

## **GVFD Quarterly Report**

Call Log

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For the month of January, the new budget planning process has started, and I have been working on what to expect for next year and how much the next year will cost. As this year comes around, EMS certifications start expiring and the costs to renew those certifications come into the new fiscal year. I have been talking with the park, as far as teaming up with their classes, and looking at ways for volunteers to recertify, counting the Target Solutions, an online continuing education hours. There are other training opportunities coming up in the next fiscal year which would allow the fire department to succeed in becoming a smoother run Department.

I would like to congratulate Leah Okin and Chantel Mulligan-Rear for receiving their EMT 2 license. With that, I would like to thank the Juneau Fire Department for allowing us to send Chantel and Leah over to attend their EMT 2 class, and Brad King for giving his time to proctor the state EMT 2 test.

Johan and I attended a Level 1 instructor course over zoom. This will allow us, after more training with SEREMS, to become EMT 1 instructors, allowing us to train volunteers in house instead of bringing someone from the outside. If plans go well, we will have the certification to teach by May. This will also allow us to teach ETT classes.

Later in the Month two CPR/first aid classes were provided for the public, in which we had about a total of 18 attendees, all of whom passed and should have received their Card from the America Heart Association. Thank you to the new card holders for willing and dedication to attend a six-hour long class. The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department will be planning for future classes so please stay tune any future classes.

The Fire department is still hosting COVID Testing Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 12:00pm to 3:00pm. We have a lot of rapid molecular tests available, if you would like a test, come by the firehall during open hours, it takes about twenty minutes for each test. We do still have take-home tests available, if you are unable to make the open hours, come on by during the open hours and pick one kit to take when you need one.

As of right now, the Health Fair is Happening on April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am and ending at 12pm. If you are wanting to get a blood test, sign up on the Alaska Health Fair website. The website is alaskahealthfair.org; scroll down and click on the Gustavus Make an Appointment, then follow the steps there after. Feel free to call me if you would like help signing up, or give the Alaska Health Fair a call, at 907-278-0234. There is going to be informational booths available



show casing different services. Right now, things might change, but the booths that are going to be at the health fair are a Hospice table, AWARE, Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department, SEARHC and a table with brochures about the medivac insurances.

Burn season is here, if you would like to obtain a small scale burn permit go to the link down below. If you would like help in getting your permit, feel free to come by City Hall during open hours or Fire Hall.

- https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn/

And as always, the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department are looking for volunteers to join a dedicated EMS/Fire crew. Stay safe everyone.