



Airport Manager Report - March 2026

Our current price is \$4.65. We are the lowest in the state as we dropped the price to regain market share. The QtPod completed server maintenance to improve stability and security of their server environment without disruption but have another one scheduled for later this month.

Mead & Hunt completed the Construction Safety Phasing Plan and the final Engineering Report as we move closer to advertising bids for the runway rehab project. This is scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2026.

We are evaluating a proposal from MDOT and its feasibility of installing an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) at the airport. This system would improve aircraft safety by providing current weather at the Clare Municipal Airport to arriving and departing aircraft. Aircraft insurance companies view an AWOS system favorably allowing additional and advanced aircraft to utilize our airport.

Jx Truck Center routinely continues to utilize the airport for executive transport with their Piper twin aircraft. Many local and regional businesses utilize their services. The link provides information on their business over the years.

<https://www.einpresswire.com/article/779322509/jx-enterprises-inc-celebrates-55-years-of-excellence>

We are in the first stages of planning for another cull of the remaining 21 tags. The tentative dates are being coordinated with the Police Snipers, DPW and the deer processor to ensure availability.

One hangar is open with two interested parties.

Thanks!

Gabe Ambrozaitis

48D Airport Manager



Department of Public Works Monthly Report

Reporting Period: February 2026

Submitted By: DPW Director Luke Potter

Streets & Snow Removal

- Plowed and salted city streets, including local and major routes
- Plowed and maintained the airport runway and taxiways
- Hauled snow from municipal parking lots
- Cold patched streets as weather permitted
- Cleaned street radiuses for improved drainage and traffic flow

Water & Sewer

- Repaired two water main breaks on John R Street
- Repaired one water main break on McEwan Street
- Read water meters and completed meter maintenance and repairs
- Cleaned sanitary sewer lines

Brush, Trees & Storm Cleanup

- Chipped brush and burned brush at the old dump site
- Trimmed trees at Cherry Grove Cemetery following the ice storm

Facilities & Grounds

- Painted at the DPW garage and City Hall
- Installed "No Parking" signs on Beech Street
- Pushed and stockpiled sand provided by a contractor for future use

Equipment & Garage

- Cleaned and serviced DPW trucks and equipment

Cemetery

- Completed several burials at Cherry Grove Cemetery

Administrative & Training

- Measured streets for the upcoming budget and planning process
- Attended a MDOT/DOT seminar

Community Enhancements

- Hung Irish banners throughout town for seasonal display
 - Finalized Outdoor Depot Restroom Facility Design with DK Design
 - Opened bids for Dam Rehabilitation Project. Bids are currently under review.
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Monthly Fire Department Activity Report
February 2026 Incident Responses: 14
Year to Date Total: 44

February finally slowed down slightly at the CFD as compared to our normal count with only 14 calls for service. During the month we responded to several calls for medical assistance with cardiac arrests as well as assists to Surrey Fire with tender and manpower for the fire at the Birchwood Restaurant as well as an assist to Harrison Fire with a structure fire as well. In addition to the medical calls and mutual aid assistance we also responded to a couple of minor motor vehicle incidents as well as a false alarm. On the training front in February, we trained on the ice for ice water rescue at Five Lakes and also trained on SCBA pack inspections and donning along with our regular apparatus check. In February we were proud of firefighters Joe Wozniak and Riley Swartz for passing their Fire Instructor I exam with the state of Michigan. These gentlemen's hard work and dedication truly show their passion for the job! As we move into March, we are rapidly prepping for wildland fire season which is now upon us with the recent melt off and warm weather. Clare Fire is ready for the task! Lastly we have finally finished up the remodel of the lower office and lobby area, included you will find some pictures of the fresh look and hard work of the amazing firefighters of the Clare Fire Department!

