

Northfield Township Public Safety

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July 2017 Director of Public Safety Board Communication

- 1. Fire department activity for June 2017: June activity for the month has returned back to normal after an extremely quiet May. The only significant calls for the month would have been a mutual aid structure fire to South Lyon Fire Department and a mutual aid motor vehicle crash with 2 pinned in in Salem Township. The Salem Township incident resulted in a fatality of a local family man.
- 2. Fire Department training for June: Training activity for June consisted of extrication training. This involves the use of the Jaws of life and other tools used in pin-in crashes. The other department training for the month was annual drivers rodeo. There was some individualized training for pump training and we have 2 of our Fire Officers completing their Fire Officer I & II officer training.
- 3. Road closures and projects: Road closures continue to be a day to day challenge. We are certainly seeing progress on the project and are continuing regular meetings with MDOT. Our biggest obstacle right now and until late August is the closing of the Six Mile rd. bridge being replaced. That along with the culvert limitations at Six Mile and Oliver requires our fire engines to go north to make most calls to the in the south and west parts of the Township. We have periodically increased staffing on duty in the fire department to ensure access to all parts of the township.
- **4. Vacation:** I will be out of town and on vacation from July 13th and returning July 24th. In my absence Sgt. Smith will be in charge of the Police Department and Deputy Chief Bishop will be in charge of the Fire Department. I will be in the Upper Pennisula where cell coverage is limited. I will be checking emails periodically.
- **5. Grievance:** As expected we have received the first step grievance for the employee who was placed on unpaid leave. Our labor attorney is preparing a response.
- 6. Fourth of July Activities: While these activities didn't occur in July they are current to this Board meeting. All of the Fourth of July activities went very well. The fire works could not have gone any better with the exception of one disgruntled food vendor. The new obstacles faced going into the different events related to road construction all turned out great because of planning and teamwork by all.