

**Minutes of the Sparta Area Fire Authority Meeting
September 17, 2026**

Present: Goodfellow (twp), Chief Olney, Johnson (village), Peoples (village), Anderson (twp), and Bergman (twp). Deputy Chief Wood
Absent: Cumings (village)

Bergman called the meeting to order @7:00 pm.

Approval of the Agenda with additions

Motion: Goodfellow to approve the agenda with additions

Second: Johnson

Motion Passed: 5-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Meeting Minutes August 20, 2026:

Motion: Made Goodfellow approve August 20, 2026, minutes.

Second: Anderson

Motion Passed: 5-0

Finance Board Update:

Anderson stated that the finance board had met twice since the last board meeting. They reviewed and approved all department invoices for \$19,429.60. The expenditure is currently at 41% for the first 6 months of the year. There was an \$800,000 increase in the revenue due to the Choice One Loan being deposited in the department account. As new separate checking account has been set up for just the building addition.

Approval of the bills:

Motion: Anderson to approve bills through September 15, 2026.

Second: Peoples

Motion Passed: 5-0

Old Business:

Station Update: (Preliminary Schedule attached)

The construction project has started. Footings and concrete walls have been poured. The old station house and garage will be removed next week. There were several additions added to the contract. New steel beams in the old meeting room because a bearing wall is being removed, asbestos removal and drywall in old conference room.

Chief's Report:

There were 78 calls last period and 783 calls YTD. (see attached) There were 2 fire related fire calls, electrical and vehicle. There were several accidents for the month with minor and multiply injuries. Several hazardous conditions accounted for 7 reports due to weather conditions.

The Chief reported that a trainee fell and broke his wrist, this will be a work-comp event. The Chief will be attending a "Fire Chief" conference and will out of town next Tuesday thru Friday.

Equipment Grant: The Chief presented to the board his recommendations for the Michigan Treasury Fire Equipment Grant. His recommendations were for turnout gear, extrication tools, nomex hoods along with battery ventilation fans. The Grant has a \$50,000 value.

Motion: Johnson to submit the chief's recommendations for the Michigan Treasury Grant.

Second: Goodfellow

Motion Passed: 5-0

SCBA Grant: The Chief presented to the board SCBA grant breakdown between Kent City and Sparta Fire Departments. Each department has received \$118,000 for use on breathing apparatus. The Chief is asking for addition funds to completely replace all the existing SCBA equipment within the department. The board discussed the financial impact on the current budget and new building construction and the additional equipment requested. The Chief explained that each seat in all the departmentally vehicles must have breathing equipment in the vehicle along with all the spare tanks. The board and Chief agreed on an amount that would satisfy his minimum requirement. Additional equipment could be ordered later.

Motion: Johnson to approve grant purchase and \$91,000 of additional department funds for the purchase of new SBCA equipment.

Second: Bergman

Motion Passed: 5-0

Snow removal Contract: The chief presented a snow removal contract for the fire station from Water Works. Water Works have been doing a good job for the past several years. The contract quote for snow removal is \$2900.00

Motion: Anderson to approve quote from Water Works for \$2900.00 for snow removal.

Second: Johnson

Motion Passed: 5-0

Tires for Med 10: The Chief presented a quote from Sparta Tire for 4 new tires on the med truck at a cost of \$1337.09

Motion: Anderson to approve quote for new tires.

Second: Peoples

Motion Passed: 5-0

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date: October 27th at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Next Finance Meeting Dates: October 6st, 2026, and October 20th, 2026, at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Adjournment:

Motion: Johnson to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Second: Peoples

Motion Passed: 5-0

Minutes by Goodfellow 9-18-26.

Sparta Fire Prelim Schedule

Responsible Contractor

Dates:

- Nugent Builders – Mobilize 9/1 thru 9/4
- JMB -abatement and demolition 9/8 thru 9/18
- Grattan Excavating- Excavate and Underground 9/8 thru 9/25
- Redline- Footings and Foundations / Inspection 9/21 thru 9/25
- Lukaart- Underground Plumbing and Inspections 9/28 thru 10/2
- Kortman- Masonry walls and Brick 9-28 thru 12/4
- Action Roofing- Roofing 12/7 thru 12/18
- Redline- Interior Concrete 12/21 thru 1/8
- Phoenix /Nugent- Interior Framing and openings 1/18 thru 1/29
- Philo/Lukaart-HVAC and Plumbing rough in 1/18 thru 1/29
- JZ Electric -Rough in 1/18 thru 1/29
- MEP Rough Inspections 1/28 thru 1/29
- Phoenix- Drywall 2/1 thru 2/12
- Vork Brothers- Block Fill and Paint 2/15 thru 2/26
- LG2- Metal Lockers 3/1 thru 3/5
- Nugent – Cabinetry 3/1 thru 3/5
- Philo, Lukaart, JZ – All MEP Finishes 3/1 thru 3/5
- Final Inspections and Punch List 3/8 thru 3/12
- Final Clean 3/15 thru 3/19



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Chiefs Report

New Business:

