

## Whitefish EMS Director's Report

### July 2025 - August Meeting

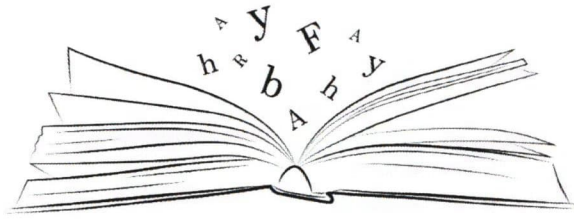
- 1) All shifts in July were covered by Whitefish staff. There were 11 requests for service.
  - 1 Chest Pain
  - 1 Life Alert = No Transport
  - 1 Medical Device Problem
  - 1 Transfer back to home in Paradise
  - 1 Fall with possible injury
  - 1 Infant difficulty breathing
  - I Fire Standby
  - 2 Unresponsive
  - 1 Death
  - 1 Abdominal pain cancelled - no page alert
- 2) Next NEMSA Meeting- August 20, 2025 at 630pm at KCT.
- 3) Still awaiting 800 radio programming. I have reached out to Bryce Tracy - he replied that we are still on the list. Working on a plan for 800 pagers.
- 4) I have been working with ESO and we are moving forward with the implementation for Whitefish minus the CAD feature for now.
- 5) A suggestion for Whitefish Township to consider as NEMSA begins operations in January of 2026. Whitefish Township could remain a participating township, in the Articles of Incorporation, but not take the EMS services yet. I have discussed this option with both of your current NEMSA appointees. This could be beneficial to both Whitefish Township and NEMSA. It may curtail some of the uncertainty and give some time to see how the operations are handled on the eastern end of the county. It would allow NEMSA management more time to set up operations in phases instead of all at once and it would not cost NEMSA anything because they would not be operating in Whitefish yet. You could set your target date for beginning services on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2026 to align with your fiscal year. You would not be responsible for payment until you receive services. IF you choose to consider this option, I would highly recommend that the board and the public, take this extra time to meet with your current EMS Director, attend NEMSA meetings, and speak with the Flex Grant professionals. Gain a better understanding of what it takes to operate a full time EMS agency and if you believe Whitefish EMS can sustain such an entity on its own. Also explore the options as discussed below.
- 6) The board should begin thinking about what our emergency services will look like after the NEMSA implementation. Do we want to continue to have a first response EMS agency? My suggestion would be to have an Emergency Services Coordinator. That person would work with the Fire Chief and Fire Officers to strengthen our Fire Department through recruitment/retention/education and provide EMS MFR response and Rescue Operations by combining. EMS transport would be provided through the NEMSA team. This person could also be your NEMSA liaison as well as work on grant opportunities or other duties as assigned.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Renee Gray, Paramedic IC, CADS, FF- Whitefish EMS Director

**Library Statistics for July 2025:**

Adult Visitors	402
Student Visitors	64
Computer Users	54
Wireless Users	92
Added Library Members	6
Additions to Library Collection	47
Number of Items Checked Out	485



# Whitefish Township Community Library

## Library Director's Report - July 2025

### Report:

Don't miss out on the 2025 Summer Reading Program! Read 3 or more books, complete a summer reading program entry form, and a short book report for each book read. All entry forms and book reports must be turned in by August 30<sup>th</sup>. Adult and teen participants will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card. Participants, ages 5-12, will earn a gift bag with fun prizes and a new children's book.

The Summer Reading Program Kids' Craft, Snack, and Storytime days are scheduled for Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. This summer's theme is "Reading Around the World". We will be focusing on books from Australia and the Netherlands and learning about their cultures and traditions. Crafts will include dot painting, which is a distinctive art form that originates from Australia. Join us for an hour of reading, learning, snacks, crafts & fun!

Book Signing & Meet and Greet - Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Meet Mark Peak, author of "HooDoo", and get your own signed copy of his latest book.

Join us for a presentation, "Owls of Whitefish Point, on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the library. Join Chris Neri and Nova Mackentley, wildlife photographers and field biologists, for an engaging presentation on the Owls of Whitefish Point. As founders of the new non-profit Friends of Whitefish Point and over 20 years of experience banding migrating owls, they will share captivating stories and valuable insights into the trends of migrating owls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Maryann Hussey generously donated a handmade Dr. Seuss quilt and book set to auction off as a fundraiser for the library. The silent auction closes on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The high bid currently sits at \$200! Thank you, Maryann, for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and support of our library! It is *greatly* appreciated!

The Library Book Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 pm, and the 'Quilters & Crafters' group meets at the library every Thursday from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Stop in to explore what the library has to offer!