Regards,

Sam Eberhart
Chief
Clare Fire Dept.
CCFFTC-CTC





Incident Reports by Incident Number

<u>Incident Identifier</u>	<u>Dispatch</u>	<u>Primary Incident Type</u>
2600033	02/11/2026 17:27:21	No Emergency: False Alarm: Accidental Alarm
260028	02/02/2026 12:42:31	Fire: Structure Fire: Structural Involvement
260029	02/05/2026 18:17:43	Fire: Structure Fire: Structural Involvement
260030	02/06/2026 23:49:00	Hazardous Situation: Hazard Non-Chemical: Motor Vehicle Collision - No Injury
260031	02/10/2026 19:53:31	Fire: Structure Fire: Chimney Fire
260032	02/12/2026 11:22:35	Rescue: Transportation (Land): Motor Vehicle Collision Extrication / Entrapment
260034	02/12/2026 12:19:00	Medical: Illness: Cardiac Arrest
260035	02/15/2026 18:21:16	Hazardous Situation: Hazard Non-Chemical: Electrical Hazard / Short Circuit
260036	02/16/2026 07:45:48	Hazardous Situation: Hazard Non-Chemical: Motor Vehicle Collision - No Injury
260037	02/19/2026 22:04:33	No Emergency: False Alarm: Accidental Alarm
260038	02/21/2026 07:33:47	Hazardous Situation: Hazard Non-Chemical: Motor Vehicle Collision - No Injury
260039	02/24/2026 20:37:38	No Emergency: Cancelled
260040	02/25/2026 10:40:55	Medical: Injury / Trauma: Motor Vehicle Collision
260041	02/25/2026 21:09:22	Medical: Illness: Cardiac Arrest

Total Count: 14



Clare Fire Department

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Incidents by Type, Detailed

Grouped by: Township

Not Specified

Fire			Count: 1
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2/5/2026	260029	2497 W. Cadillac Dr, Farwell, MI 48622
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Hazardous Situation			Count: 2
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2/15/2026	260035	194 N Scott Dr, Farwell, MI 48622
2/16/2026	260036	N McEwan St & E 5th St, Clare, MI 48617 1405

No Emergency			Count: 1
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2/19/2026	260037	230 Mary St, Clare, MI 48617
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Rescue			Count: 1
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2/12/2026	260032	Surrey Rd W/O Grant Ave,
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Clare

Medical			Count: 1
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2/25/2026	260041	208 E State St, Clare, MI 48617
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No Emergency			Count: 1
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2/11/2026	2600033	528 Pioneer Parkway, Clare, MI 48617
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Grant

Hazardous Situation			Count: 2
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2/6/2026	260030	Colonville & Rodgers, clare, MI 48617
2/21/2026	260038	2074 E Surrey Rd, Farwell, MI 48622

Medical **Count: 1**

2/25/2026 260040 Clare Ave & E Dover Rd, Clare, MI 48617 9433

No Emergency **Count: 1**

2/24/2026 260039 Dover Road, Clare, MI 48617

Harrison

Fire **Count: 1**

2/2/2026 260028 213 Hillcrest Ave, harrison, MI 48625

Surrey

Fire **Count: 1**

2/10/2026 260031 315 W Maple Rd, Farwell, MI 48622

Vernon

Medical **Count: 1**

2/12/2026 260034 409 W. Dunlop Rd, Clare, MI 48617

Report Count: 14



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Instructor Hours

Eberhart, Sam

Training Class	Session Name	Start Time	End Time	Duration
SCBA Inspection, Care, and Cleaning	SCBA Inspection, Care, and Cleaning	02/16/2026 18:00	02/16/2026 20:00	2h 0m

Eberhart, Sam Total Hours: 2h 0m

Isaac, Eric

Training Class	Session Name	Start Time	End Time	Duration
SCBA Inspection, Care, and Cleaning	SCBA Inspection, Care, and Cleaning	02/16/2026 18:00	02/16/2026 20:00	2h 0m