1. Monthly report (from August 17, 2026 through September 13, 2026)
 1. Fire calls (NFIRS 100 classifications)
 1. 534 S. State: vehicle fire
 2. 977 White Pine: smoke investigation (electrical fire)
 2. Explosions calls (NFIRS 200 classifications)
 3. Rescue calls, including accidents (NFIRS 300 classifications)
 1. 201 E. Division: vehicle into a light pole in the parking lot (minor injury)
 2. Martindale and 12-mile: 4 injured
 3. 565 S. State: vehicle into a light pole in the parking lot (minor injury)
 4. M37 and Sparta Ave: two semi-truck accidents (no injuries)
 4. Hazardous Conditions (NFIRS 400 classifications)
 1. 497 Schultz: wire down
 2. Kings Blvd / Pine St: wire down
 3. 249 River: wire down
 4. 8505 Alpine Ave: CO alarm
 5. 289 Anderson: wire down
 6. 53 Elmwood: wire down
 7. 341 10-mile rd: CO alarm
 5. Service calls (NFIRS 500 classifications)
 1. 341 10-mile rd: alarm activation
 2. 560 E Division: propane tank burn-off
 6. Good intent calls (NFIRS 600 classifications)
 7. False alarms (NFIRS 700 classifications)
 1. 118 Ide Red: smoke alarm activation
 2. 390 S. Union: fire alarm activation
 3. 148 Homestead Acres: smoke alarm activation
 8. Severe Weather incident (NFIRS 800 classifications)
 9. Special incidents (NFIRS 900 classifications)

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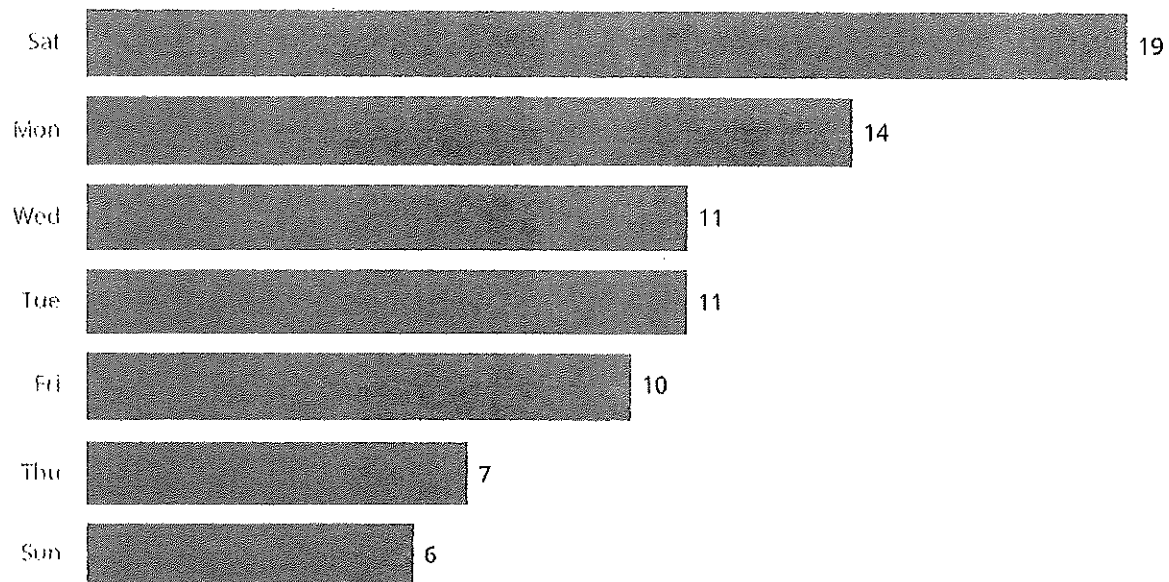
Sparta Fire Incident Count (YTD -773)

Count of Total Incidents from July 20, 2026 through August 16, 2026

Count of Incidents

78

Incident Count by Day of Week



Fire Incident Count (NERIS)

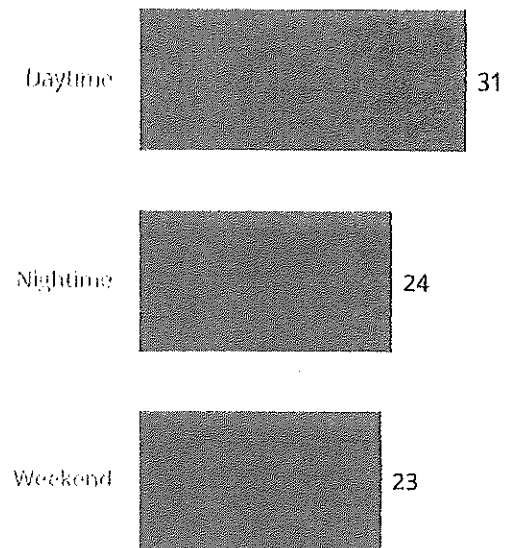
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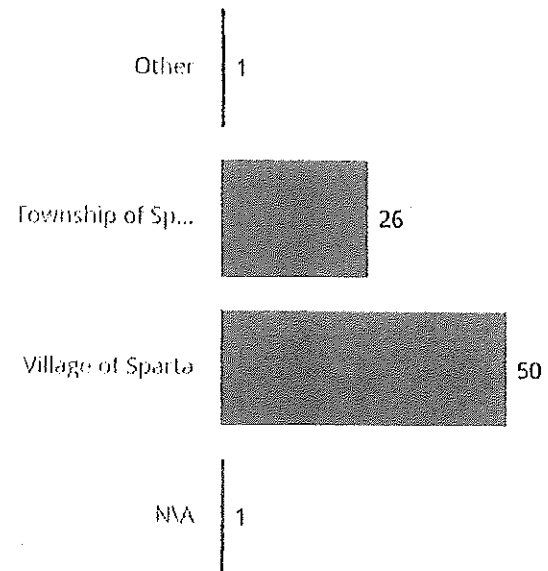
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Incidents by Shift



Incidents by Zone



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Percent of Incident Responses by Incident Type

