



# Monthly Report

## February, 2016

Date: March 10, 2016

### Alarms:

2016 February	2016 Y-T-D	2016 FEB Turfed	2016 YTD Turfed	2015 FEB	2015 Y-T-D
31	60	0	0	28	64

### 2016

		Alarms Received Mutual or Auto Aid								February # of Times Support Received	YTD # of Times Support Received	February Alarms W/ Aid Rec'd	YTD Alarms W/ Aid Rec'd
Alarm #	none												
Agencies	Algoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	2
	Cedar Springs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1		
	Kent City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1		
	Sandlake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1		
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
<b>Total Support Received:</b>										<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>		

### 2016

		Alarms Given Mutual or Auto Aid								February # of Times Support Given	YTD # of Times Support Given	February Alarms W/ Aid Given	YTD Alarms W/ Aid Given
Alarm #	16-0148												
Agencies	Algoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
	Cedar Springs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
	Kent City	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1		
	Sandlake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
<b>Total Support Given:</b>										<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		

### TYPE

2016	Medical	Rescue	Good Intent <sub>1</sub>	Public service <sub>2</sub>	CO*	Controlled Fire <sub>3</sub>	Structure Fire	Vehicle Fire	Wild-land
Feb	20	5	1	0	0	3	1	1	0
YTD	40	11	2	2	0	3	1	1	0

\* CO- Carbon Monoxide

1 includes Smoke Scares and False Alarms

2 includes Hazardous condition, Assist to other agencies, public assist

3 includes authorized and unauthorized

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

- MFR only eligible type alarms:
  - 8 of 9 personnel responded to 20 eligible alarms
- All other type alarms:
  - 16 of 18 personnel responded to 11 alarms
  - Academy students directed to focus on academy

## **Outside of Station Event**

- Fundraiser for Velzy Township park
  - 6 personnel, 2 hours
- Repaired dry hydrant on Solon Road

## **Repairs to Apparatus or Equipment**

- Engine 1
  - Grease valves, clean intake screens
- Engine 2
  - Grease valves, clean intake screens
  - Troubleshoot faulty pump panel light

## **Repairs to Station**

- Downstairs furnace
  - Replaced filter
  - Replaced a capacitor and pressure switch

## **Purchases**

- Print cartridge, 9 helmets

## **Training**

- Department
  - CPR Refresher
    - 5 personnel, 1.0 hours
  - Haz-Mat Refresher
    - 5 personnel, 2.0 hours
  - Ice Rescue
    - 7 personnel, 3.0 hours
- Other Special
  - Leadership Training class @ Baker College, Muskegon
    - 4 personnel, 9.0 hours
  - Search & Rescue, Breaching walls
    - 7 personnel, 2.0 hours
  - State Exam practice
    - 6 personnel, 5.0 hours

## Significant Events and/or Alarms

- On February 1, 2016 FF Wetter provided station coverage for Full Time Firefighter for 9 hours.
- In January 2016, Chief Drake nominated Firefighter Candace Wetter for a scholarship to attend the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, IN from April 18 to April 23. The scholarship is sponsored by two national companies in the fire service; Fire Rescue Magazine, and Honeywell Industries (manufacturer of Turn-Out Gear). I am thrilled to report that based on the application narrative listed below, FF Wetter has won a five day pass including meals, lodging, and transportation to attend this national event. I would estimate the value of this package at over \$3,500. I am extremely proud of the dedication and support FF Wetter has provided to SFD in the two years she has been a member. CONGRATULATIONS FF WETTER!

*I would like to nominate Solon Township Fire Department (SFD), Fire Fighter (FF) Candace Wetter for the 2016 FDIC Scholarship. I am nominating FF Wetter due to her extreme passion to serve the community and her unwavering commitment to improve fire ground safety through her extensive donation of time and talent to train new recruits on fire ground skills. In a very unselfish manner, FF Wetter is willing and able to attend various regional and national training seminars and then donate endless hours in sharing this knowledge within the SFD. In this capacity, FF Wetter has provided an opportunity for eight new recruits employed with SFD to form a very tight knit, interdependent team with great camaraderie. This group of new firefighters is performing very well in the State Fire Academy as they hone their skills during extra training seminars under her tutelage. She has convinced and provided these recruits of the need to exceed past the minimum requirements of the State Fire academy.*

*As a twenty two year old female in the fire service, FF Wetter has been able to break down the barrier that tends to impede any recognition of respect in her position. She has accomplished this by an uncanny ability to absorb the skills being taught to her, and then humbly and eagerly disperses this knowledge to her team members. At this young age, she has accrued a mass of training certificates from multiple federal, state, and local organizations. She has also made multiple trips to the National Fire Academy. With little exception she attends these training seminars at her own cost. She frequently volunteers her hours needed to disseminate the knowledge through extra training sessions for all interested.*

