



# Monthly Report

## March, 2016

**Date:** April 4, 2016

### Alarms:

2016 Mar	2016 YTD	2016 MAR Turfed	2016 YTD Turfed
34	94	0	0
2015 March	2015 YTD	2015 MAR Turfed	2015 YTD Turfed
45	108	0	0

	Call Type								
2016	Medical	Rescue	Good Intent 1	Public Service 2	CO *	Controlled Fire 3	Structure Fire	Vehicle Fire	Wildland
Mar	17	6	1	3	0	1	3	1	2
YTD	57	17	3	5	0	4	4	1	1

	Call Type								
2015	Medical	Rescue	Good Intent 1	Public Service 2	CO *	Controlled Fire 3	Structure Fire	Vehicle Fire	Wildland
Mar	28	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	3
YTD	63	18	6	4	5	0	8	0	3

**Key:**

\* CO - Carbon Monoxide

1 - Includes Smoke Scares and Fire Alarms

2 - Includes Hazardous Condition, Assist to Other Agencies, Public Assist

3 - Includes Authorized and Unauthorized

**2016**

Alarms Received Mutual or Auto Aid										
Agencies	Alarm #	16-084	16-087				March # Aid Received	YTD # Aid Received	March Aid Rec'd	YTD Aid Rec'd
	Algoma	1	1	-	-	-	2	3	2	4
	Cedar Spring	1	1	-	-	-	2	3		
	Kent City	1	1	-	-	-	2	3		
	Sandlake	1	1	-	-	-	2	3		
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
								8	12	

**2016**

Alarms Given Mutual or Auto Aid										
	Alarm #	16-078					March # Aid Given	YTD # Aid Given	March Aid Given	YTD Aid Given
Agencies	Algoma	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	2
	Cedar Spring	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
	Kent City	1	-	-	-	-	1	2		
	Sandlake	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
								1	2	

**Firefighter Participation** (excluding Full Time hours),

- MFR only eligible type alarms:
  - 8 of 9 eligible personnel responded to 17 MFR only eligible alarms
- All other type alarms:
  - 17 of 18 personnel responded to 17 other alarms for all to respond
  - Academy students directed to focus on academy

## **Outside of Station Event**

- Paint community room at Town hall, 10.0 hours
- Commute to Algoma FD Station 2 to fill air bottles

## **Repairs to Apparatus or Equipment**

- BU 1- Replace all brake lines by vendor

## **Repairs to Station**

- Yard work being performed by community service worker assigned to SFD for 40 hours

## **Purchases**

- PPE: 4 coats, 6 pants, 3 pair boots

## **Training**

- Department
  - Medical, Pediatric Emergencies, 2.0 hours
  - Wild land Fires, 1.5 hours
  - Universal Air connections, 1.5 hours

## **Significant Events and/or Alarms**

- One of the monthly meetings that I often try to attend is the Kent County Fire Commission (KCFC) Board Meeting at the Kent County Road Commission Chamber Room on Scribner in Grand Rapids. Solon Township is one of 21 agencies that comprise the KCFC. The KCFC benefits include:
  - Property and liability insurance for all of the member agency's FD vehicles
  - Repairs and Preventive Maintenance of all KCFC owned vehicles
  - Rotational deposit of funds dedicated to purchase new apparatus for each agency on a 18 year rotation
  - Member agency provided first opportunity to purchase apparatus being replaced
  - Access to Kent County Purchasing Division
    - Group purchasing
    - Reverse auctions
    - Request for Proposal
    - Access is provided to any government agency or department

Recently, the KCFC Board conducted an audit of the vehicle insurance valuation process. In part due to the recent addition of a new member and the need to provide coverage for a relatively larger fleet. Also, due to a recent vehicle accident requiring replacement of said vehicle. During the process of evaluation, much discussion occurred about the "replacement" value being used by the insurance carrier. It was determined the current coverage provided "like replacement" of said vehicle and this raised much concern with the Chief's present at the meeting from the FD agencies. In the end, the mutual concern of providing adequate insurance coverage while balancing the cost resulted in an extensive review of the vehicle insurance program. This review resulted in the change outlined in the policy letter below. Great news for the end users and the KCFC budget.



# Kent County Fire Commission

## CHAIR

Diane Jones

## VICE CHAIR

Jennifer Venema

## COMMISSIONERS

Alex Arends

Tom Antor

Bonnie Blackledge

Roger Mason

Pat Malone

## PARTICIPANTS

### TOWNSHIPS

Ada

Algoma

Alpine

Byron

Caledonia

Cannon

Courtland

Gaines

Grattan

Lowell

Oakfield

Plainfield

Solon

Sparta

Spencer

Tyrone

Vergennes

### CITIES

Cedar Springs

Rockford

### VILLAGES

Kent City

Sand Lake

March 15, 2016

Solon Fire Department

Attn: Chief Jeff Drake

15185 Algoma Ave NE

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Dear Member,

The Kent County Fire Commission Board at their March 11, 2016 meeting authorized to purchase the Fire Commission fleet insurance policy from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) effective April 1, 2016. The purpose of this letter is to inform members regarding this transition and to request important information.

