

Whitefish EMS Director's Report

April 2026 - May 2026 Meeting

- 1) All shifts were covered by Whitefish staff. But there have been a few shortages lately. There were 4 requests for service.
 - 2 Fire Standby
 - 2 General Weakness
- 2) Passed the agency inspection and the education inspection for 2026.
- 3) Motion to support and conduct an initial education program at the MFR/EMR level. Budget amount is \$8270.00. Doug Smith and I will be the instructors. I anticipate ending under budget. Start time will be September.
- 4) EMS week is Sunday May 17 to Saturday May 23. There is a list of things that EMS will be doing hanging on the ES building door and here at the township hall.
- 5) Held our monthly ES meeting. In attendance were Doug Smith, Renee Gray, and Brandon Hetrick. Discussed the following:
 - a. The township board should not have sold the wilderness building property if they did not have a plan in place for another structure. We now have items sitting outside, in the old building, and in the new building causing a lot of mess at times to move around. We need to remember that we now have people basically living in our facility. We need to be sure it is clean, organized, and free of debris and tripping hazards. We would like a 60x40 structure with 12-14' doors on the current property, with heat, electricity, and water.
 - b. Grants - the fire department needs to get compliant with their reporting system to be eligible to apply for grant funding. This includes funding for classes. This should not have been an issue, but unfortunately it is. I offered to assist Brandon and Beth Hetrick to complete the necessary compliance.
 - c. I would like to encourage all the fire department members to become MFR certified to strengthen the future of our emergency services overall.
- 6) Working on Policies, Procedures, and Education over the next couple of months. I have submitted wage and fee suggestions for 2026. Will have a wage and budget discussion with the Supervisor for submission at the next board meeting.
- 7) Direction from the board on policy interpretation as it pertains to the Fire/EMS joint response. Whitefish Fire has automatic mutual aid dispatches with Hulbert and Trout Lake. If they are dispatched to those areas - are you expecting EMS to also respond? If so, this could take an ambulance out of the area and be unable to respond to medical calls. I would suggest that we leave this to the incident commander in the other townships and if they need us, they can dispatch us. If the call is in Whitefish Township and meets the criteria of our policy - we will still automatically respond.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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