



Robert L. Gagnon, Fire Chief

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# MONTHLY REPORT

## July 2020



*Protecting Your Future*

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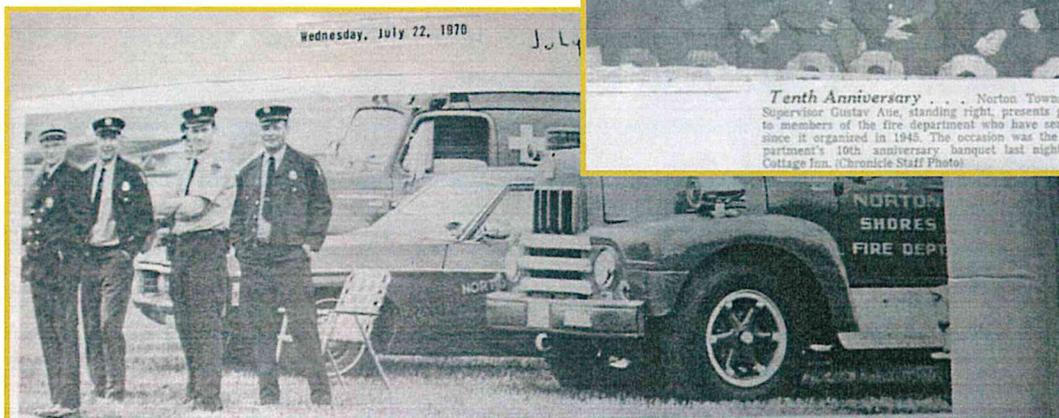


# July 23, 1945

Our department began service at midnight on July 23, 1945, with 25 volunteers operating out of the first fire station located at 4801 Henry St according to the Muskegon Chronicle. However, the Norton Fire Yearbook states it was located at 3146 Henry St.

According to a Muskegon Chronicle article published on Wednesday, July 22, 1970, "The first Chief of the Norton Township department was the late Walt Ritter who was followed by Albert Lundwall Jr., who lead the department for 13 years."

Unfortunately, we cannot find any documentation to support the claim that Walt Ritter was indeed the first Chief of our department. We are determined to find out if this is a fact.



## Silver anniversary for firefighters

BY SCOTT PAYNE  
 There's no question that Norton homeowners pay high taxes. And there's equally little question that they'd pay about 2 1/2 mills more each year if it weren't for an organization which celebrates a quarter century of existence this Friday.

that the Norton Township Volunteer Fire Department came into being. And, according to old hands on the force and officials at city hall, it has a fairly unique history.  
 According to Mayor Robert Price, one time an officer on the force, each of the volunteers "performs a civic duty which is unmeasurable."

cently, it was for a time the only township fire force anywhere to supply fire protection to an incorporated city . . . Roosevelt Park, in this case. Today, of course, the Park continues to buy fire protection from the city of Norton.  
 But there's a lot more to being a volunteer fireman than sitting at



## Administration

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The information contained in this report serves as a representation of the hard work and dedication put in by the men and women of the Norton Shores Fire Department. Their commitment to the City and our Department helps to make it possible to achieve our overall mission which is *Protecting your Future.*

### Monthly Stats

- 295 Call for Service the NSFD responded to
- 15 Training Sessions were held and consisted of
  - Apparatus 472 Checkout
  - CFR Vehicle Checkout
  - Hazmat Refresher/Decon
  - Water Rescue
  - Firefighter Safety/RIC
  - Make-up Trainings
  - Monthly Team Trainings
- 1 Open Water Dive Certification Course
- 0 Meetings were conducted



All Safe Kids services were cancelled for the month of July.

