comstock Fire & Rescue added 10 new members that will help serve the community day and night. I am grateful to have an amazing staff that work hard to provide the highest level of training, Fire Prevention / Public Education and vehicle maintenance in our system.

As Fire Chief, I want to thank the residents, business owners and the Comstock Township Board for their continued support. The members of the Comstock Fire Department are residents as well, and we serve our neighbors with the highest level of training and care.

Respectfully submitted,

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2015 Operations

2015 Response Information

Total Runs for 2015 **1,464**

Average Runs Per Day **4.01**

Initial & Mutual Aid to Other Department

Kalamazoo Township

Station #2 **37**

Station #3 **126**

City of Portage **28**

Pavilion Township **18**

Kalamazoo City **14**

Galesburg / Charleston **13**

Richland Township **2**

Ross / Augusta **2**

Cooper Township **2**

Initial & Mutual Aid from Other Department

Kalamazoo Township **39**

Galesburg / Charleston **9**

Kalamazoo City **7**

City of Portage **6**

Pavilion Township **1**

Texas Township **2**

Richland Township **2**

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Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **January 5:** Administrative Assistant Kerrie Douglas starts at Comstock Fire & Rescue.
- ◆ **January 9:** At 09:33am the Comstock Fire Department was dispatched initial aid to Galesburg/Charleston Fire for an accident on I-94 at the 90 mile marker. The incident involved 193 vehicles including 40,000 pounds of Commercial Fireworks and 6,000 gallons of Formic Acid. Although tragic, only 1 fatality was encountered as Comstock personnel provided assistance throughout the Fire Service presence on Sunday January 11th
- ◆ **January 9:** At 1:33pm, while a majority of personnel were assisting with the I-94, 193 vehicle accident, Comstock Fire & Rescue, assisted by Kalamazoo Township Firefighters responded to a Carbon Monoxide incident that sent 25 workers from a Comstock Greenhouse to local hospitals.
- ◆ **January 12:** Reported structure fire on N. 26th Street contained to shed and garage. Crews found a Chicken coup on fire with extension to 2 car residential garage.
- ◆ **January 20:** Responded to Sprinkle Road and E. Main for a vehicle accident requiring extrication of patients from 2 vehicles.
- ◆ **January 20:** Reported structure fire on E. Michigan Avenue in a 2 story multi-family structure. On arrival, companies found and extinguished an electrical fire that had extended into the walls and attic of the second floor unit.
- ◆ **January 25:** Assisted company representatives at the MidLink Complex after a sprinkler head activated and caused considerable water damage to one property.
- ◆ **January 27:** Responded Initial Aid with Portage Fire department on a structure fire on Woodlawn. Fire contained in bedroom of structure.
- ◆ **February 5:** At 9:30am responded to Sprinkle Road and E. Michigan for a vehicle accident requiring extrication of patients from 2 vehicles.
- ◆ **February 5:** At 10:00pm responded to S. 35th Street and ML for a vehicle accident requiring extrication of patients from 2 vehicles.
- ◆ **February 11:** Responded Initial Aid to Kalamazoo Township and assisted with a structure fire on Enterprise Drive.
- ◆ **February 12:** Responded Initial Aid to Kalamazoo Township and assisted with a structure fire on Gayle. This fire resulted in a single fatality. Comstock personnel were initial fire attack.
- ◆ **February 13:** Responded Initial Aid to Portage and assisted with a structure fire on Winthrop Avenue. Comstock personnel assisted on-scene with fire attack and overhaul.
- ◆ **February 14:** Comstock personnel were working an accident on E. G Avenue when a vehicle lost control approaching the blocking vehicles striking a Comstock Fire Department personal vehicle and Chief 990 Ford Expedition. 1 Comstock person was transported with injurie from accident.
- ◆ **February 27:** Responded Initial Aid to Pavilion Township and assisted with a structure fire on Peyton Place. Comstock personnel were initial fire attack.
- ◆ **March 5:** Reported structure fire on Eggleston in a 1 story single-family structure. On arrival, companies found a fully involved structure fire. Comstock personnel with the assistance of Kalamazoo Township personnel confined the fire to the building of origin.
- ◆ **March 6:** Comstock responded to the Benteler Corporation to find a fire in the filter system of the rooftop ventilation units. Comstock was assisted by Galesburg / Charleston Fire.
- ◆ **March 10:** Responded Initial Aid to Portage and assisted with a structure fire on Bedford Street. Comstock personnel assisted on-scene with overhaul and fire extension. Fire confined to the attached residential garage.
- ◆ **March 13:** Reported structure fire on N. 30th Street in a large 2 car de-tached garage structure. On arrival, companies found a well involved structure fire. Comstock personnel with the assistance of Galesburg / Charleston Township personnel confined the fire to the building of origin.