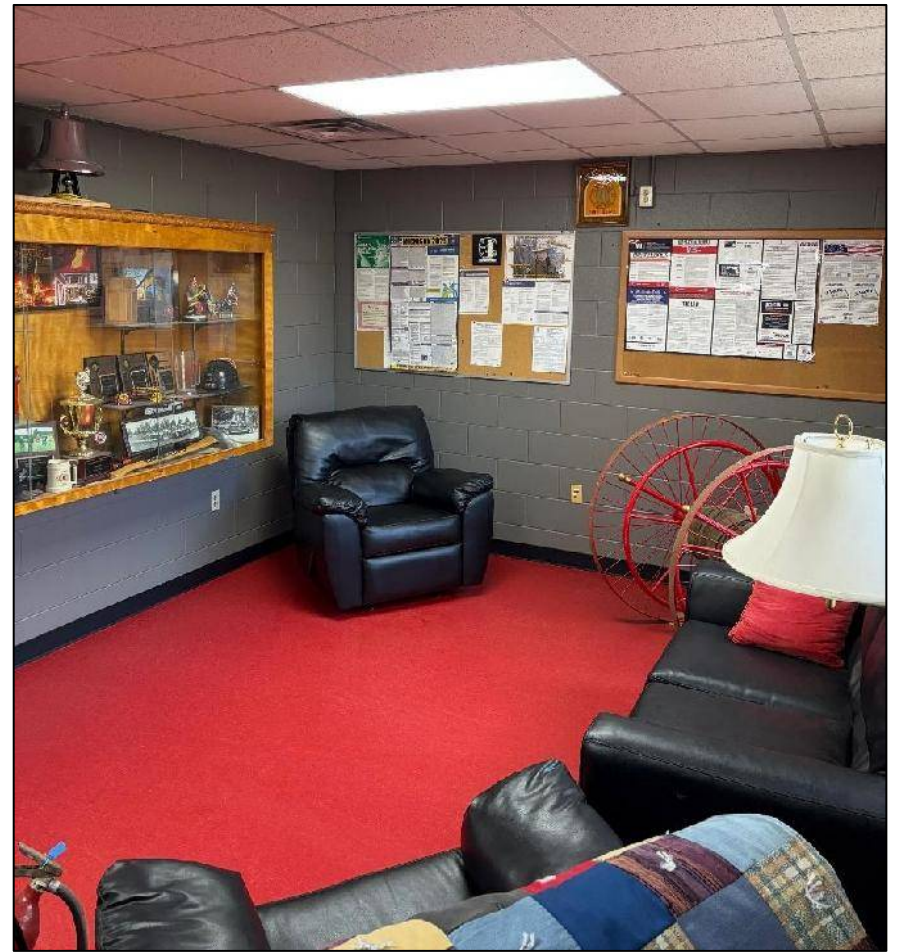
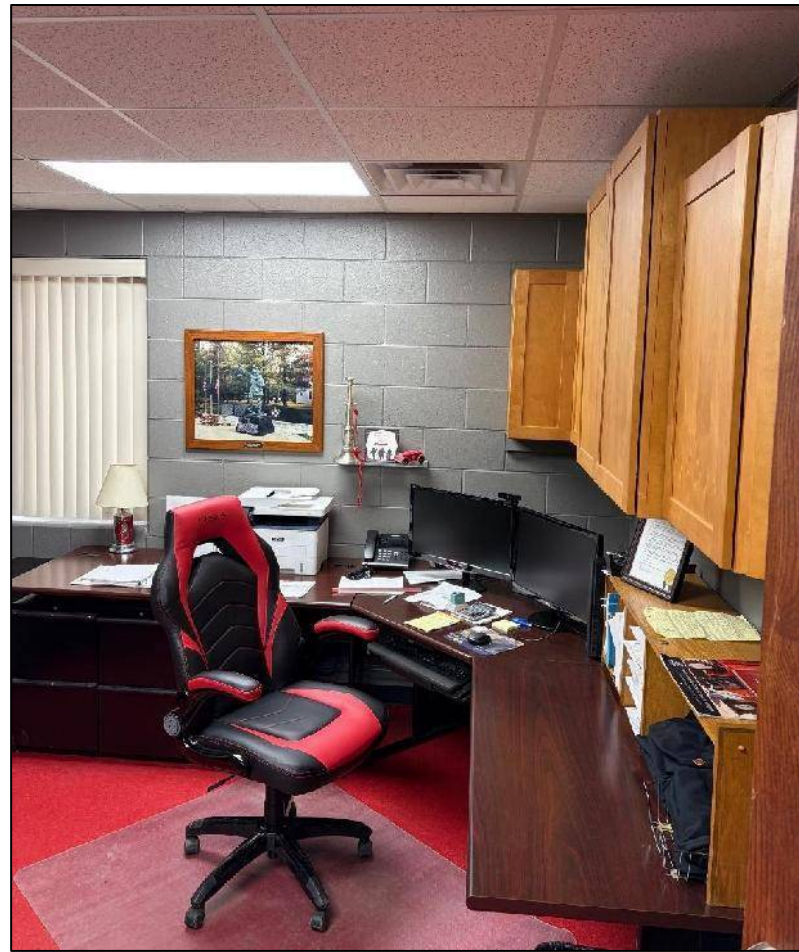
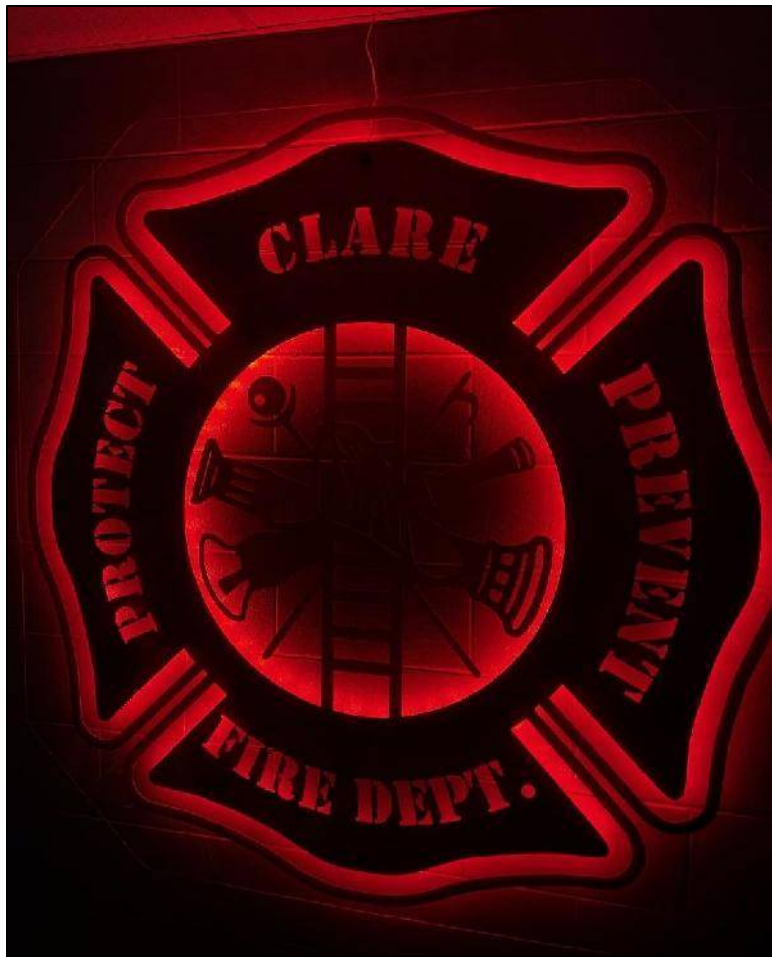
Isaac, Eric Total Hours: 2h 0m

