



Hastings Fire Department

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Hastings Fire Department Monthly Update for July 2021

The Hastings Fire Department responded to a total of (65) runs for July 2021 (27) in the City and (38) in the Rural.

In regards to the fire at Saint Rose Church so far there has not been a determination on the cause.

The department did not install any Smoke Detectors or CO Detectors for the month.

(9) Firefighters died in the line of duty in the United States during the month of July 2021. None from Michigan.

For training:

Toured the Hastings Fiberglass Factory
Discussed the two structure fires and the swift water rescues

Thank You,

Roger Caris, Fire Chief



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HASTINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2021 FIRE REPORTS

CITY

- 2 Structure Fire
- 1 Vehicle Fire
- 3 Medical Responder Calls
- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
- 2 Swift Water Rescue
- 2 Full Arrest
- 3 Canceled Enroute
- 3 Lift Assist
- 7 False Alarms
- 1 Smoke Investigation
- 1 Controlled Burn
- 1 Set up an Landing Zone

27 TOTAL

RURAL

- 2 Structure Fire
- 1 Grass Fires
- 7 Medical First Responder Calls
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
- 1 Vehicle Accident w/o Injuries
- 4 Swift Water Rescue
- 2 Down Power Lines
- 1 Assist Law Enforcement
- 4 Canceled Enroute
- 2 Controlled Burns
- 3 Suicides or Attempted Suicide
- 2 False Alarms
- 1 Smoke Investigations
- 1 Unauthorized Burn

38 Total

Est. Value of Property involved in Incidents:
Est. Value of Property loss in Incidents:
Est. Value of Property save in Incidents:

Est. Value of Contents involved in Incidents:
Est. Value of Contents loss in Incidents:
Est. Value of Contents save in Incidents:

	City	Rural
	\$ 4,850,000	\$ 275,000
	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 275,000
	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 000,000
	\$ 250,000	\$ 145,000
	\$ 100,000	\$ 145,000
	\$ 150,000	\$ 000,000

Runs per Ward

1st Ward = 4
2nd Ward = 7
3rd Ward = 8
4th Ward = 8

Received Mutual Aid = 6 departments

Runs per Township

Baltimore Twp = 8
Carlton Twp. = 3
Hastings Twp = 9
Irving Twp. = 8
Rutland Twp. = 8
Mutual Aid 2

Received Mutual Aid = 10 Departments

Thank You


Roger Caris, Chief

Thornapple Township Emergency Services - Monthly Report

Township or Village	Runs for July 2021	Year to Date	
Thornapple Township			
Fire	3	39	
Medical	17	112	Total runs
Fire and EMS	9	33	184
Village of Middleville			
Fire	3	18	
Medical	32	196	Total runs
Fire and EMS	0	7	221
Irving Township			
Fire	0	7	
Medical	3	34	Total runs
Fire and EMS	2	4	45
Total runs			
0			
Transfers	9		
Lift Assist	4		
Medicals TOT	9		
TOT = turn over to			TOT / response area
Medicals TOTF	22		0 = IR, 6 = TT, 3 = MV, 0 = HC
TOTF = turn over from			TOTF breakdown
EMS Mutual Aid	0		mercy = 13, life = 4, waems = 4, other = 1
Fire Mutual Aid	5		CFD = 2, HFD = 1, WFD = 2, YS = 0
Stand by	6		Fair Stand-bys
Other Assists / LE	1		0 = LE, 0 = smoke detect. install
0 = welfare check			
Total calls	125		

June at a Glance

1 day with 9 calls
 2 day with 7 calls
 3 days with 6 calls
 6 days with 5 calls
 6 days with 4 calls
 6 days with 3 calls
 5 days with 2 calls

Comparisons

June 2020 = 125

YTD - 2020 = 570

YTD - 2021 = 739

Up 169 calls from last year

Average 3.83 calls per day
 31 of 31 days had at least 1 call
 Double Hits - 10 times

Irving Township
Bill Payment List
August 1-16, 2021

000-001 Checking

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
08/12/2021	2040	RANDY SHNOWSKI	-246.50
08/16/2021	2051	Lorraine Bush	-169.59
08/16/2021	2052	MTA	-2,401.23
08/16/2021	2053	PIXELVINE STUDIOS	-655.00
08/16/2021	2054	SHARON OLSON	-36.01
08/16/2021	2055	SIEGFRIED CRANDALL PC	-105.00
08/16/2021	2056	SUN & NEWS	-52.80
08/16/2021	2057	WALKER, FLUKE & SHELDON	-115.25
08/16/2021	2050	JIMS PICK-UP SERVICE	-40.00
08/16/2021	2049	CONSUMERS ENERGY	-283.13
08/16/2021	2048	Bush Farms and Mini excavating	-125.00
08/16/2021	2047	BS&A SOFTWARE	-1,628.00
08/16/2021	2046	BLOOM, SLUGGETT, MORGAN PC	-242.00
08/16/2021	2045	BARRY CTY RD COMMISSION	-23,465.00
		BARRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF	
08/16/2021	2044	COMMERCE	-125.00
08/16/2021	2043	AT&T MOBILITY	-53.50
08/16/2021	2042	AT&T	-99.90
08/16/2021	2041	ACCIDENT FUND	-527.00
7/26/2021		QUICK BOOKS	-70.00
7/27/2021		AMAZON <i>office Supplies.</i>	-65.25
		INTERNET	-114.73

Total for 000-001 Checking

PAY BILLS TOTAL -30,619.89

Monday, Aug 16, 2021 04:21:14 PM GMT-7

Dear Township Board Members,

I was working as an election official at the township hall on August 3, 2021. I stepped out to make a phone call and while on the phone leaned back against the handrail which gave way. Had it not been for my cat like reflexes I would have fallen down the steps causing potential serious harm to myself. After taping off the offending handrails to prevent further injuries I felt the only proper thing to do was to inform the Board of the seriousness of this situation and what the federal rules are concerning fall protection.