The Fire Commission insurance policy has been with insurance broker BHS and underwriter, the Par Plan for a number of years. The current premium paid for insurance is \$238,383. MML's quote is \$174,686. MML's quote is \$63,697 less on an annual basis than the existing policy premium and \$107,690 less than the Par Plan's quote for the enhanced coverage being offered by MML.

MML's policy will provide for the replacement of destroyed equipment with new equipment (e.g. replace a 2005 pumper with a 2016 pumper) as opposed to 'like kind and quality' which would replace a 2005 pumper with a 2005 pumper. In addition, MML's policy provides a broader scope of coverage and has a local office and claims center.

The MML policy is based on stated values. It is important that members value their vehicle at 2016 new vehicle pricing. Attached is a list of your vehicles covered under the new MML policy and their stated value. If you require a change to the stated value on the vehicle schedule, please send the changes to Stephanie Lee, Kent County Risk Manager, by March 25, 2016. The attached values will be used if no response is received by the deadline. Responses may be sent by email to [stephanie.lee@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:stephanie.lee@kentcountymi.gov) or by fax to (616) 632-7665.

Questions about this process or any insurance-related issues or claims throughout the year may be directed to Stephanie. Stephanie's phone number is (616) 632-7667. We can also recommend a third party appraisal service upon request if you wish to seek assistance in establishing the stated value.

The Board meets monthly at 8:30 a.m. at the Kent County Road Commission on the second Friday of each month except for July, October and November. Member departments are encouraged to attend these meetings and offer input or suggestions.

Below is the table containing the values listed for replacing SFD fleet with a new apparatus in the event of the need for replacement due to a "total" loss event.

Make/Model	Fire Dept	Comp Desc	Comp Desc	Gallons	Cumulative Stated
MACK TANKER	SOLON	1M2B112C6EA002691	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
FORD PICKUP	SOLON	2FTHF36G0LCA16011	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
FORD PUMPER	SOLON	1FDYF80E4SVA26999	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
FORD EXCURSION LT RESCUE	SOLON	1FMNU41S83EB12310	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
SPARTAN PUMPER	SOLON	4S7HT2B927C056174	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500,000.00

- I received one application for the posted Deputy Chief position that expired on March 7, 2016. Upon reviewing the personnel file of the candidate, it was determined that a certificate is missing. The candidate was given until early May to obtain the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC) Fire Fighter II certificate that is missing and is a required element for the position. It should be noted that this candidate has obtained other advanced certificates that require the missing certificate as a prerequisite, yet it now seems to be missing.
- On March 5, 2016 SFD responded to a snowmobile crash on Trenton north of 21 Mile Road. This crash scene had two patients that were transported with non-life threatening injuries. Mutual aid was requested from Sand Lake FD.
- On March 20, 2016 SFD assisted Kent City FD on a garage fire at 17800 Red Pine with Engine 1, Tender 1 and ten personnel.
- On March 23, 2016 SFD responded to a possible kitchen fire with the complainant trapped inside the structure at 17295 Simmons in her wheelchair. Automatic aid partners included the Sand Lake, Kent City, and Algoma Fire Departments. While en route, units were advised that the occupant was able to escape the structure and she was in the yard. Sand Lake FD Engine 6 was the first unit on scene and they reported heavy smoke from the rear of the house. Solon Engine 1 arrived next and members formed a crew to make an interior attack. Within a few minutes it was determined that the fire had spread to the attic and additional man power aid was requested from Cedar Springs FD. Eventually the fire was extinguished but not before substantial loss of the roof on the rear side and heavy smoke and water damage. The structure presented some unique challenges with its very shallow pitched roofs, multiple additions, tons of personal storage, and century old age. In the end, there were no civilian or fire service injuries and everyone went home.
- On March 24, 2016 SFD returned to the above address as the fire was burning again in the attic area not far from the point of origin of the original fire. Auto and mutual aid was requested from Sand Lake, Kent City, Algoma, and Cedar Springs FD.

## Fire Officer Activities

- **Fire Chief**
  - **Alarms**
    - 14 alarms, 18.25 hours
  - **Meetings**
    - Township Board Meeting: 0 hours
    - Township Fire Committee: 0 hours
    - Kent County Fire Commission: 0 hours
    - Kent Fire Chiefs: 2.0 hours <sup>1</sup>
    - MABA Division 3603: 2.0 hours <sup>1</sup>
    - SFD Personnel: 3 @ 3.5 hours
    - FO meeting: 0 hours
    - Kent County Dispatch Authority: 2 @ 3.0 hours
    - Kent County Dispatch Agency Served: 0 hours

<sup>1</sup> - Indicates meeting attended while on PFD time.
  - **Office Hours:**
    - 45.25 total office hours @ SFD
    - 50.0 classroom hours at National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD
  - **Training**

