

To the Residents of Leelanau Township:

March 28, 2021

We, the Leelanau Township Emergency Services, would like to take this opportunity to thank both the residents of Leelanau Township and the Township Board for their continued support of our Emergency Services Department. This is most important for the department to maintain professional services to our residents. We try to remain fiscally responsible, yet give you the best service for your money. Last August, you helped us pass a mill-age that will insure our services for another four years. It will help us upgrade our front line fire engine, increase our full-time staff, and build additional living space for our full-time crew. This will insure the residents that we will 2 ambulances ready for service at all times. It will also mean we can have an ambulance and a fire truck en route in 3 to 4 minutes from the time you call 911. Thank You again.

**Corona virus (COVID-19)** has made this last year extremely difficult for all of us. We have had to change our life styles to adjust to the pandemic. The Fire Hall has been closed down to the public (except to vote) for the last year and will remain that way at least through the summer. Leelanau Township Emergency Services want to assure you that our focus is the safety of our Fire and EMS teams, our patients, and all our residents in the Township. Your safety is our number one goal.

The Emergency Services Department had a total of 390 runs for the year 2020. This was up 31 runs from 2019. Medical had a total of 265 runs and they responded to many fire runs as well. On the fire side, we responded to 125 runs. We had 5 building fires, 2 chimney fires, 2 grass fires, 7 accidents, 20 downed power lines, 7 water rescues, we responded to trees blocking the roadway 24 times, we were dispatched and cancelled en route 32 times, we also responded to false alarms 8 times.

Please remember that even though the Fire Hall is locked down, if you have an emergency, call 911 or you can go to the front door and ring the doorbell. Our emergency crew will still respond.

Presently, our membership is 26 personnel. 10 full time members and 16 paid on-call members. Once again, we **Thank You** for your continued support of Leelanau Township Emergency Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hugh Cook  
Chief of the Department