### FOIA Requests

- 7/7/2020 3552 Wayne St
- 7/9/2020 7211 Harvey St
- 7/28/2020 Vehicle Fire

### Smoke Alarm Install Requests

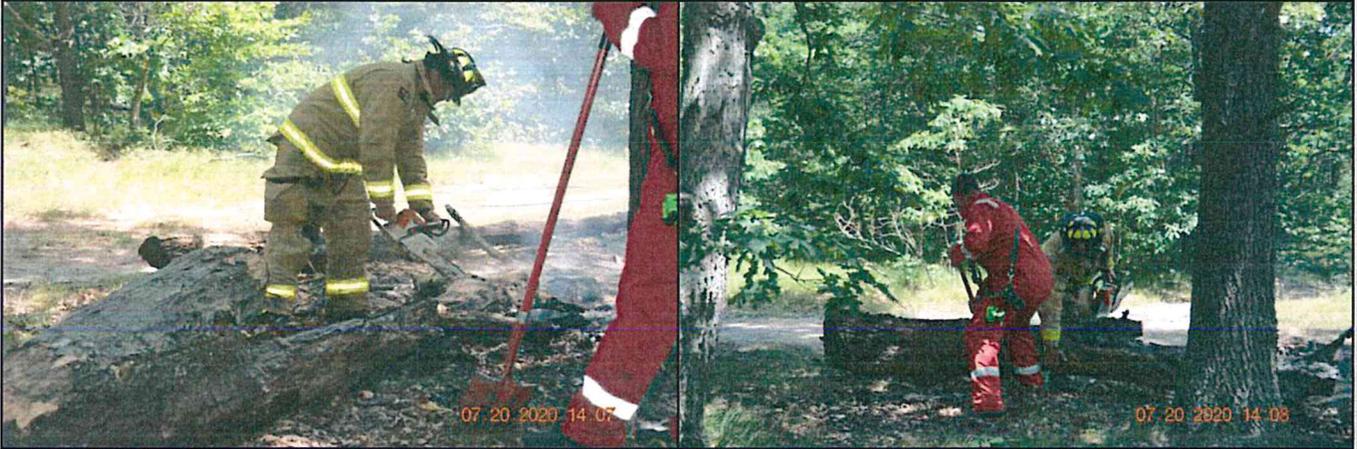
- 6 requests were made through the Fire Department