My reference is 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Administration

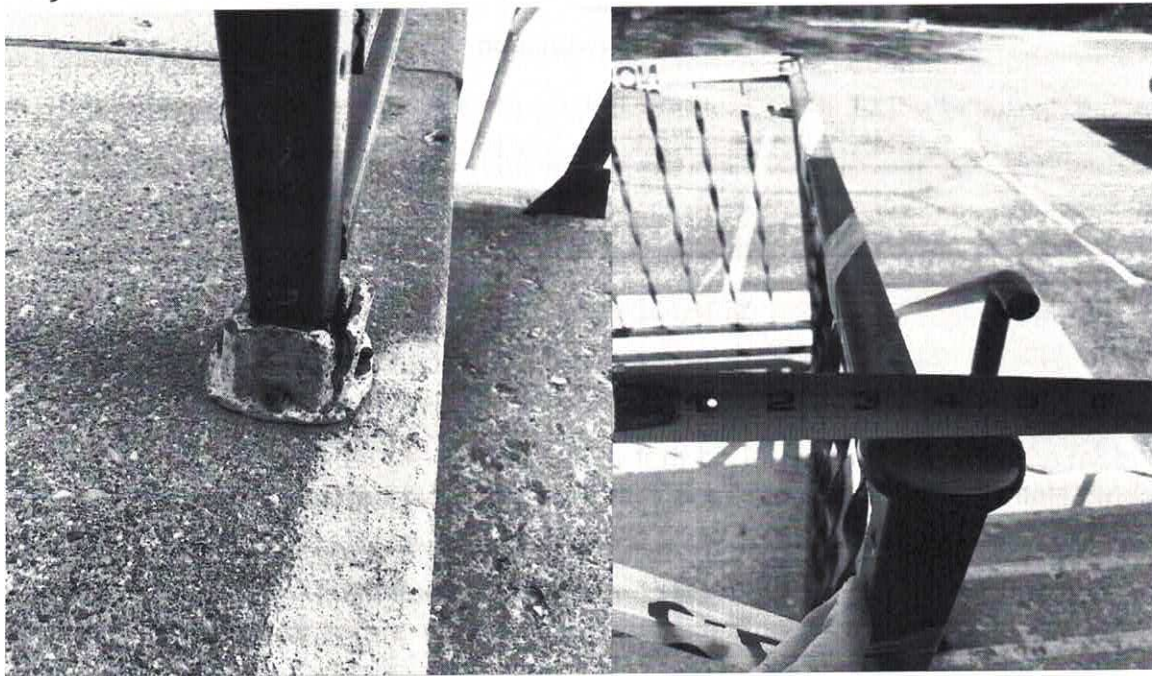
1910.28(a)(1)

This section requires employers to provide protection for each employee exposed to fall and falling object hazards. Unless stated otherwise, the employer must ensure that all fall protection and falling object protection required by this section meet the criteria in § 1910.29, except that personal fall protection systems required by this section meet the criteria of § 1910.140.

1910.29(f)(7)

Strength criteria. Handrails and the top rails of stair rail systems are capable of withstanding, without failure, a force of at least 200 pounds (890 N) applied in any downward or outward direction within 2 inches (5 cm) of any point along the top edge of the rail.

I took photos of the base of the handrail. As can easily be seen there is extensive corrosion on the base and failure of the base mount.



Randy Shnowski



BIRCH Fire Association

City of Hastings, Michigan

08/05/2021

Mercy Ambulance Service has been privileged to serve the City of Hastings and BIRCH Fire Association for the past 45 years. Making efficient use of up to date equipment and quality trained personnel has kept the cost of operation at a level that made charging for the service not necessary which has been beneficial to Mercy Ambulance and the citizens we served in Hastings and the BIRCH Fire District.

As time has passed Hastings and Barry County has increased in population who is getting older. Cost of operation, medical and mental health incidents have changed and the current business model is not financially, or logistically possible. Looking down the road for the next several years a reasonable amount of subsidy is necessary to offset the rise of such costs. To help keep this cost as low as possible Mercy Ambulance plans to make a substantial investment in additional equipment and personnel to meet the needs of our system.

This investment will allow the efficient use of the entire operation for the City of Hastings and BIRCH Alliance for the next five year contract. The investment into personnel, upgrading/purchasing equipment and cost of operation is \$118,602.00 which would be billed on an annual basis for the first two years, afterwards an increase of 3% for years 3-5 of the contract will be applied. The billing timeframe may be structured with the current City-BIRCH cost sharing agreement.

Year	Amount
2022-2023	\$118,602.00
2023-2024	\$118,602.00
2024-2025	\$122,160.00
2025-2026	\$125,825.00
2026-2027	\$129,600.00



Because of the shared financial commitment by the City of Hastings/BIRCH Alliance, the service will be limited to the geographical areas both entities serve and not to exceed a sixty (60) mile radius. Any expansion would have to be approved by the Hastings City/BIRCH Alliance to assure proper emergency service coverage is optimal. It is conceivable that a strategic expansion could reduce the cost to Alliance while effectively keeping the served at a high level for all alliance members.

In closing, Mercy Ambulance is looking forward to a positive future with the City of Hastings and BIRCH Alliance leading the way, as an example of private and governmental cooperation for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney D. Palmer", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends to the right across the middle of the page.

Rodney D. Palmer,

Director/Treasurer

Mercy Ambulance Service