I-94



Gayle Street



Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **March 20:** Comstock responded to Westbound I-94 at the 86 Mile Marker for a vehicle accident requiring extrication of patients.
- ◆ **March 20:** Responded Initial Aid to Portage and assisted with a structure fire on Meredith Street. Comstock personnel assisted on-scene with overhaul and fire extension. Fire confined to the exterior of the structure.
- ◆ **March 24:** Reported structure fire on 10600 block of Miller Drive. On arrival, companies found a well involved residential structure fire. Comstock personnel with the assistance of Galesburg / Charleston Township personnel confined the fire to the building of origin.
- ◆ **March 27:** Reported structure fire on 600 block of Rex Street. On arrival, companies found a well involved residential structure fire. Personnel found what was believed to be Methamphetamine production materials in the kitchen and immediately withdrew and fought remainder of fire from exterior. Comstock personnel with the assistance of Kalamazoo Township personnel confined the fire to the building of origin and turned scene over to Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department for Meth Investigation.
- ◆ **April 5:** Comstock personnel responded to the McLinden Woods Nature Trails for a Wildland fire that consumed almost 10 acres of property.
- ◆ **April 6:** Comstock Fire Marshal requested to assist with fatal fire investigation on Boylan Avenue in Cooper Township as part of the Kalamazoo County Fire Investigation Team.
- ◆ **April 9:** Comstock responded to n. 36TH Street and HJ Avenue for a vehicle accident requiring extrication of patients.
- ◆ **April 15:** Responded Initial Aid to Portage and assisted with a structure fire at Pfizer. Comstock personnel assisted on-scene with overhaul and fire extension. Fire confined to the roof of the structure.
- ◆ **April 18:** Comstock personnel responded to the 600 block of Sarah and found a car into the structure. Comstock personnel secured utilities and assisted with structural shoring. Incident involved a Kalamazoo County Sheriff chase leading to the vehicle losing control.
- ◆ **April 20:** Responded Initial Aid to Galesburg/Charleston Township and assisted with a structure fire on Valley Drive. Comstock personnel assisted on-scene with fire attack and overhaul.
- ◆ **April 23:** Comstock Fire Marshal requested to assist with fire investigation on Riverview in Cooper Township as part of the Kalamazoo County Fire Investigation Team.
- ◆ **May 1:** Responded Initial Aid to Portage and assisted with a structure fire on the 2000 block of Lakeview drive. Comstock personnel assisted on-scene with fire attack and as a RIT crew.
- ◆ **May 5:** Comstock responded to the construction site on Gull Road for the Jimmy John's. Construction crews had struck a 2" high pressure gas line. Comstock assisted by Kalamazoo Township personnel evacuated the strip mall and adjoining apartment building. Comstock personnel provided air monitoring throughout the incident to determine downwind hazard zone.
- ◆ **May 10:** Responded Mutual Aid to Kalamazoo City Public Safety Station #2 and assisted with a medical call while KDPS personnel fought a structure fire.
- ◆ **May 18:** Responded Initial Aid to Kalamazoo City Public Safety and assisted with a structure fire in the 3400 block of Covington.
- ◆ **May 23 and 24:** Comstock Fire Marshal requested to assist with 2 fire investigations. One on N. 42nd Street and the 2nd on Shoal Drive in Ross Township as part of the Kalamazoo County Fire Investigation Team.
- ◆ **May 30:** Responded Mutual Aid to Richland Township and assisted with a dryer fire on the 5600 block of Meadowstone Drive. Comstock personnel assisted with overhaul.
- ◆ **June 13:** Responded Mutual Aid to Portage Station #3 and stood by while Portage personnel fought a structure fire.
- ◆ **June 16:** Comstock personnel responded to the 81 Mile Marker of Westbound I-94 for an accident with injuries. Comstock personnel provided patient care for victims of a multi-vehicle accident.
- ◆ **June 17:** Comstock personnel responded to the 600 block of Collette for a reported kitchen fire. On arrival fire was contained to the stove and Comstock personnel ventilated home. Comstock was assisted by Kalamazoo Township Station #2.