- Department: 0 hours
- **Comments**
  - Met with former FF Colborn to continue hiring process, memo submitted
  - Met with candidate Gross and concurred with Boards hiring in my absence
  - I attended the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg MD to participate in a “Leadership and Administration” 40 hour course. The classroom consisted of 20 students from literally all four corners of the U.S.A including AK, AZ, RI, and FL. The main topic of the course was using “adaptive leadership” to manage and solve issues in the fire service. Adaptive Leadership could best be described as using resources other than policies or technologies not typically expected to solve problems. I found the course and material to stimulate some analysis of my personal preferences and routines involving my leadership position and styles upon my return. I believe the material will provide an opportunity for success in many aspects of my position. Of course, another benefit included the networking opportunity for mentors in similar positions. I believe the opportunity to attend this seminar has reaffirmed the need to be a “life-long learner” and I hope to have the opportunity to attend again.
- **Captain Gabrielse**
  - **Alarms**
    - 6.0 alarms, 6.25 hours
  - **Training**
    - Department, 1 @ 2.0 hours
    - Individual Training Time (ITT), 4.0 hours
  - **Office**
    - 11.5 hours
- **Lt. Paige**
  - **Alarms**
    - 28.0 alarms,
  - **Training**
    - Department, 3 @ 8.0 hours
  - **Meetings**
    - FF Gunderson, 1.0
    - FF Zachow, Chief Drake, 1.0

# Solon Township Fire Dept

## Fire and EMS Combined List by Incident Number

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2016} And {03/31/2016}

Incident	Type	Date	Location	Description
16-0000061-0	FIRE	03/05/2016	1560 20 Mile RD NE	322 Motor vehicle accident
16-0000062-0	FIRE	03/08/2016	15415 Simmons NE	444 Power line down
16-0000063-0	FIRE	03/08/2016	Algoma AVE NE/NW & NE corners of	142 Brush or brush-and-grass
16-0000064-0	FIRE	03/08/2016	66 19 Mile RD NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000065-0	FIRE	03/09/2016	85 19 Mile RD NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000066-0	FIRE	03/11/2016	1177 17 Mile RD NE	611 Dispatched & cancelled
16-0000067-0	FIRE	03/11/2016	13455 Pine Island DR NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000068-0	FIRE	03/12/2016	1880 18 Mile RD NE	611 Dispatched & cancelled
16-0000069-0	FIRE	03/12/2016	15543 Cedar Springs AVE NE	311 Medical assist, assist
16-0000070-0	FIRE	03/13/2016	17 Mile RD NE/In the carpool lot	611 Dispatched & cancelled
16-0000071-0	FIRE	03/14/2016	US 131 Southbound NE/@ MM 107	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000072-0	FIRE	03/14/2016	2700 19 Mile RD NE	311 Medical assist, assist
16-0000073-0	FIRE	03/15/2016	2880 19 Mile RD NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000074-0	FIRE	03/15/2016	4485 21 Mile RD NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000075-0	FIRE	03/18/2016	13560 Lime Lake DR NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000076-0	FIRE	03/18/2016	White Creek AVE NE/@ Solon Rd	611 Dispatched & cancelled
16-0000077-0	FIRE	03/20/2016	2263 16 Mile RD NE	324 Motor Vehicle Accident
16-0000078-0	FIRE	03/20/2016	18000 Red Pine DR NW	111 Building fire
16-0000079-0	FIRE	03/20/2016	733 Stonecrest DR NE	631 Authorized controlled
16-0000080-0	FIRE	03/21/2016	1880 18 Mile RD NE	320 Emergency medical
16-0000081-0	FIRE	03/22/2016	13885 Pine Island DR NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000082-0	FIRE	03/23/2016	17295 Algoma AVE NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000083-0	FIRE	03/23/2016	17295 Algoma AVE NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000084-0	FIRE	03/23/2016	17680 Simmons NE	111 Building fire
16-0000085-0	FIRE	03/24/2016	1220 17 Mile RD NE	444 Power line down
16-0000086-0	FIRE	03/24/2016	1220 17 Mile RD NE	444 Power line down
16-0000087-0	FIRE	03/24/2016	17680 Simmons NE	111 Building fire
16-0000088-0	FIRE	03/24/2016	US 131 Northbound /@ Cedar Springs	324 Motor Vehicle Accident
16-0000089-0	FIRE	03/24/2016	14632 White Creek AVE NE	322 Motor vehicle accident
16-0000090-0	FIRE	03/26/2016	3383 Egner ST NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000091-0	FIRE	03/29/2016	3690 18 Mile RD NE	322 Motor vehicle accident
16-0000092-0	FIRE	03/30/2016	2776 19 Mile RD NE	321 EMS call, excluding
16-0000093-0	FIRE	03/30/2016	12800 Pine Island DR NE	142 Brush or brush-and-grass
16-0000094-0	FIRE	03/31/2016	1240 19 Mile RD NE	130 Mobile property

EMS Incident Cnt: 0

**Total Incident Count 34**

Fire Incident Cnt: 34