Olson, Aaron

Training Class	Session Name	Start Time	End Time	Duration
Apparatus & Tool Check Procedures	Apparatus & Tool Check Procedures	02/09/2026 18:00	02/09/2026 20:00	2h 0m
SCBA Inspection, Care, and Cleaning	SCBA Inspection, Care, and Cleaning	02/16/2026 18:00	02/16/2026 20:00	2h 0m

Olson, Aaron Total Hours: 4h 0m

Report Total: 8h 0m



Monthly Director's Report, March 2026
City of Clare Parks and Recreation
Prepared by Joy Simmer



Continued, Current and Upcoming Programs and Event

Senior Cards and Coffee takes place on Thursday mornings at the Pere Marquette District Library from 10-12 p.m. in one of the small group rooms. The card games that are played are determined by what the group wants to play and the group is supplied with coffee and card decks.

50th Annual Clare Irish Festival – March 11-14, 2026

The **Irish Pet Photo Contest** has started and we are accepting submissions. People can submit their Irish-themed pet photos from now until Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Winning photos will receive Clare Cash (1st Place \$50; 2nd Place \$25; 3rd Place \$10). Winners will be announced on Clare Parks and Recreation's Facebook page at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Judging is completed by the members of the Spay-Neuter Animal Project.

The **Leprechaun Trap Contest** is taking place once again. People of all ages are encouraged to drop off their specially designed leprechaun traps to the Pere Marquette District Library February 16 - March 17th. Voting will take place March 18-31st and trap with the highest votes will win a prize.

We will be once again hosting our annual tea party event at the Pere Marquette District Library. The **Once Upon a Tea – Tea Party** will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 3:00 p.m. There will be tea, hors d'oeuvres by the Dairy Phil, wand, crown, and potion making! It will be fun for all ages!!! Elaine's Hair and Nails will be joining us for a pamper activity during the event as well. Space is limited and ticket admission is required. Ticket cost is \$15 each or 2/\$25.