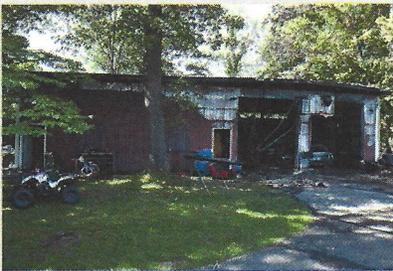


Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **June 20:** Comstock personnel responded to the reported structure fire in the 3900 block of N. 36th Street. On arrival, personnel found a large 3 car detached garage well involved in fire. Personnel also encountered 2 – 500 gallon Propane tanks behind the garage. Fire was contained to the garage with no extension.
- ◆ **June 26:** Comstock personnel responded to the multi-vehicle accident at River Street and the I-94 Business Loop. On arrival Comstock personnel initiated extrication of patients from 2 vehicles.
- ◆ **June 26:** While working the extrication at River Street and The I-94 Business Loop, Comstock personnel also responded to the motor vehicle versus pedestrian in the 6000 block of Gull Road.
- ◆ **June 28:** Comstock Fire Marshal requested to assist Kalamazoo Department of Public safety as part of the Kalamazoo County Fire Investigation Team. Structure fire in the 800 block of Woodward.
- ◆ **June 29:** Retired Deputy Fire Chief Robert Doud Jr. succumbed to his battle with Cancer. After his retirement in April 2013, Deputy Chief Doud had proudly served the Comstock Township Fire Department for 41 years.
- ◆ **July 9:** Comstock personnel responded to the Propane tanks on fire at the I-94 and Sprinkle Road round-a-bout construction site. Comstock personnel assisted by Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.
- ◆ **July 10:** Comstock responded Mutual Aid to Portage for an accident involving a Portage Fire Engine at the intersection of Romence and Portage. Comstock Personnel released and repositioned to Portage station #3.
- ◆ **July 10:** Comstock personnel handled 2 multi-vehicle accidents at 35th Street and I-94. The first was located on 35th Street over I-94 and the second an hour later on I-94 at 35th Street Eastbound.
- ◆ **July 12:** Comstock assisted Galesburg / Charleston Fire with an extrication accident at 38th and Miller Drive.
- ◆ **July 14:** A ruptured pressure reducing valve on a Natural Gas line forced the evacuation of 2 residential structures and 2 businesses in the 8800 block of E. K Avenue.



Robert Doud Jr



Keller Drive

- ◆ **July 24:** Comstock personnel responded to the reported structure fire in the 9600 block of Keller Drive. On arrival, personnel found a large 3 car detached garage well involved in fire. Personnel also encountered a burn victim that was in the garage at the time of the fire. Personnel treated the patient prior to the arrival of Pride Care. Fire was contained to the garage with heavy damage and were assisted by Galesburg/Charleston and Pavilion Township with water tenders.

- ◆ **July 28:** Personnel responded to the intersection of E. Michigan and 35th Street for an accident involving a farm tractor that blew a hydraulic line. Comstock personnel assisted with the confinement of the oil and applied Oil Dry to assist with clean-up.
- ◆ **July 28:** Comstock personnel responded to the multi-vehicle accident at Sprinkle Road and E. Main. On arrival Comstock personnel initiated patient care from 2 vehicles.
- ◆ **July 29:** Comstock personnel, assisted by Kalamazoo Township responded to the structure fire in the 300 block of Rex. Crews found a fire that initiated in the basement and spread upwards through the walls to heavily damage the first floor and attic space.
- ◆ **July 30:** Comstock responded initial aid with Kalamazoo Township to the 600 block of Wallace for a garage fire. On arrival the garage was fully involved and powerlines had come down over the garage. Comstock personnel assisted with a defensive fire attack.
- ◆ **July 31:** Comstock responded initial aid with Galesburg / Charleston to 16 E. Michigan Avenue for a structure fire. On arrival Comstock personnel assisted with a fire extension onto the roof area.



