



GVFD January Quarterly Report

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○ **October**

- We are currently working on the AFG Grant and the quote paperwork. This process is extensive; however, the GVFD looks forward to the new water tender arriving in Gustavus within the next few years.
- I enrolled in a grant program through the State of Alaska that provides smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This program will supply the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) with alarms for residents who have signed up. I wanted to give you an update on the process: we are currently waiting for the order to arrive. We will contact everyone on the list as soon as the alarms are available for installation in their homes.
- I successfully resolved an issue with the battery backup for the radio repeater. The radio repeater is crucial for communication within Gustavus and serves as our emergency 911 system. When you call 911, your call is directed to a landline, which is then forwarded to the radio repeater, allowing a dispatcher to respond. The backup battery ensures that the system continues to operate even during a power outage. We discovered that the 10-year-old battery had failed when the power went out. Fortunately, we were able to purchase a new battery from Juneau and replace the old one.
- Completed a course to become a CEVO driving instructor. This NFPA-certified course enables us to train responders to operate emergency vehicles.
- I want to thank everyone who stopped by the Gustavus Community Second Saturday Market and came by the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department booth.

○ **November**

- Leah Okin testified at the public OSHA meeting about the changes and additions affecting fire departments across the United States. These changes will require responders to undergo physical examinations that are tailored to their specific duties. The new OSHA physical regulations may require responders to travel to Anchorage or Seattle for these evaluations. We hope the OSHA committee will consider the testimonies from fire departments and ensure that the new regulations are cost-effective for small fire departments like ours.
- We are still seeking funding for the Lucas Chest compression device. We have applied for the Rasmuson Fund and are awaiting a response.
- We got a free conex container for the back of the firehall to provide dry storage for items we still need but do not need quick access to.
- I obtained three free cell phone boosters for the city of Gustavus. I have installed two of them at the fire hall and city hall. We hope to install the third one at the Gustavus Dock, but we are still waiting for permission since it requires a Wi-Fi router. This will improve cell phone service for everyone who uses AT&T cellular service.



- **December**

- December is a quiet month. I have continued working on the Water Tender and wildland truck quotes to complete as much as possible before leaving for vacation.
- Previously, I applied for the Alaska DOT&PF Safe Systems Approach program to secure funding for the wildland pickup truck. Unfortunately, we were not successful.

End of Year Report

EMS Calls: 35

Fire Calls: 2