

Memorandum



TO: Alpena County Courts and Public Safety Committee

CC: City Manager Smolinski

FROM: Chief Rob Edmonds

SUBJECT: Medical First Responder Tuition Reimbursement

DATE: April 15, 2024

In January 2024, the Alpena City Fire Department offered a Medical First Responder (MFR) course open to area responder agencies for interested students. This initial education is the minimum level of formal certification required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MICHHS) to operate as a pre-hospital medical provider in Michigan. This course was 80 hours of lectures, practical skills evaluation, and scenario-based learning over a 9-week period. I am pleased to announce that on March 11, 2024, we had 20 students successfully complete and pass the course making them eligible to test for Michigan licensure as an MFR. Of these 20 students, 10 are members of Alpena County responder agencies.

It is very promising to see the amount of interest in this course as there is a large void in emergency responders throughout the state of Michigan and nationally. In Michigan alone, there are over 1000 EMS positions unfilled. This was the highest number of students we have hosted in an EMS course to date.

I have attached a list of students that are affiliated with Alpena County responder agencies that successfully completed this training.

I am requesting that these sponsoring departments be reimbursed for the cost of tuition and books for these student's successful attendance and course completion. This would be a huge financial relief for these community partners. I am making this request on behalf of each of the partnering Alpena County responder agencies as the ambulance fund is healthy enough to support this allowable reimbursement request to them. The cost of tuition and books was \$775.00 per student.

Recommended Motion: To approve the reimbursement of tuition and books for the MFR course up to \$775.00 per student to the participating Alpena County responder agencies as submitted.



*Provider of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services for the City of Alpena
and Advanced Life Support Ambulance for Alpena County*

2024 Medical First Responder Course Student/Department Affiliation

Michael Stauffer	Alpena City Fire Department
Amy Bedford	Green Township FD
Mya Klimczak	Green Township FD
Christopher Massey	Green Township FD
Cade MacArthur	Long Rapids Township FD
Will MacArthur	Long Rapids Township FD
Jesse Mischloney	Long Rapids Township FD
Marshall Suszek	Maple Ridge Township FD
Mitchell Aube	Sanborn Township FD
Samantha Garrow	Wilson Township FD