Rex Street



Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **August 3:** Comstock responded initial aid to Portage fire for a reported structure fire in the 7400 block of Montego Bay. While responding, Comstock equipment and personnel were re-routed to a second structure fire in the 1400 block of Jonathon Drive. Comstock was the first to arrive and find a working fire in a bedroom. Comstock personnel initiated a fire attack and were assisted on scene by Oshtemo Township.
- ◆ **August 4:** Comstock responded initial aid with Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety for the reported gas pump fire at the Speedway on S. Sprinkle Road. On arrival, Comstock personnel assisted with fire extinguishment after a car struck a gas pump at the location.
- ◆ **August 14:** Comstock personnel, assisted by Kalamazoo Township responded to the structure fire in the 3500 block of Lake Street. Crews found a fire that initiated in the workshop area and spread upwards to the attic space. Comstock personnel assisted with water supply and overhaul.
- ◆ **August 14:** Comstock welcomed 10 new members to its rank and file. The new Probationary Firefighters participated in a number of live fire exercises on L Avenue.
- ◆ **August 17:** Comstock responded initial aid to Kalamazoo Township for the reported structure fire at 2010 Sunnyside. On arrival, crews found heavy fire on the 3rd floor that had extended to the attic. Comstock personnel were assigned to the roof for ventilation and fire attack.
- ◆ **August 22:** Comstock responded initial aid with Kalamazoo Township for the structure fire. On arrival Comstock personnel acted as the Rapid Intervention team and also assisted with fire attack.
- ◆ **August 23:** Comstock responded mutual aid to Portage Fire for a structure fire in the 1700 block of Bellaire. Comstock personnel reported to Portage Station #3 for stand-by and due to the excessive high temperatures, Comstock was requested to the scene to assist with overhaul and salvage.
- ◆ **August 25:** Comstock personnel responded to the 5800 block of King Highway for a Diesel Fuel spill. Comstock personnel quickly confined the spill to the area of origin and requested assistance from Michigan DEQ due to the materials entering a storm drain near the Kalamazoo River.
- ◆ **August 27:** A reported fire at the Taco Bell on S. Sprinkle Road was confined to the deep fryer in the kitchen by a quick thinking employee that utilized a fire extinguisher to confine the fire to the cooking area. No extension was found, clean up was extensive for Taco Bell employees.
- ◆ **August 29:** A single vehicle accident on I-94 Eastbound at the 84 Mile Marker was handled by Comstock personnel providing medical care prior to the arrival of Pride Care.
- ◆ **September 1:** A reported early morning structure fire at 80 Level caused heavy damage to a single story residential home. All occupants were out on arrival and after extinguishment, a family dog was found to have perished in the blaze. Comstock was assisted by Kalamazoo Township.
- ◆ **September 4:** Comstock personnel responded mutual aid to Kalamazoo City Station 2 for a change of quarters assignment as Kalamazoo City Firefighters battled a structure fire.
- ◆ **September 9:** Comstock responded initial aid to Portage for a report of a fire at the Stryker facility on E. Center. On arrival personnel were assigned to assist with smoke removal from a machine fire within the building.
- ◆ **September 11:** Comstock responded to the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds for a travel trailer fire. On arrival, Comstock personnel found a fully involved travel trailer. Both occupants were able to escape thanks to their dog waking them up to the fire.
- ◆ **September 11:** The Kalamazoo Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society sponsored the 9/11 stair climb at Wings Events Center. 12 Comstock personnel climbed the 110 stories in remembrance of the 343 New York City Firefighters that were killed on September 11, 2001.
- ◆ **September 11:** Comstock responded initial aid to Pavilion Township for an unknown type fire in the 5600 block of S. 28th Street. On arrival, personnel had to walk back 300 yards into a wooded area to find 2 stolen vehicles that had been set on fire. A brush truck relay was established to extinguish the cars.
- ◆ **September 14:** Comstock responded initial aid to Portage for a structure fire in the 2300 block of Helen. Comstock was released from the scene and asked to cover Portage Station #3.
- ◆ **September 15:** Comstock personnel were dispatched to Comstock Village for a smell of Gasoline. Upon investigation, Kalamazoo County Deputies were requested to the scene for what turned out to be an attempted arson. Kalamazoo County Deputies made an arrest in the case.