Roll over accident  
7/6/2020



Vehicle Accident  
7/31/2020

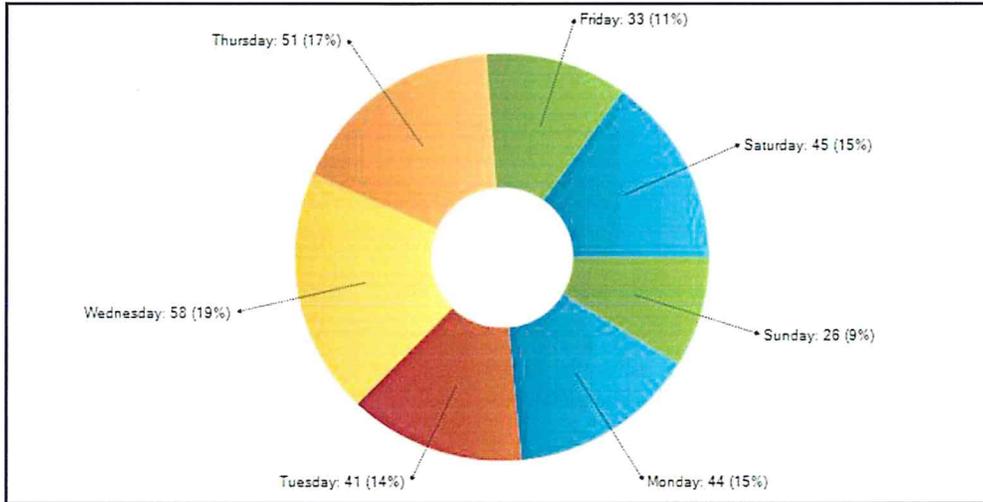




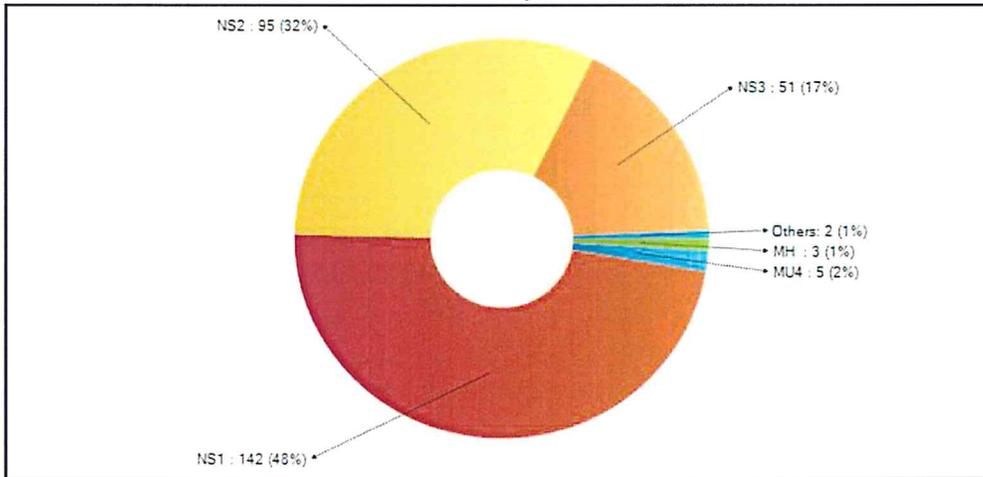
*Trees on Fire in the woods near the Getty Drive-In 7/20/20*



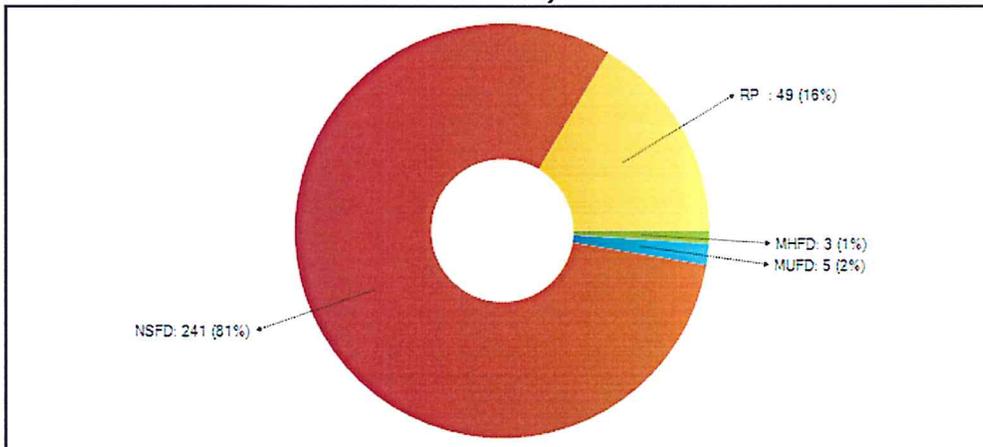
**Calls For Service By Day of Week**



**Calls For Service By Fire Station**



**Calls For Service By District**





***Deputy Chief Joe Kinnucan***

**APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT**

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Rescue 472</b>             | The truck went to St. John Truck & Trailer for an alignment.  |
| <b>Brush Truck 481</b>        | Defective wiring was found on the siren control. The defect has been written up and sent to the City garage.  |
| <b>Narcan and Epi Kits</b>    | Several near-expiring Epi and Narcan kits were replaced by Medical Control.   |
| <b>COVID-19 Jumpsuits</b>     | As part of our effort to reduce the exposure to the COVID-19 virus, each firefighter must wear a washable coverall to each medical call. A total of thirty (30) more coveralls were purchased and put in service. |
| <b>Ice/Water Rescue Suits</b> | The new Mustang Ice/Water Rescue Suits were received and put into service. These were purchased as part of the FY 20 Capital Budget.  |