The **Great EGGstravaganza** will be taking place on Saturday, April 4th. The annual egg drop event at the Clare Municipal Airport will take place between 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. will three timed drops for the various age groups. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Over 1,800 plastic eggs will be dropped from an airplane for children to recycle for candy, along with other children's activities. The planning is still underway, but Sound Productions has once again been secured to DJ and volunteer requests and business donation requests have gone out.

Art in Sculpture is a collaboration between Clare Parks and Recreation, Middle Michigan Development Corporation, the Clare County Arts Council, local artist Jeff Best and is headed by C. Santini. The new installation pieces will be at their current location until April 30, 2025. The 2026 opening reception will be held on May 12, 2026. Simmer is the point of contact for the high school art/shop teachers and sent out an informational letter to the school. Simmer will also be once again creating the evening program and brochure for the opening reception and 2026 AIS walk.

The 2026 **Clare Summer Concert Series** line-up is almost complete. The series will take place at Shamrock Park from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday evenings starting June 4th and will run until August 13th.

Additional Information/Reminders

- MSU Extension has continued their invasive species study of McIreland Trail. The findings report is attached in this document and in the department head report folder.
- Simmer has continued to work with local artist Jeff Best and the Clare County Arts Council to try and get an art sculpture placed at the south end of town. Simmer has received the grant funds from the Clare County Community Foundation for the public art grant that was wrote for this specific project. Best has the sculpture completed and now Simmer is just waiting for the approval from MDOT for placement in or around the area of the south end round-a-bout. The permit application and information packet (recommendation letters and request letter and information) has been submitted, we are just awaiting confirmation of approval.
- Clare Parks and Recreation has updated the Youth Police Academy flyer for the police department.
- Clare Parks and Recreation completed the Christmas decoration contract that was up for renewal and is working with Hometown Decorations on the 2026/2027 decorations. Simmer has also been working on securing people and activities for the 2026 Christmas Fest and is working with the CTE program to see about getting a new Santa house as the current one is in disrepair.
- Simmer was asked by DDA to investigate what it would cost to have a skyline garland and wreath hund as you enter into town from south end. Simmer has price quotes and has handed them over to the DDA.
- Our annual Little League meeting to go over the agreement renewal with the organization is schedule for February 17, 2026.
- Simmer is working with the new MMI rep for a summer crew again in the parks.

Ongoing

- The next Clare Union Depot Governing Board Committee meeting will be held in April (due to scheduling conflicts). At the last meeting the governing board agreed on changing the schedule to accommodate our more active months – March, June, September, and November.
- Simmer was selected by MPARKS selection committee to be one of the conference committee members for the conference in Lansing in March 2026. Simmer attended periodic zoom meetings and a couple of on-site meetings in Lansing prior to the conference and attended the 2026 conference March 2nd-6th.
- Clare Parks and Recreation is represented by Simmer on the Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation Board where Simmer has served as the board secretary since July 2015. There is a monthly meeting for the board and takes place the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Friends of

Clare County Parks and Recreation has been a great partner and contributor for the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail project and has sponsored many other events and programs in the City of Clare and within the county.

- Clare Parks and Recreation is continuing to be a part of the Knuckles Knorth group. This regional group focuses on parks and recreation opportunities for Central Michigan → North.
- Clare Parks and Recreation is a part of the MSU Extension – District 6 Advisory Council. This is a committee of outdoor recreation, agriculture, community leaders in the district to join together for the area. It is a newly formed council and will involve 3 meetings a year and is geared to keep everyone informed and involved within the district.



*****NEXT PRAB MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 4/21/26*****

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

January 12, 2025

Joy Simmer
Clare City Hall
202 W Fifth Street
Clare, MI 48617

Dear Ms. Simmer,

I am a Research Technician working on the Exotic Forest Pest Research project with Dr. Deborah McCullough's Forest Entomology lab at Michigan State University. As you may remember, a major goal of this statewide project is to facilitate early detection of non-native woodboring insect species that could be a problem if they arrive and become established in Michigan. We also gain considerable information about the diversity and distribution of native woodborers. Many of these species play valuable roles in decomposition and nutrient cycling, helping to maintain healthy, productive forests.

