

TO: Alpena County Courts & Public Safety Committee

CC: City Manager Smolinski, County Administrator Osmer

FROM: Chief Rob Edmonds

SUBJECT: EMS training reimbursement

DATE: August 18, 2025

The Alpena City Fire Department is offering a MDHHS approved EMT-Basic initial education course beginning October 2, 2025, through April 13, 2026. Classes will be held at our station on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm-10pm. It includes 194 hours of lecture and practical skills evaluations as well as 32 hours of hands-on clinical rotations at Alpena City Fire Department.

This course is open to anyone interested in becoming an EMT with first preference to Alpena County responder agencies. Tuition is \$1650.00 per student to cover the cost of class, textbook and digital study materials, and Platinum planner to track clinical requirements. Class size has a minimum enrollment of 10 with a maximum student capacity of 20.

I will provide a list of Alpena County responders attending this class to the Courts & Public Safety Committee for reimbursement considerations to these agencies. As responder agencies struggle to recruit qualified personnel, tuition reimbursement is critical to their operational needs.

On behalf of the Alpena County Fire Chief's, I am requesting that these agencies be reimbursed full tuition of \$1650.00 for each Alpena County responder student that successfully passes the EMT course and becomes a certified Michigan EMT.

Proposed motion: Motion to approve tuition reimbursement up to \$1650.00/per student to any Alpena County First Responder agency upon successful completion of the course and licensure as a certified Michigan EMT





EMT Course

Location: Alpena City Fire Department

501 W Chisholm St. Alpena, MI 49707

Class Dates: October 2nd, 2025- April 13th, 2026

Mondays and Thursday's 1800-2200

Tuition: \$1650

The Alpena City Fire Department is pleased to announce that an EMT course will be offered to the region for those interested in becoming a licensed EMT. The course will be taught by experienced EMS Instructor Coordinators that actively practice as EMS care providers in the region. Course tuition covers textbook, and Platinum Planner Subscription for tracking skills and clinical times. Reimbursement has been requested for Alpena County First Responders that are current members on an Alpena County Fire Department. Alpena County responder applications will be given priority for admission.

This course will have a mandatory 32-hour clinical experience along with the course content that will be scheduled between class sessions. If you choose to participate in this course, you must provide vaccination records or receive the required vaccinations for the clinical experience. If no vaccination record is provided, you will not be able to do the clinicals and will not pass the course. There is **NO EXCEPTION** to this policy. The required vaccinations are outlined in the clinical handbook that will be distributed the first day of class.

Application with payment is due September 18th at 5 pm unless prior payment arrangements are made with Chief Edmonds. Alpena County agencies can be invoiced for payment.

If you have any questions or need an application contact,

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