Taco Bell



Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **September 16:** Comstock personnel responded to an electrical fire in the 1300 block of Carter. Personnel found them main electrical panel of the home had shorted out. Fire contained to breaker box.
- ◆ **September 19:** Comstock responded initial aid to Portage for the explosion and fire at Pfizer on Portage Road. On arrival, Comstock personnel staged at the Pfizer Fire Station.
- ◆ **September 19:** Comstock responded to a two vehicle accident in the 6800 block of E. H Avenue. On arrival, Comstock personnel assisted with patient care.
- ◆ **September 25:** Comstock responded mutual aid to Kalamazoo City for a change of quarters while they fought a structure fire.
- ◆ **September 26:** Comstock responded initial aid with Portage for the mobile home fire on Kirby Circle. Comstock was assigned water supply and assisted with overhaul.
- ◆ **September 27:** Comstock responded to Westbound I-94 at the 83 Mile Marker for an accident after an Eastbound Semi lost a trailer tire and it struck a vehicle traveling Westbound. Comstock personnel assisted with patient care to the injured parties in the car.
- ◆ **October 2:** Comstock personnel were called to fight an approximately 5 acre brush fire in the 9600 block of HJ Avenue. High winds spread a controlled fire quickly.
- ◆ **October 14:** A multi-vehicle accident at King Highway and River Street had Comstock personnel busy when a report of a Pedestrian struck by a vehicle in the 600 block of N. 28th Street was dispatched. Comstock personnel were on the scene within 1 minute of dispatch to find a male patient that had been struck by a car. Comstock personnel provide medical care prior to the arrival and rapid transport of the patient.
- ◆ **October 16:** Comstock responded to the Shell Station at 35th Street and Miller for a mobile travel trailer that was on fire next to the gas pumps. On arrival, the fire had been extinguished by the owner and patrons from the Shell.
- ◆ **October 17:** Comstock responded initial aid to Kalamazoo Township for the structure fire in the 1100 block of Arthur. On arrival, Comstock personnel assisted with fire attack for a basement fire and then overhaul of the fire area.
- ◆ **October 18:** Comstock personnel responded to a two vehicle accident at Gull Road and Sprinkle. Personnel assisted with patient care as well as controlled leaking fluids from entering storm sewers.
- ◆ **October 24:** Comstock responded to Sprinkle and G Avenue for a multi-vehicle accident. On arrival, personnel found patients entrapped in one of the vehicle. Extrication and medical care were provided.
- ◆ **October 24:** Comstock responded initial aid to Kalamazoo Township for the structure fire in the 1300 block of Henson. On arrival, Comstock personnel assisted with fire attack for a basement fire
- ◆ **October 30:** Comstock responded to the 82 Mile Marker of I-94 Westbound for an accident involving 2 vehicles, one a semi-tractor dump truck and the second a box truck that had been cut in half and had distributed Diesel Fuel, motor oil and anti-freeze across the expressway.
- ◆ **November 7:** Comstock responded initial aid to Kalamazoo Township for the structure fire in the 2200 block of Sunnyside. On arrival, Comstock personnel assisted with fire attack for a basement fire confined to the basement.
- ◆ **November 13:** A 2 vehicle accident at the intersection of East G Avenue and 35th Street sent 1 vehicle into a tree. On arrival, Comstock personnel extricated the driver of one vehicle and treated 2 patients from the second vehicle.
- ◆ **November 14:** Retired Assistant Fire Chief Robert Doud Sr. passed away at the age of 83. Retired Assistant Chief Doud served the Comstock Township Fire Department for 55 years.
- ◆ **November 21:** Comstock responded to the 7500 block of East G Avenue for a 2 vehicle accident with a roll-over. On arrival, Comstock personnel performed an extrication of a patient along with removal for patient care.
- ◆ **November 24:** Comstock responded to the Change of Quarters to Portage Station #3. While on the change assignment, Comstock 921 and 990 responded to 3 medical calls in the Station #3 response area of Portage.



Robert Doud Sr



Significant Incidents/Activities

- ◆ **December 4:** Comstock responded initial aid with Galesburg / Charleston for a structure fire at 124 E. Michigan. On arrival, Comstock personnel were assigned to be the Rapid Intervention Team.
- ◆ **December 9:** Comstock responded to the 500 block of N. 35th Street for a Combine fire. On arrival, personnel found a heavily involved fire in the motor area of a combine in the corn fields. Crews extinguished the fire with major fire damage to the combine unit.
- ◆ **December 12:** Comstock responded to a reported pickup truck versus tree accident in the 3000 block of South 26th Street. On arrival, personnel found 2 patients entrapped with fatal injuries. Both patients were extricated and Comstock assisted Pride Care and MSU1.
- ◆ **December 16:** Comstock responded to the Kalamazoo / Battle Creek Airport for an Alert 3 stand-by. On arrival, Comstock personnel were staged for a single engine aircraft had lost its landing gear. No injuries were reported with only a minor fuel spill handled by the Airport Fire crews.
- ◆ **December 23:** Comstock responded to the 5700 block of Gull Road for an accident with injuries and extrication. Comstock personnel completed the extrication and assisted Pride Care with patient care.
- ◆ **December 23:** While picking up from the extrication accident on Gull Road, Comstock personnel were dispatched to the accident Eastbound I-94 at the 86 Mile Marker. On arrival, Comstock personnel performed extrication of two victims and transferred care to Pride Care as they confined motor oil and gasoline from the accident.
- ◆ **December 27:** Dispatched to the 8300 block of East G Avenue. On arrival, found a vehicle on its roof after being struck by a deer. The driver of the vehicle was fatally injured and was extricated from the vehicle.
- ◆ **December 31:** Comstock responded initial aid to Portage for the mobile home fire in the 4300 block of Dutchess Drive. On arrival, Comstock personnel performed fire attack and were then assigned to provide overhaul with Portage personnel.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015 TRAINING:

Deputy Fire Chief Matthew Beauchamp

Comstock Township Department of Fire & Rescue continues to make great strides to provide the highest level of training to all levels of personnel. Please note the highlights listed below:

- ◆ FH Software training documentation and record-keeping implemented; Can now electronically capture all training including those trainings necessary to be compliant with our training PASSPORT to meet MIOSHA & department required requirements as well as help increase future ISO ratings.
- ◆ 5,077 documented hours of training
- ◆ 2 personnel obtained Fire Instructor I certification
- ◆ Trained with Neighboring Departments on the following topics
 - Toured Bells Brewery w/Galesburg
 - Drafting & Standpipe Operations w/Pavilion
 - Ventilation/Flow Path Management w/Kalamazoo Township
 - Swiftwater Rescue Operations w/Cooper
 - Confined Space w/Portage
 - Utilized an acquired structure courtesy of Ron Sportel for several topics including live fire training with: Richland, Galesburg/Charleston, Climax & Pavilion
- ◆ HelpNet - Harassment
- ◆ Continued training on Flow Path Management/SLICERS
- ◆ Utilized the Training Tower & SIM-City for 7 different training topics (14 sessions)
- ◆ Enhanced Open and Swiftwater Rescue training
- ◆ Sports Injuries to address school sports and injuries we can see at Merrill Park & River Oaks Park
- ◆ 15 personnel to the 2015 Winter Seminar
- ◆ 5 personnel successfully completed probationary requirements and have gone on to driver and pump operator training
- ◆ Hired an additional 9 personnel and working on their probationary requirements
 - 3 of which attended the KVCC MFR course and successfully completed

Comstock Fire Department – 2015 Tentative Training Schedule

Dates	Topic	Mandatory Credits	Elective Credits	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
Jan. 5/6	HazMat IQ	Awareness			KT
Jan. 13	Officers Training/Meeting				
Jan. 19/20	MIOSHA/Infectious Control & ATF Flowath Part 3	Part 554, 85, 430, 90	Personal Safety	Operations	KT/Cook
Feb. 2/3	Tour – Bell's Brewery w/GCFD		PrePlans		Matt/Kessler
Feb. 10	Officers Training/Meeting				
Feb. 16/17	PEPP			Special Considerations	Cook
March 2/3	HelpNet – Harassment				Hedgepeth
March 10	Officers Training/Meeting				
March 16/17	CPR/AED w/KCMCA	KCMCA		Medical	Matt/Cook
March 30/31	SLICERS	Fire Behav	Tactics		Chief Switalski
April 13/14	FF Survival SIM-CITY/Force Entry	Survival	Force Entry		Matt/Dyer/Hughes
April 21	Officers Training/Meeting				
April 27/28	Drafting/Standpipe Ops w/PAV TRAINING TOWER		Water Supply/Standpipe		Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
May 4 PM	Drivers Only – Drafting Test Out				Dyer/Hughes/KT
May 5 AM	Option #1				
May 11/12	Flashover – TOWER	Fire Behavior			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
May 19	Officers Training/Meeting				
May 26/27 (Tues/Wed)	Ventilation/Flow Path w/KTWP	Ventilation			Matt/Dyer/Hughes
June 1/2	Drivers Only – Drafting Test Out Option #2				Dyer/Hughes/KT

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

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June 8/9	Open Water Rescue/CPR&AED w/Cooper(?)	CPR	Water	Medical	Dyer/Hughes/Cook/KT
June 16	Officers Training/Meeting				
June 22/23	Ground Ladders		Ladders		Hughes/KT/McLiechey
June 29/30	Drivers Only – Drivers Training Option #1			Operations	Dyer/Hughes/KT
July 6/7	Attack Lines/Water Supply TRAINING TOWER		Fire Streams/Supply		Dyer/Hughes/KT
July 14	Officers Training/Meeting				
July 20/21	Sports Injuries			Trauma/Pt Assess	Cook
July 27/28	Driver Operators Only – Drivers Training Option #2			Operations	Dyer/Hughes/KT
Aug 3/4	Hand Tools/Airbags/Team Building				Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Aug 11	Officers Training/Meeting				
Aug 17/18	Hydrant Ops/Foam TOWER		Water/Foam		Matt/Dyer/Hughes
Aug 31/Sept 1	RIC/Ventilation SIM CITY	RIC/Vent			Matt/Dyer/Hughes
Sept 8	Officers Training/Meeting				
Sept 14/15	Confined Space w/Portage	Conf Space	Ropes	Trauma	Hughes
Sept 21/22	Drivers Only – Hydrant Pumping Test Out Option #1				Dyer/Hughes/KT
Sept 28/29	Search & Rescue @ L Ave	S&R			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Oct 5/6	Drivers – Hydrant Pumping Test Out Option #2				Dyer/Hughes/KT

