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Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department April Quarterly Report – Fire Chief Update

Good evening, Council Members,

I am pleased to provide an update on the activities and progress of the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department for the first quarter of the year.

To date, the department has responded to a total of 24 EMS calls and zero fire calls.

In February, I had the opportunity to attend the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association Leadership Summit in Juneau. This was a valuable experience that allowed me to connect with fire service leaders from across the state, share ideas, and discuss challenges and solutions. I also had the chance to engage with state representatives.

I'm also very encouraged by our continued growth. This quarter, we successfully recruited five new responders, bringing our total membership to 29.

We hosted both an Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT) course and an EMT-I bridge class. As a result, we now have five new EMT-I certified responders, with two additional members preparing to complete their certification exams.

Additionally, six of our responders traveled to Fairbanks for two weeks to complete the skills portion of their Firefighter I certification. I am proud to report that all participants successfully passed the practical skills evaluation. We are currently awaiting the results of their written examinations.

Overall, this quarter reflects strong progress in staffing, training, and regional engagement. I appreciate the continued support from the Council and look forward to building on this momentum in the months ahead.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Johan Janse van Rensburg
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