**FACILITIES**

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Training Center</b> | New LED light fixtures were ordered for the cold storage building as part of the FY 21 Capital Budget.  |
| <b>Station #1</b>      | <p>The truck room sink drain was leaking. The station personnel repaired the drain.</p> <p>Our station personnel replaced an irrigation valve and head.</p> |
| <b>Station #2</b>      | Contractors were at the station preparing for the upcoming roof replacement and solar panel project.  |



**FACILITIES (continued)**

**Station #3** Garage door #2 lost a retaining clip from the chain. Repairs were completed by Affordable Door and Gate.

**PERSONNEL TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES**

The month of July saw the return to in-person training allowances. We took that opportunity to catch up on some training topics that were previously postponed due to COVID-19. Training topics in July included Water Rescue, Rescue 472 familiarization checkout, ARFF vehicle familiarization checkout, and Rapid Intervention Crew/Firefighter Safety. In addition to these, we wrapped up our training on human trafficking and the driver’s training.

Three of our firefighter-drivers completed their dive certification through Ocean Sands Scuba as part of the requirements of joining the Norton Shores Underwater Recovery team.

| <b>Hours of Paid Training (Off-Duty)</b> | <b>Hours</b> |
|--|--------------|
| <b>TEAM TRAINING-DIVE TEAM</b>           |              |
| 7/6/2020                                 | 10.5         |
| 7/7/2020                                 | 10           |
| 7/8/2020                                 | 16           |
| 7/18/2020                                | 17           |
| 7/19/2020                                | 12.5         |
| 7/27/2020                                | 10           |
| <b>TRAINING-APPARATUS CHECKOUT</b>       |              |
| 7/13/2020                                | 1            |
| 7/14/2020                                | 1.5          |
| 7/15/2020                                | 1            |
| 7/20/2020                                | 1            |
| <b>TRAINING-CFR VEH. CHECKOUT</b>        |              |
| 7/14/2020                                | 1.5          |
| 7/15/2020                                | 2            |
| 7/17/2020                                | 1            |
| <b>TRAINING-FFSAFE/RIC</b>               |              |
| 7/15/2020                                | 4            |
| 7/16/2020                                | 6            |
| 7/21/2020                                | 3            |
| <b>TRAINING-HAZMAT</b>                   |              |
| 7/9/2020                                 | 1.5          |
| 7/23/2020                                | 1.5          |
| <b>TRAINING-HUMAN TRAFFICKING</b>        |              |
| 7/6/2020                                 | 1.5          |
| 7/15/2020                                | 1.5          |
| <b>TRAINING-WATER/ICE RESCUE</b>         |              |
| 7/7/2020                                 | 4.5          |
| 7/20/2020                                | 4            |
| 7/28/2020                                | 5.5          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                       | <b>118</b>   |