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Oct 12/13	Firefighter Survival @ L Ave	FF Survival			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Oct 20	Officers Training/Meeting				
Oct 26/27	Fire Streams/Advancement & Ground Ladders @ L Ave		Fire Streams & Ground Ladders		Matt/Dyer/Hughes
Oct 31 (SAT)	Live Burn – Interior Ops E. L Ave.	Fire Behavior/Vent	Streams, Tactics, Safety, Water Supply		Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Nov 9/10	Extrication	Extrication		Trauma	Dyer/Hughes/Cook
Nov 17	Officers Training/Meeting				
Nov 23/24	Fire Behavior/Beat Goes On		Fire Tactics, Size-Up, Personal Safety		Switalski
Dec 7/8	HazMat IQ/FH Updates	HazMat Ops			KT/Matt
Dec 15	Officers Training/Meeting				
Dec 21/22	PPE/Right To Know	PPE/RTK			Matt/KT/Wuis/Hughes

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Comstock Fire Department – 2016 Tentative Training Schedule

Dates	Topic	Mandatory	Elective Credits	EMS Credits	Primary Instructor(s)
Jan. 4/5	CPR/AED	Yes (CPR)		Medical	Cook
Jan. 12	Officers Training/Meeting				
Jan. 18/19	ICE Rescue Classroom		ICE	Medical	Wuis/Hughes/Steeby
Jan. 23 (SAT)	ICE Rescue Hands On		ICE	Medical	Wuis/Hughes/Steeby
Feb. 1/2	PEDS Assessment & Trauma			Spec Considerations	Cook
Feb. 9	Officers Training/Meeting				
Feb. 15/16	MIOSHA/Utilities/Narcan/ Infectious Control/Lock-Out Tag-Out/High Voltage & SOG Review	Yes (Part 554, 85, 74)		Preparatory	Cook/Dyer/Hughes
Feb 29/Mar 1	Active Shooter				Ward/KCSO
March 8	Officers Training/Meeting				
March 14/15	Search & Rescue/Adv Lines – E. H Ave.	Yes (S&R)			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
March 28/29	FF Survival/Adv Lines – E. H Ave.	Yes (FF Sur)			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
April 4/5	Drivers Only – Hydrant Test Out Option #1				Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
April 11/12	RIC – E. H Ave.	Yes (RIC)			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
April 19	Officers Training/Meeting				
April 25/26	Ventilation/VEIS – E. H Ave.	Yes (Vent)			Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Apr. 30 (SAT)	Live Burn – E. H Ave.		Live Fire		Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
May 2/3	Drivers Only – Hydrant Test Out Option #2				Dyer/Hughes/KT
May 9/10	Car Fire/Extinguishers - LKQ		Extinguishers		Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT

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May 17	Officers Training/Meeting				
May 23/24	Live Fire/Standpipe Ladders for Fire – Training Tower		Live Fire/ Standpipe/ Ladders		Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
June 6/7	CPR/AED & RIC/Downed FF – SIM City	Yes (CPR/S&R)		Airway	Dyer/Hughes/KT/Cook
June 14	Officers Training/Meeting				
June 20/21	Live Fire/TIC – Single Family Training Tower		Live Fire		Dyer/Hughes
June 27/28	Drivers Only – Drivers Training Options #1				Dyer/Hughes/KT
July 5/6 (Tues/Wed)	Fire Alarms/Elevators – Bell's		Fire Alarms/ Elevators		Dyer/Hughes
July 12	Officers Training/Meeting				
July 18/19	Machine Rescue/Shoring			Trauma	Dyer/Hughes/Cook
July 25/26	Drivers Only – Drivers Training Option #2				Dyer/Hughes/KT
Aug 1/2	Swift Water Awareness		Water Rescue	Pt Assessment	McLiechey/Mack/Flick I&II
Aug 9	Officers Training/Meeting				
Aug 15/16	FF Survival – SIM City /OR HazMat	Yes (FF Survival)			Dyer/Hughes/KT
Aug 22/23	Drivers Only – Drafting Ops Option #1				Dyer/Hughes/KT

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Aug 29/30	Salvage/Overhaul/Forcible Entry – SIM City		S&O/FE		Matt/Dyer/Hughes
Sept 12/13	TRT Awareness/Rope Ops – Training Tower	Yes (Conf Space)	Ropes	Operations	Hughes/McLiechey
Sept 20	Officers Training/Meeting				
Sept 26/27	Ladders for Rescue – Training Tower		Grnd Ladders/S&R		Matt/Dyer/Hughes
Oct 3/4	Drivers Only – Drafting Ops Option #2				Dyer/Hughes/KT
Oct 10/11	Extrication (Vehicle & Machinery) - LKQ	Yes (Extrication)		Medical	Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Oct 18	Officers Training/Meeting				
Oct 24/25	Water Supply/Tender Ops/Hoseline Advancement – Training Tower		Fire Streams/WaterSupply		Matt/Dyer/Hughes
Nov 7/8	HazMat	Yes (OPS)		Operations	KT/HazMat Team
Nov 15	Officers Training/Meeting				
Nov 21/22	HelpNet			Yes	Matt (Phil Hedgepeth)
Dec 5/6	Building Construction/Fire Behavior - Wildland Fires	Yes	Tactics Wildland		Matt/Dyer/Hughes/KT
Dec 13	Officers Training/Meeting				
Dec 19/20	Preparatory/Emergency Preparedness & PPE Inspections	Yes (PPE)		Operations: Emer Prepared	Cook

