

## Activity Summary July 2008

The below is a list of activities for the Month of June 2008.

Calls for service: The Richland Fire Department responded to 30 calls for service during this time period. This brings the total calls for service to 172 for 2008. The fire department responded to;

- 18 - Medical Calls
  - 3 – P.I. accidents
  - 2 – Wires or trees down (Storm Damage)
  - 2- False alarms
  - 2 – Brush fire
  - 2- Assist other departments
  - 1 – Structure Fires

5 of the 30 calls for service were in the village of Richland. These calls for service included 4 medical calls and one structure fire.

**Significant events:** The Richland area had suffered a severe storm on July 2, 2008. The fire department responded to numerous calls of trees and power lines down over the next several days. In many cases firemen used their own chain saws to help clear roads of trees and limbs.

On July 3, 2008, fire fighters responded to a structure fire in the village of Richland. This fire was discovered by police officers who were conducting a K-9 track of a suspected bank robber. This fire is suspicious and being investigated by the Richland Village Police and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall's office.

On July 17, 2008, fire fighters responded to the Meadows on a report of a subject having trouble breathing. This subject had a cardiac arrest prior to FD arrival on scene, and did not survive.

On July 22, 2008, Assistant Chief Andy Campbell submitted his resigned from the fire department to the township supervisor. I was out of town at the time. On July 23, Richland Township Board Trustee, Joe Kaywood, announced, on behalf of the township board, Chief Campbell's resignation to the Richland Fireman's Association. I was appalled by this action of the Richland Township Board. I did not have a chance to talk to Chief Campbell about his resignation. It is my understanding that the township supervisor asked this resignation kept confidential until I was notified. I found this action by Trustee Kaywood to be extremely inappropriate.

On July 24, 2008 I received orders from the U.S. Army and will be activated for a period of one year beginning on October 31, 2008.

Respectfully,

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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