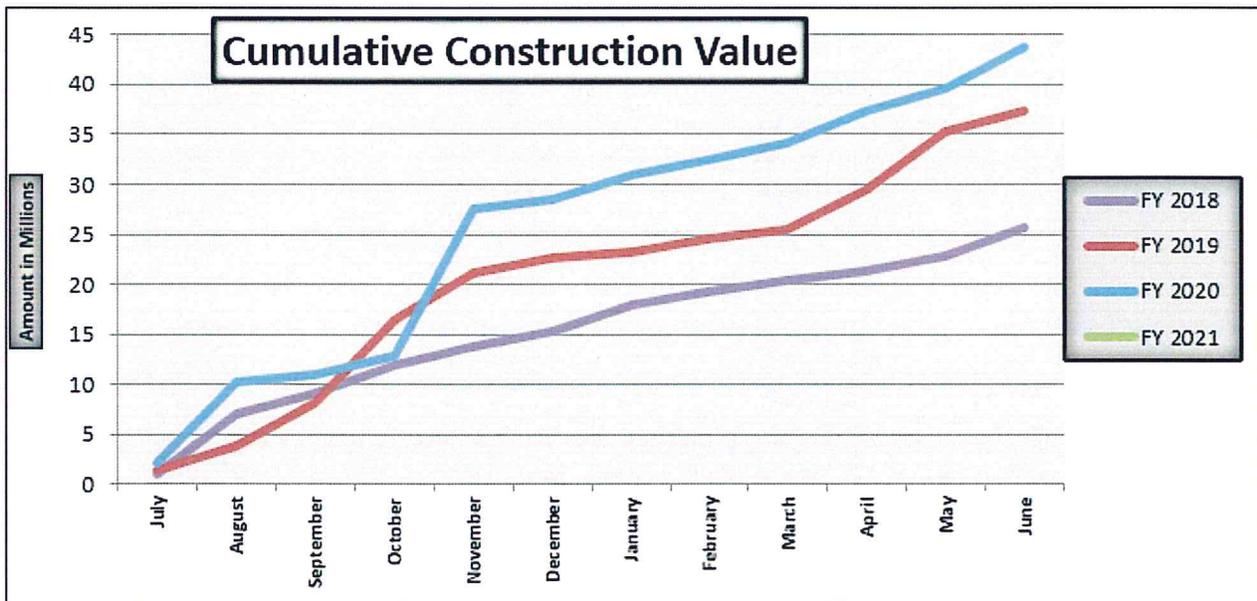


**Building Official Todd Kempf**

| <b>BUILDING PERMITS</b>                   |                          |                           |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Category</b>                           | <b>Number of Permits</b> | <b>Construction Value</b> |
| Commercial Alteration/Repair              | 1                        | \$ 57,000.00              |
| Commercial Remodel                        | 1                        | \$ 165,000.00             |
| Demolition                                | 4                        | \$ 33,500.00              |
| Residential Addition                      | 2                        | \$ 30,538.00              |
| Residential Alteration/Repair             | 5                        | \$ 60,098.00              |
| Residential Deck                          | 9                        | \$ 90,300.00              |
| Residential Garage/Carport                | 5                        | \$ 267,693.00             |
| Residential New Single Family             | 3                        | \$ 630,000.00             |
| Residential Pool/HotTub                   | 1                        | \$ 30,000.00              |
| Residential Remodel                       | 1                        | \$ 10,000.00              |
| Residential Roofing/Siding/Windows & Door | 53                       | \$ 506,263.00             |
| Signs                                     | 4                        | \$ 19,744.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>89</b>                | <b>\$ 1,900,136.00</b>    |

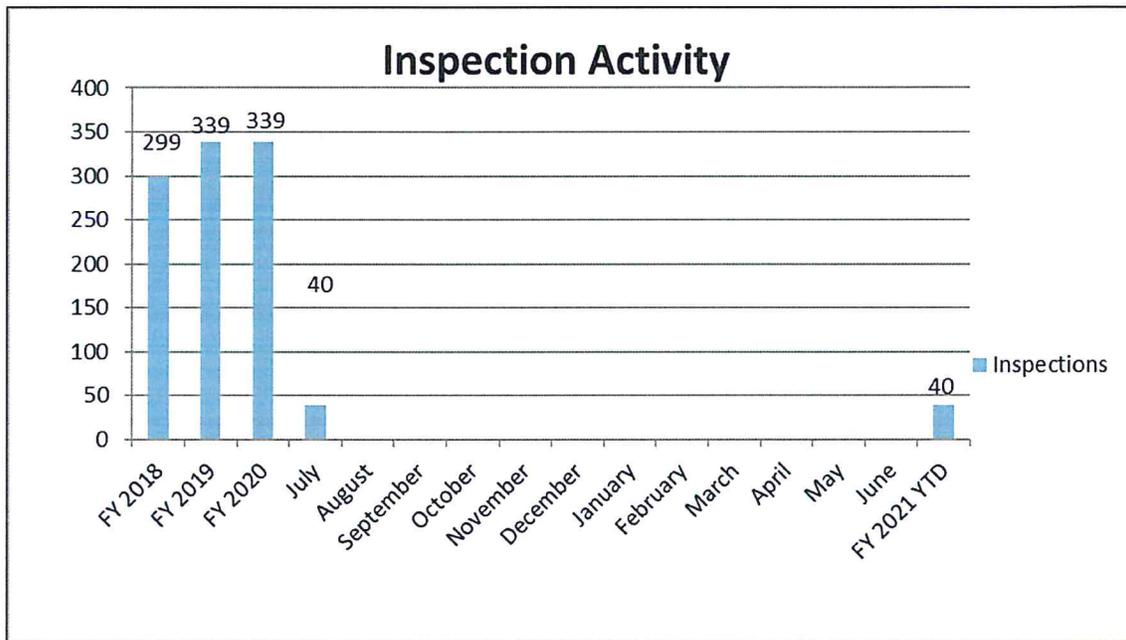
| <b>TRADE PERMITS</b>  |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>Type of Permit</b> |            |
| Electrical            | 84         |
| Mechanical            | 97         |
| Plumbing              | 20         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>201</b> |

