



GVFD QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

18 volunteers in 3 divisions

130 total volunteered hours this quarter

1,300 total volunteered hours in 2021

7 total calls to date (5 EMS, 2 Fire)

- January:
 - 2 calls
 - 40 Volunteer hours
 - Applied for the Volunteer Firefighters Grant and Code Blue Grant
 - Received money in the form of a contract to replace radio antenna which services our 911 system and repeater.
 - Received an ICS 300, Intermediate ICS for expanding incidents, certificate, a free class through FEMA.
 - Mostly finished new water system installation, waiting for snow to thaw to finish the hook up to the cisterns.
- February:
 - 3 Calls
 - 50 volunteer hours
 - COVID testing continues after airport contracts end.
 - Received my EMT 2 certification. This was a two-week class where I was able to learn more about the medical field and now can provide a higher level of care to patients.
 - Received CPR card for first responder's certification. I would like to hold another CPR Certification course in Gustavus if anyone is interested. There may be a class coming up this month.
- March:
 - 0 Calls
 - 40 Volunteer hours
 - Was awarded the Volunteer Firefighter grant for purchasing a new set of Fire Gear. This is the same grant I applied for in January.
 - Setting up a project to replace our repeater antenna.
 - Our current Covid test supplier is slowing down distribution. I have been



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looking around for more distribution options. The state health department can provide us tests kits for CLIA waived (this is a department certification which allows us to be an official testing center) tell June, but if we would like to continue the testing program, we will need to add more funding to the budget for the testing program

Future Goals:

- As shown in the work session, my goal is to purchase new fire gear to stay within the NFPA (National Firefighter Protection Association) regulations. NFPA 1851.10.1.2 states structural firefighting gear needs to be retired no more than ten years. Our fire gear is coming up to nine years.
- We currently have two, two-thousand-gallon water tankers to transport water from one place to another, and while they get the job done, I have a hard time saying they are safe for the job they are required to do. There are no interior lights, the storage is nonexistent, so we use the cab and what little is in the back, and the seat belts are outdated. Providing funding to purchase a new water tanker would provide a safer training and fire scenes. A new water tanker would cost a minimum of \$308,795; this includes shipping from Texas to Bellingham. I have applied for a grant to purchase a new water tanker, however due to the amount of money and the competitive nature of the grant, I do not expect to be awarded the grant.



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Announcements for public:

- CPR Class for sale for \$50 per person. This will give you a CPR card from American Heart Association, a pocket mask, and a Heart Saver First aid book.
- Ambulance Subscription are available to everyone who needs one, feel free to contact the firehall (907-697-2707) for questions. The subscription does not cover the medivac out of town, nor the medivac insurance covers the ambulance ride.
- The firehall does have sign up forms for the Medivac businesses who fly into Gustavus, AK.
- The firehall is looking for more volunteers who are interested in responding to both medical and fire calls. The biggest misconception is you need to have EMT 1 to volunteer; this is not the case, if you have any experience in a medical field, it would be helpful but not necessary. We have trainings every Tuesday. If you are interested in volunteering give the fire hall a call at 907-697-2707.