



GVFD Quarterly Report

04-08-2024

EMS Calls: 2

Fire Calls: 1

- January
 - Starting off with some training. We are pleased to announce that we have three new ETT card holders in the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department. This class will set the ones who would like to take the EMT 1 class in May.
 - We were still working on the America Firefighter Grant, which was submitted on time, in the beginning of March. This is in the hope of purchasing a replacement for one of our water tenders to better respond to fire-related emergencies.
- February
 - Back in 2022/2023 we applied for a CODE Blue grant to purchase a Lucas Chest compression Device. As you may have already heard, we were awarded \$7,000 which is \$17,211.05 short of what we need to make the purchase for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department. Just a reminder of what this device does, is it replaces manual compressions, making it easier for responders to move the patient to a higher level of care.
 - We started working getting the tsunami siren up and running. After some testing we had to send the parts to the installers to get it diagnosed. We are still not sure what is wrong with the parts, and we are still in the diagnosing stage.
 - Working with Leah to work on upgrading the technology of the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department operations. There are organizations, like Airlift Northwest, providing apps to help streamline the response for responders. Apps include stuff like getting information about medications, pediatrics, and calling in a medivac.
 - We have announced the Health Fair. The Health Fair is scheduled to start at 8am on May 11th.
- March
 - Starting to work on a request for bids (RFQ) to get the fire hall building repainted to help freshen up the building. The hope is to get the project done this summer or early fall.
 - I started an online project manager class. This class is to better my skills in organizing and planning different types of projects which come up during my time working for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department.
 - I was able to attend a Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities class via zoom. This was an 8-hour course going over how to plan for a recovery after a large event. This class went over how to incorporate community members and how best to run team meetings which different types of organizations.
 - We had another American Heart Association CPR, AED, First Aid course. Where three students attended. If you are interested in attending the next one, contact Sol Martinez, (gvfd@gustavus-ak.gov) or Leah Okin (leah.okin@gustavus-ak.gov) to get onto the contact list.

Burn permits are required in Alaska from April 1st to August 31st. The one last year does not roll over to this year; come by the firehall or City Hall to get this year Burn Permit.