| <b>BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY</b> |                            |                         |                         |                         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                | <b>To Date<br/>FY 2021</b> | <b>July<br/>FY 2021</b> | <b>July<br/>FY 2020</b> | <b>July<br/>FY 2019</b> |
| <b>Bldg. Permits:</b>          | 89                         | 89                      | 81                      | 92                      |
| <b>Total Fees:</b>             | \$ 54,157.00               | \$ 54,157.00            | \$ 41,054.00            | \$ 31,639.00            |
| <b>Total Value:</b>            | \$ 1,900,136.00            | \$ 1,900,136.00         | \$ 2,249,558.00         | \$ 1,441,301.00         |



**Fire Marshal Ted Karnitz**

**INSPECTION ACTIVITIES**



**INSPECTIONS/SITE VISITS**

|                         | <b>Norton Shores</b> | <b>Roosevelt Park</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fire Safety Inspections | 2                    | 1                     |
| Re Inspections          | 7                    | 1                     |
| Site Visits             | 21                   | 8                     |

**FIRE INVESTIGATIONS**

**Norton Shores/Roosevelt Park**

1

**Muskegon County**

0

- 7211 Harvey St



**PLAN REVIEWS/INSTALLS/FFRTK**

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| New Home Approvals                 | 0  |
| Fire Fighter Right-to-Know Updates | 4  |
| Plan Reviews (Building)            | 7  |
| FOIA/CBDG Requests                 | 0  |
| Fire System Reviews/Acceptance     | 6  |
| Lock Boxes Installs/Updates        | 27 |
| Site Plan Reviews                  | 3  |
| Smoke Alarm Installs               | 31 |
| Third Party Required Inspections   | 11 |
| Food Truck Application Approvals   | 2  |

**SMOKE ALARM INSTALLS**

- Total NSFD Installs – 511 Residences/2,354 Alarms Installed
  - FY 2021 YTD – 12 Residences/31 Alarms Installed
    - July 2020 – 12 Residences/31 Alarms Installed

**FOIA/CBDG REQUESTS**

- FY 2021 YTD – 0
  - JULY 2020 – 0
    - FOIA Requests – 0
    - CBDG Requests – 0

**PUBLIC EVENTS**

- FY 2021 YTD – 0
  - JULY 2020 – 0

**FIRE INVESTIGATIONS**

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Norton Shores/Roosevelt Park</b> | <b>Muskegon County</b> |
| 1                                   | 0                      |

- 7211 Harvey St.



Due to the COVID 19  
Pandemic restrictions, the  
Norton Shores Public Safety  
Open House scheduled for  
Saturday, September 26, 2020  
has been cancelled.