*Firefighter Wetter has been employed by SFD for only 28 months. Prior to SFD, FF Wetter was employed in Wisconsin where she began her career at the age of 18. As a young FF in WI, FF Wetter was involved in a "Close Call" on the training ground that was documented in Fire House magazine (link: <http://www.firehouse.com/article/11299128/firefighter-close-calls>) and authored by Chief Billy Goldfeder. As documented through her first-hand account of this event, FF Wetter continues effortlessly to improve fire ground safety and strives to improve each individual fire fighters skill and ability to survive and make sure "Everyone Goes Home".*

*Summarily, FF Wetter has an unwavering passion for the fire service, even after suffering the "worst day of her life" on the training ground in a Close Call incident. She has taken this event and used as an opportunity to provide knowledge to all in the fire service who are willing to listen. She has donated countless hours in disseminating her story. She has incurred financial hardship through registration fees, lodging, and travel to improve her skills at local, regional, and national events. Unselfishly, she expends more time and money to deliver and pass on her knowledge and experience to any department, anywhere, anytime. I nominate FF Wetter for this scholarship because she will absorb the material available at FDIC and distribute it back to Solon FD and any other department interested in attending. She does this without considering the time or financial burden placed upon her.*

*Respectfully,*

*Jeff Drake, Fire Chief  
Solon Township Fire Department  
[fire@solontwp.org](mailto:fire@solontwp.org)*

P.S.

After being notified by Chief Drake that he was applying for this scholarship for Firefighter Wetter I asked to add a Post Script in support of her nomination. Plainfield FD uses certified part time firefighters to augment our fulltime IAFF staff. We have added FF Wetter to our roster and I have found this to be a very satisfying hire. She has completed several projects, helping to develop a County wide RIT Policy being the most ambitious, and asks to be assigned more. All our staff respects her ability and she has been incorporated into our instructor roster for our FF I/II academy. I can't imagine a more worthy or qualified person for this scholarship.

Chief Dave Peterson EFO, CFO  
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- At the February Kent County Dispatch Authority Board (KCDA) Meeting, I was asked by the chairman to fill the vacant seat on the KCDA Executive Committee arising from the untimely passing of the City of Rockford Manager Michael Young. I am planning on confirming this request at the March meeting. The KCDA is the governing body of the two Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) remaining in Kent County (Grand Rapids Communication Center, and the Kent County Communications Center) operating an eight million dollar budget.
- On February 19, SFD assisted Kent City Fire Department with a structure fire on 17 Mile Road with one personnel and an engine for 1 hour.
- Atta Boy-

4067-20 Mile Road  
Sand Lake, Mi. 49343

Dear Jeff,

I am sending this to let you know how deeply I appreciate how you helped me in October, when I fell and broke my arm on the the cement slab in front of my garage.

How you encouraged me and helped me was such a blessing, as the pain was unbearable, your presence and words helped me so much to bear it until the ambulance got here, you are so good at what you do,

God bless you always!  
Joan Wainright

## Fire Officer Activities

- **Fire Chief**
  - **Alarms**
    - 12 alarms, 12.0 hours
  - **Meetings**
    - Township Board Meeting: 1.0 hours
    - Township Fire Committee: 2.0 hours
    - Kent County Fire Commission: 2.0 hours <sup>1</sup>
    - Kent Fire Chiefs: 2.0 hours
    - SFD Personnel: 3 @ 2.5 hours
    - FO meeting: 2.5 hours
    - Kent County Dispatch Authority: 2.0 hours
    - Kent County Dispatch Agency Served: 1.5 hours
    - Cedar Springs FD Chief Fraser: .50 hours
    - Trustee Hoskins: 1.5 hours
  - <sup>1</sup> - *Indicates meeting attended while on PFD time.*
  - **Office Hours:**
    - 51.5 total office hours @ SFD
  - **Training**
    - Department: 6.75 hours
  - **Comments**
    - Met with former FF Colborn about possibly re-applying for position.
- **Captain Gabrielse**
  - **Alarms**
    - 5.0 alarms, 5.0 hours
  - **Training**
    - Department, 2 @ 3.0 hours
    - Severe weather spotter, 4.0 hours
    - Pipeline awareness, 4.0 hours
  - **Office**
    - 10.0 hours
  - **Other**
    - FD Incentive meeting, 2.0 hours
- **Lt. Paige**
  - **Alarms**
    - 28.0 alarms,
  - **Training**
    - Department, 3 @ 8.0 hours





- Photos
  - Ice Rescue Training on Lime Lake
    - (from Left to Right- FF Spencer, FF Schievink, FF Wetter)
  - Leadership Class training at Baker College in Muskegon
    - (from Left to Right- FF Zachow A, FF Zachow S, FF Spencer, FF Wetter)