

# Frenchtown Fire Department



## 2024 Year End Report

# The Year at a Glance

2024 Ended with a total of 4,151 requests for service:

- Calls per Station:
  - Station One ~ 2,653
  - Station Two ~ 1006
  - Both Stations ~ 492



## Category of the 2024 Incidents

- Medical Incidents ~ 3,327
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents ~ 327
- Fire Responses ~ 351
- Other Assists ~ 146



# Emergency Medical Services

Medical Incidents make up the majority of the calls for service. The priority of the incident determines the appropriate response. Life-threatening medical emergencies are coded Priority One, and non-life-threatening medical emergencies are coded Priority Three. Priority Two incidents have the potential to become life-threatening, however at the time of the call or the transport time, the patient is stable.

## Medical Incident Priority Statistics

### Priority Responses

- Emergent ~ 2728
- Non-Emergent ~ 1,423

ALS Transports ~ 204





# Time of Day ~ Calls for Service

- Mid-Night to 7:59 am ~ 773
- 8:00 am to 3:59 pm ~ 1,836
- 4:00 pm to 11:59 pm ~ 1,542



# Highlights of 2024 Incident Responses

## Motor Vehicle Accidents ~ 2024



Frenchtown Fire units responded to 327 motor vehicle accidents in 2024. Many of the accidents presented with injuries requiring transport to

area medical facilities; some included vehicles on fire, while others only sustained minor damage. Frenchtown Fire

Department members engaged in extrication and trauma training various times in 2024. Training included the removal of patients from severely damaged vehicles. Training vehicles were placed on their sides simulating rollover



accidents; two cars entangled together simulating a “pin-in” scenario and a variety of unique situations in preparation for actual emergency scenes involving motor vehicles. Collectively

members of the Department totaled over 153 hours of extrication and trauma training.

# Highlights of 2024 Incident Responses

## Structure Fire ~ August 28 at 5:55 pm

The Frenchtown Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in a barn. When fire units went in route to the scene, smoke was visible from Station 2. Units arrived on the



scene and found thick black smoke and fire visible through the roof with fire emitting from all openings of the barn. Multiple fire departments were requested to assist, due to no fire hydrants on the road and a need for water hauling tanker fire trucks. The barn ultimately collapsed before the fire was completely extinguished.



# Highlights of 2023 Incident Responses

## Water Rescue ~ June 9, 2024

The Frenchtown Fire Department responded to a report of a boat taking on water on Lake Erie with three occupants on board.



FFD & the DNR launching their boats

Marine 1 launched from Sterling State Park. Frenchtown firefighters requested assistance from Monroe City FD with their watercraft and MCA for shore based for medical transport if necessary.

Frenchtown's Marine 1 navigated to the given coordinates, spotted the

vessel in distress, and approached.

The boat contained over one foot of water, two of the souls aboard, wearing life jackets, were competently transferred into Frenchtown's Marine 1 by Frenchtown personnel operating in 2 to 2.5 foot waves. The boat's captain chose to stay on board to assist the on-scene tow boat company with the removal of the vessel from the lake.



Sailboat run aground September 2024

Marine 1 returned to Sterling State Park with the victims on board, both were evaluated by the MCA Paramedics and refused medical treatment or transportation to a hospital.

# Customer Service in 2024

## ALS Transports from January 2024 ~ December 2024

The Frenchtown Fire Department entered into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Monroe Community Ambulance (MCA) to provide assistance with patient transportation to area hospitals for

emergent care. The Fire Department is licensed with the State of Michigan to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services to the