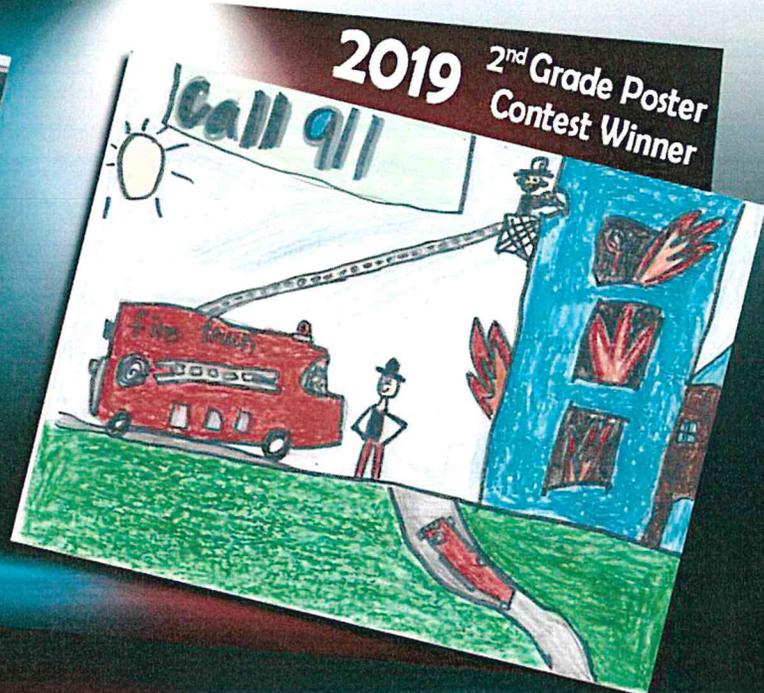
Please help keep everyone safe by practicing these simple measures

1. Wear face coverings over your mouth and nose while inside enclosed, public spaces
2. Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others
3. Wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face
4. Use disinfecting wipes or disinfecting spray cleaners on frequently-touched surfaces

**Be Safe and we look forward to seeing everyone  
at the 2021 Public Safety Open House!!**



**Berkley Schaffran  
Lincoln Park Elementary**



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## Ordinance Enforcement

### ORDINANCE - OPENED

| Enforcement Number | Date Filed | Address           | Origin              | Junk & Debris | Vehicles | Grass/Weeds |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| EN20-0134          | 07/07/2020 | 2271 NORMAN AVE   | Staff               |               |          |             |
| EN20-0135          | 07/08/2020 | 3210 MCCRACKEN ST | Public - Walk In    |               | 1        |             |
| EN20-0139          | 07/09/2020 | 1783 LEIF AVE     | Public - Phone Call | 1             |          | 1           |
| EN20-0144          | 07/17/2020 | 2871 BAILEY ST    | Staff               |               |          | 1           |
| EN20-0146          | 07/22/2020 | 883 TORRIE CIR    | Public - Phone Call |               |          |             |
| EN20-0147          | 07/22/2020 | 4613 LAUREN DR    | Public - Phone Call |               |          |             |
| EN20-0148          | 07/22/2020 | 4616 LAUREN DR    | Public - Phone Call |               |          |             |
| EN20-0149          | 07/22/2020 | 2806 S GETTY ST   | Ordinance Officer   |               |          |             |
| EN20-0152          | 07/31/2020 | 2696 VULCAN ST    | Public - Phone Call |               |          |             |

