

January 25th – January 31st

During the week of January 25th - January 31st the Virginia Fire Department responded to a total of eighty-seven calls, ten fire calls and seventy-seven EMS calls. Fifty-seven 9-1-1 calls and twenty transfers. The fifty-seven 9-1-1 calls brought us to ten different communities; once to Biwabik, Britt, Cotton, Greaney, and Iron, twice each to Eveleth and Tower, three times to Gilbert, four times to Mt. Iron, and forty-one times within Virginia. Our patients were transported to five different Hospitals including: Cook Hospital, Essentia Health Northern Pines, Essentia Health Virginia, St. Luke's, and Fairview Ranger Medical Center. Four patients did not require transport to a hospital. The twenty transfers were from three different hospitals; Essentia Health Northern Pines, Essentia Hospital Virginia, and Cook Hospital. These transfers had us take Patients to four different destinations, Essentia Health Virginia, St. Luke's, Essentia Health St. Mary's, and nursing homes. During this week the number one reason for dispatch was cardiac in nature, we performed seventy-nine different procedures, administered thirty-seven different medications, the average age was fifty-nine and we treated more men (40) than women (37).

The Fire Marshall during this week performed two investigations and one public relationship event. The Fire Marshall as well as the Fire department would like to ask the public's help in keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. If you live on a corner with a hydrant please keep three feet around the hydrant clear of snow. This makes our jobs easier in ensuring that we are able to get water in a timely manner to a fire.

The Virginia Fire Department has recognized several outstanding employees for their performance, service and dedication in 2015. All personnel were selected by their peers utilizing a secret ballot. Firefighter/Paramedic Ross Gramling was awarded Firefighter of the Year; Firefighter/Paramedic Frank Roark was awarded EMT Paramedic of the Year; Firefighter/Paramedic Jon Carlson was awarded Rookie of the Year and Fire Captain/Paramedic Scott Fredrickson was awarded Fire Officer of the Year. Please join the Virginia Fire Department in congratulating these dedicated public servants.