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Lt. Mike Kessler

Fire Safety Inspections



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

In Comstock Township, over 500 Fire Safety Inspections were completed in 2015. Comstock businesses are very willing to have the inspection and correct any deficiency that they may have. The owners and managers understand that it is very important to make their business a safe place for the employees and customers that are in their buildings.

Fire Prevention Education in Schools



Comstock Fire is in its 15th year presenting the *Safe at Home* program in the Comstock Elementary Schools which includes 700 students in three different buildings. This program is a fire safety education curriculum developed by the State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Michigan Public Fire Safety Education Committee. This program focuses on fire safety in the home – for everyone in the home.

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

Station Tours



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



CPR Training



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

CPR Training and First Aid classes were conducted for:

- 90 Comstock High school students
- 16 Comstock School Coaches
- 12 Comstock Teachers
- 18 Church Members
- 13 Comstock Learning Center employees
- 10 Comstock Residents (Day Care)
- 26 Jeter's Leaders (Turn 2 Foundation)
- 20 Nurses

7 Members of the Comstock Fire Department trained to be Basic Life Support Instructors.

Fire Prevention Week – Open House



Our Fire Station Open House was held at Station 9-2 and was very successful. We were able to provide over 300 people with important information on fire safety and fire prevention. The children that attended the Open Houses were very excited to see the fire trucks, meet the firemen, and receive all the goodies that were available. The open house had a special visit from Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, Smoky the Bear, and Freddy the fire truck. The department held an extraction demonstration where a car was cut apart to show how we would remove a victim from a car accident. We also had demonstrations on how to use a thermal image camera in which we allowed the community to participate. This device demonstrates the ability of finding a victim or fire that might be down in a house that is filled with smoke.



Smoke Detectors



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

Through our Smoke Detector Program we offer free smoke detectors that will be installed by CFD members.

The Fire Investigation Response Team



The Comstock Fire Department is involved in the Kalamazoo County Fire Investigation Response Team (FIRT). The purpose of the team is to investigate fires and other incidents including natural disasters. Fire departments in Kalamazoo County are encouraged to utilize the expertise the FIRT has to offer in the event of a significant fire in their jurisdiction. In an effort to establish an efficient method of activating the team, the FIRT board has assigned areas of responsibilities to the designated Senior Fire Investigators. Lieutenant Fire Marshal Michael Kessler is the Sr. Investigator for Comstock Fire Department and has been assigned to Augusta Ross FD, Comstock FD, Galesburg Charleston FD, and Richland FD. The Fire Marshal is also the secondary investigator for Cooper FD, Parchment FD, and Pavilion FD.

Public Education



Comstock Fire and Rescue continued to work closely with WWMT Channel 3, Public Media Network and the Kalamazoo Gazette to get the Fire Safety message out to the widest possible audience. In cooperation with the Kalamazoo County Fire Chiefs Association, Comstock hosted a live fire training exercise to demonstrate the importance of sleeping with your bedroom door closed and the quick and early notification of a working smoke detector. The second segment showed the rapid spread of fire due to the materials used in today's furniture.

COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE

2015 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DIVISION

ENGINE 911 - 1995 NAVISTAR / PIERCE

PARTS	\$1,277.84
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LABOR	\$1,474.37
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TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST	
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\$2,752.21

ENGINE 912 - 1995 NAVISTAR / PIERCE

PARTS	\$28,760.61
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LABOR	\$6,432.43
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TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST	
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\$35,193.04

ENGINE 913 - 1988 PIERCE ARROW

PARTS	\$1,250.33
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LABOR	\$766.22
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TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST	
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\$2,500.66

ENGINE 921 - 2010 PIERCE SABER

PARTS	\$1,362.36
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LABOR	\$1,125.82
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TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST	
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\$2,488.18

ENGINE 922 - 2003 PIERCE SABER

PARTS	\$2,384.25
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LABOR	\$1,722.09
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TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST	
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\$4,106.34

ENGINE 933 - 1995 PIERCE ARROW

PARTS	\$3,675.85
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LABOR	\$1,997.75
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TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST	
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\$5,673.60

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COST FOR 6 ENGINES

\$52,714.03