### INSPECTIONS

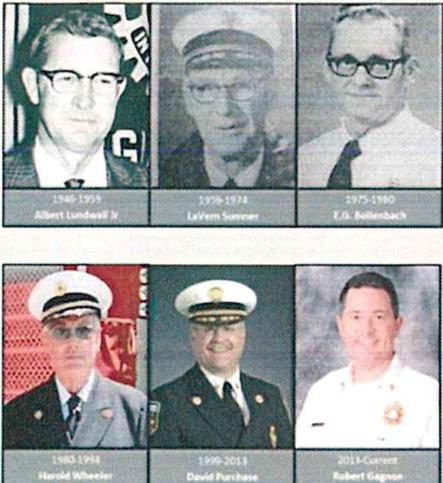
| Enforcement Number | Inspection Type | Address               | Date/Time Completed | Date/Time Scheduled |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| EN20-0059          | Follow-Up       | 883 MONA BROOK RD     |                     | 07/01/2020          |
| EN20-0122          | Initial         | 5727 GRAND HAVEN RD   | 07/13/2020          | 07/02/2020          |
| EN20-0125          | Initial         | 1562 GOODY RD         |                     | 07/02/2020          |
| EN20-0118          | Initial         | 2911 AUSTIN ST        | 07/09/2020          | 07/07/2020          |
| EN20-0121          | Initial         | 2840 CONTINENTAL ST   | 06/30/2020          | 07/07/2020          |
| EN20-0093          | Follow-Up       | 3480 HIAWATHA DR      |                     | 07/07/2020          |
| EN20-0124          | Initial         | 5080 WICKHAM DR       | 07/09/2020          | 07/09/2020          |
| EN20-0128          | Initial         | 1094 E HILE RD        | 07/09/2020          | 07/09/2020          |
| EN20-0129          | Initial         | 1309 CHERRY AVE       | 07/09/2020          | 07/10/2020          |
| EN20-0139          | Follow-Up       | 1783 LEIF AVE         |                     | 07/10/2020          |
| EN20-0131          | Initial         | 1880 SOUTHWOOD AVE    |                     | 07/13/2020          |
| EN20-0120          | Follow-Up       | 875 WENDOVER BLVD     | 07/13/2020          | 07/14/2020          |
| EN19-0288          | Follow-Up       | 1092 E MT GARFIELD RD |                     | 07/15/2020          |
| EN20-0122          | Initial         | 5727 GRAND HAVEN RD   |                     | 07/20/2020          |
| EN20-0134          | Initial         | 2271 NORMAN AVE       |                     | 07/21/2020          |
| EN20-0135          | Follow-Up       | 3210 MCCRACKEN ST     | 08/03/2020          | 07/23/2020          |
| EN20-0144          | Follow-Up       | 2871 BAILEY ST        | 08/06/2020          | 07/24/2020          |
| EN20-0121          | Initial         | 2840 CONTINENTAL ST   |                     | 07/27/2020          |
| EN20-0118          | Initial         | 2911 AUSTIN ST        | 08/06/2020          | 07/27/2020          |

**July 2020  
Most Active  
Posts**

**Norton Shores Fire Department**  
Published by Stacy Stehouwer [?] · July 10 ·

These Chiefs have led our department to what it is today. But could not have done so without their highly dedicated and talented staff.

### The Chief's of the Norton Shores Fire Dept.



|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <br>1946-1993<br>Albert Lundquist Jr. | <br>1976-1978<br>LaVern Sumner   | <br>1975-1980<br>E.G. Bollenbach   |
| <br>1980-1998<br>Harold Wheeler      | <br>1999-2011<br>David Purchase | <br>2013-CURRENT<br>Robert Gagnon |

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**Norton Shores Fire Department**  
Published by Marc Topping [?] · July 17 ·

Green Shift Personnel from Stations #3 and #2 are on the scene of a Fully Involved Vehicle Fire behind Petco in the 5200 Block of Harvey St. in #2 Station's first due area. Command 494 was first arriving and advised the vehicle was fully involved, with no exposures.

Units assigned: E-422, Ladder 443, Command 494

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**Norton Shores Fire Department**  
Published by Marc Topping [?] · July 5 ·

Blue Shift Personnel have just cleared the scene of a Working Grass Fire in the 1100 block of E. Broadway in #2 Station's first due area. Engine 422 arrived on the scene to find a 50x50 ft area of an open field on fire, along with a large pile of stumps and the base of a tree involved. E-422's personnel had the majority of the fire knocked down prior to E-421 and Ladder 443's arrival. The shift knocked down the remaining hot spots, and gathered information regarding a possible cause.

The fire was the result of fireworks being set off near the area of where the fire occurred. We would like to remind everyone of the extremely dry conditions, and the danger of fires occurring if caution is not taken.

Units assigned: E-422, E-421, Ladder 443, Command 498

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