



GVFD Quarterly Report

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Hello, community of Gustavus. Thank you to everyone for supporting the 4th of July lunch. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

I have been working diligently to ensure that the fire department operates as smoothly as possible. As many of you may have heard or seen, the department has acquired a new truck. This marks the beginning of a new rig build that will enhance our ability to serve the Gustavus community. We have installed a plow attachment on the truck, which will allow us to clear driveways as needed, ensuring that the ambulance can reach those in need. Additionally, we can utilize this truck for emergency medical service (EMS) responses in areas where the ambulance may have difficulty accessing or cannot travel at a reasonable speed.

The next steps include installing decals, lights, and sirens. Eventually, we will add a skid unit, which is a water tank equipped with a pump and hose. This skid unit will enable the truck to assist the fire engine in battling small fires and accessing areas that the fire engine cannot reach.

We are also in the early stages of updating our small community response plan. This plan aims to help the City of Gustavus effectively respond to significant events that could impact a large number of residents. It includes planning for provisions for temporary housing, food, and other essential items until the situation is resolved.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who signed up for smoke alarm installations for their patience and understanding. We are still working through the list. If you are on the list and would like to have smoke alarms installed, please contact the fire hall at 907-697-2707 to schedule a time for installation.

I am in the process of scheduling a Firefighter 1 class for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department. This class is designed to enhance safety and efficiency at fire scenes. For those who may not be familiar, Firefighter 1 class is an introductory level training that covers the fundamentals of firefighter operations. The course includes a significant amount of online work and requires a two-week stay in Fairbanks.

As you may have noticed, the days are getting shorter. This is a great time to check your vehicle's lights to ensure they are functioning correctly. With colder temperatures, the roads may become icy and slippery. Please remember to follow the rules of the road and drive safely to ensure you can reach your destination without any issues.