



GVFD Quarterly Report- July 2025

****April****

I have been researching training options to find a Firefighter 1 course. Due to the length and complexity of the class, it has been challenging to find a suitable option. However, I found an instructor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) who is willing to work with me to set up a hybrid course. The Firefighter 1 class would involve a significant amount of online work, with approximately two weeks spent in Fairbanks. I have looked into other departments, but due to decreased recruitment levels, they are struggling to gather enough participants for a class.

Also, due to recent changes in airport regulations, ambulance drivers are now required to carry an airport badge while in the fenced area of the airport. I have been reviewing our ambulance drivers to ensure they receive their badges.

I have enrolled the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department in the Knoxbox program. For those unfamiliar, this is a lockbox that the local fire department can access with a key. Property owners provide a key to their building, allowing us access without causing damage. I recommend this for anyone who keeps their building locked for extended periods.

****May****

I want to thank everyone who attended and participated in the Health Fair, as well as the volunteers who assisted.

We collaborated with the park for some EMS training led by an outside instructor. We also brought the ambulance to the training, along with the Lifepak.

I replaced the batteries in both Tanker 1 and Engine 1.

I began cleaning out a Conex container, which I plan to use as a burn trailer. I still need to review the materials inside to ensure they are safe for us to use.

We partnered with the airport for our triennial mass casualty drill. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped, whether as responders or patients. This drill allows us to meet regulations so that jets can land in Gustavus.

****June****

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to order replacements for some bad radio batteries. However, I have learned that shipping the batteries can take some time.



We have finally secured a truck for the wildland firefighting unit, which we were granted through a legislative grant. We plan to have the truck and its accessories ready by the end of the year, but it may arrive sooner.

I worked with Leah to revise the PCR report for EMS calls.

EMS Calls: 10

Fire Calls: 1