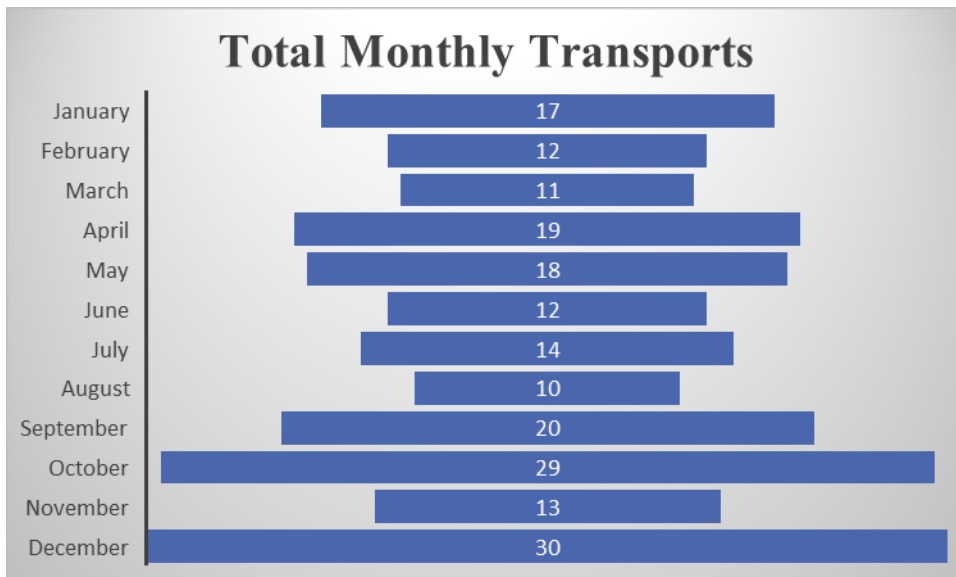
residents and visitors of Frenchtown Township. Our medical licensing provides us with the ability to transport patients as needed. Our firefighter-paramedics have always worked closely with MCA to provide the best care to all patients, as necessary. However, as requests for emergency medical services have increased, most emergency medical service providers, including MCA, have experienced a strain on their resources. The Frenchtown firefighter-paramedics have stepped up to fill the gaps left by MCAs dwindling staff of emergency medical personnel. This practice has led to an increase in transportation of patients to area hospitals for continued definitive medical care.



Due to the intensified call volumes our ambulances, staffed with firefighter-paramedics, have transported more in 2024 than any other time in the history of the Frenchtown Fire



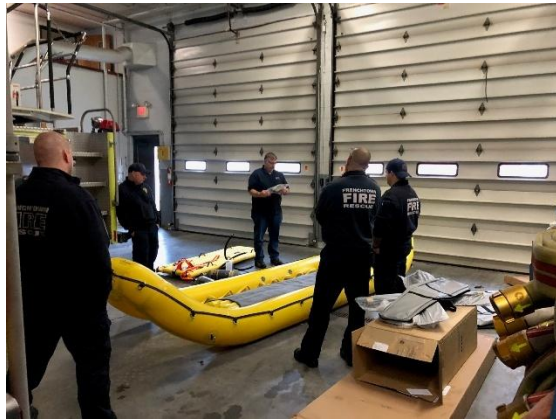
Department. A total of 204 transports to area hospitals, compared to the 146 patient transports in 2023.



# Watercraft Report for 2024

## Marine 1 and Water & Ice Rescue Training hours ~ 198

The Frenchtown Fire Department boasts multiple certified Ice and Water Rescue trainers and a NASBLA certified marine



vessel instructor. These instructors held multiple classes throughout the year, seasonally, fall/winter for ice and cold-water rescues and spring/summer with intense concentration on Marine 1, our watercraft, operations, and rescue techniques.

Frenchtown Fire Department's Marine 1 was called to assist the needs of the community thirteen times in 2024. Incidents varied in nature from disabled motorized watercrafts, watercrafts sinking into the Lake, distressed swimmers, and kayak emergencies.

All thirteen of the incidents Frenchtown Fire Department's Marine 1 responded to, on Lake Erie and Brest Bay, were completed with positive results. We are grateful for a safe year for the visitors to Lake Erie.

With the addition of fueling stations carrying recreational fuels, our costs to operate Marine 1 have decreased. We are now able to refuel at local gas stations, as opposed to using marina-based fuel stations saving upwards of \$2.00 per gallon on fuel. Additionally, many upgrades and maintenance issues are managed on site by our apparatus maintenance personnel.

# Fire Department Training 2024

Total training hours 1,153.5

Annual training includes continuing education credited classes, necessary for maintaining our paramedic and



emergency medical technician licenses. These classes are taught by our in-house State of Michigan licensed Instructor Coordinators. Additional

trainings included Agricultural and Livestock incident management, Fire Ground Safety & Survival, Forcible Entry, Hazardous Materials Operations, Watercraft Operations, Ice & Cold-Water Rescue, Vehicle Extrication, Trauma Emergencies, Respiratory Emergencies, Pediatric and Geriatric Emergencies to name a few. Several firefighters are State of Michigan certified Fire Instructors, they create and present the trainings tailored to Frenchtown Township's needs.



The Department has trained multiple times with subject matter experts. For examples, Enrico Fermi for plant responses and nuclear Just-In-Time training courses. Meijer

warehouse for situational responses, namely fires, hazmat,



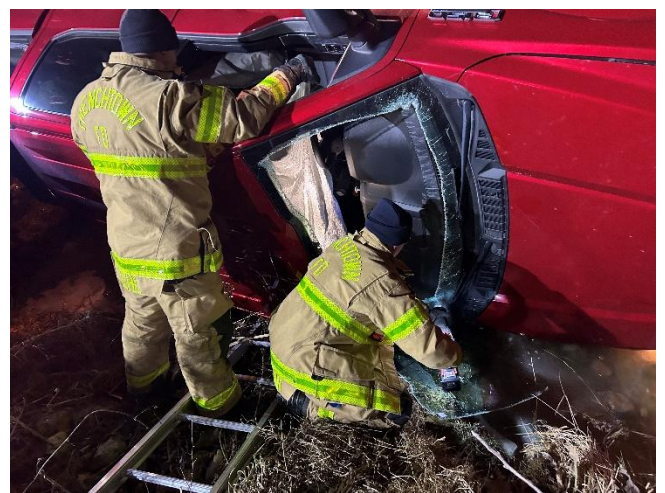
and medical related possibilities. Specialized extrication training with tool manufacturers. Specialists in



documentation for report writing techniques to include attorney recommendations. The firefighters have visited our large industries and businesses for familiarization and pre-incident planning. This training determines the best practices for responses to fires and medical emergencies. A few of this

year's recognizable businesses include the Monroe Golf & Country Club. Sodt Elementary School, Frenchtown's newest gem, the Municipal site, Victory Honda for electric vehicle charging stations, and a combined drill at Fermi with their Emergency Response Team.

Progressive, proactive training is important to every firefighter. We pride ourselves on being an organization who places education on the forefront of everything we do. Fire or EMS we train to perform exceptionally on your behalf, always preparing for the unknown situations we will encounter.



## New Addition in 2024

The Frenchtown Fire Department took delivery of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). These SCBAs were purchased to replace our Honeywell SCBAs. Honeywell sent us documentation stating they were no longer servicing our units or providing parts or technicians for repairs. With this information, we were aware our SCBA would no longer be safe for our firefighters to use or NIOSH compliant. Firefighters trained collectively for over 70 hours to become familiar and proficient in using the new air-packs.



Each firefighter received their own personal mask designed to fit their unique face; they were then fit tested to ensure a proper smoke proof seal. The SCBAs were then placed on all our apparatus for use at all fires to protect our firefighters from smoke and toxic gases.

# We won a Grant in 2024

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity awarded the Frenchtown Fire Department grant monies to purchase a full set of turn-out gear for each of the full-time firefighter-paramedics. Eighteen sets in all. This saved the Fire Department \$63,000.00. We received our new gear in the autumn of 2024 and immediately began benefiting from the protection.

Notification to sign FTG-2024 Frenchtown Fire Department



noreply@egrams-mi.net  
To Wendy Stevens



You replied to this message on 9/16/2024 12:43 PM.

Fri 9/13/2024 2:16 PM

09/13/2024

Dear Wendy Stevens,

The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity has approved the application for the FTG-2024 for Frenchtown Fire Department. To accept the grant award, please have the Authorized Official review and sign the grant agreement.

**Complete the following steps:**

1. Authorized official logs in to EGrAMS-LEO at <https://egrams-mi.com/leo> using your user name and password
2. From the Welcome screen, 'Project Director -> Application Status'
3. Select grant program 'FTG-2024' from lookup
4. Click on 'Find'
5. System displays application status information
6. Click on 'View Contract' icon to open the PDF of the agreement.
7. If you are an Authorized Signatory, you will also see the 'Sign Contract' icon.
8. Click on the 'Sign Contract' icon to sign the contract

If you have any questions, please contact [LEO-EGrAMS-Help@michigan.gov](mailto:LEO-EGrAMS-Help@michigan.gov)

Please sign the agreement as soon as possible to avoid the possible delay of payment.

Sincerely,

Amber Covington  
Grants Administrator

This second set of turn-out gear allows for additional cancer protection. The firefighter's gear gets covered in carcinogens while fighting a fire; they are now able to clean the soiled gear immediately. Wearing the second set of gear during the process of cleaning the first set. No longer wearing the dirty gear for the next incident.



## Concluding 2024

The Frenchtown Fire Department staffed with Full-Time and Paid-on-Call personnel, provides an all-hazard response day or night 24/7 to incidents throughout our Township. The Department also provides the same professional all-hazard response to Mutual Aid requests from other fire departments throughout Monroe County.

In 2024 Department members responded to seventy-two requests from Monroe County Fire Departments for Mutual Aid for fires, motor vehicles accidents, water, and/or ice incidents. We provided medical transport at the advanced life support level fourteen times for requesting fire departments in 2024 due to lack of an available transporting ambulance from the Monroe County contracted providers.



Building Fire Mutual Aid Assist to the City of Monroe March 2024

# Our Mission

**Committed to providing the highest quality all hazards service to the citizens and visitors of Frenchtown Charter Township through progressive training, prevention, and public education.**