I am writing to thank you for your cooperation with our 2025 efforts. In 2025, we set up and monitored an array of traps at 30 sites across Michigan. Most of these trapping sites are in or near locations where solid wood packing material (e.g., crating, pallets), along with imported nursery stock or firewood poses a risk of introducing non-native forest insects. We collected and identified a total of 3,359 longhorned beetles, metallic woodboring beetles, and horntails, representing 113 different species. We are happy to report that we did not capture any of the non-native forest pests targeted by our study at Stamina Stadium.



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Enclosed is a list of the woodboring insect species we did collect from traps placed at Stamina Stadium. We captured a total of 32 individual insects representing 15 different species at your location. If you have any questions regarding the exotic forest pest research project, please do not hesitate to contact us. Feel free to circulate this letter to your staff or the public.

Thank you again for working with us – this project would not have been possible without your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige Payter".

Paige Payter
Research Technician, MSU

cc: D.G. McCullough, Professor, MSU; R. Miller, MDARD

Insects Collected and Identified from Stamina Stadium		
Family	Species	Count
BUPRESTIDAE Metallic woodboring beetles	<i>Agrilus putillus</i> Say	1
	<i>Phaenops aeneola</i> (Melsheimer)	1
CERAMBYCIDAE Longhorned beetles	<i>Anelaphus villosus</i> (Fab.)	1
	<i>Asemum striatum</i> (L.)	8
	<i>Astylopsis sexguttata</i> (Say)	2
	<i>Brachyleptura champlaini</i> Casey	1
	<i>Clytus ruricola</i> (Oliver)	4
	<i>Cyrtophorus verrucosus</i> (Olivier)	1
	<i>Monochamus s. scutellatus</i> (Say)	4
	<i>Neandra brunnea</i> (Fab.)	3
	<i>Neoclytus a. acuminatus</i> (Fab.)	1
	<i>Strangalia luteicornis</i> (Fab.)	1
	<i>Tetropium cinnamopterum</i> Kirby	1
<i>Xylotrechus s. sagittatus</i> (Germar)	1	
SIRICIDAE Horntails	<i>Sirex cyaneus</i> Fab.	2

CITY OF CLARE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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City of Clare Police Department Monthly Report – February 2026

Clare City Commission and City Manager Jeremy Howard,

On February 4th, 5th, and 6th, I attended the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Mid-Winter Conference in Grand Rapids. The conference provided executive-level training and updates on legislative changes, evolving case law, policy development, officer wellness initiatives, and risk management practices. I remain committed to aligning with current professional standards and best practices. While there, I also participated in the Northern Michigan Chiefs meeting, which focused on issues specific to agencies in our region, including staffing challenges, narcotics trends, mental health response coordination, and mutual aid planning.

Officer Jimmy Chinavare continues to progress through the Field Training Program and is adapting well to patrol responsibilities and departmental expectations. We currently have one full-time officer on medical leave and remain hopeful for a return to duty in mid-March. In the interim, scheduling adjustments have been implemented to maintain patrol coverage.

February was a very active month operationally with a total of 416 incidents handled by the department. For a city the size of Clare, this is a significant call volume and high demand placed on our officers. Despite reduced staffing due to medical leave and an officer in training, officers continue to respond professionally and efficiently to all calls for service while maintaining proactive patrol efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Chief David Saad

Ticket Totals Report

From 2/1/2026 12:00:00 AM to 2/28/2026 12:00:00 AM

Agency Name	Voided Ticket Count	Warning Violation Count	Total Ticket Count	Total Violation Count
Clare City Police Dept	2	5	25	35

City of Clare Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

Reporting Period: Feb 1-28th

Chief David Saad

Department Overview

During the reporting period, officers responded to 416 total incidents, conducted 108 traffic stops, and completed 1 inmate transport. Activity levels reflect continued proactive enforcement, crash response, and investigative workload.

Traffic Enforcement & Crash Activity

- Traffic Enforcement:
 1. Traffic Stops: 108
 2. Directed Traffic Patrols: 30
 3. Motorist Assists: 9
 4. Traffic Violations (Criminal): 2
 5. Operating Under the Influence (OUI): 2
 6. Wrong Way Drivers: 2

- Crash Investigations (29 Total):
 7. Traffic Accidents: 10
 8. Additional Traffic Accident Category: 10
 9. Car / Deer Accidents: 4
 10. Non-Traffic / Private Property Accidents: 3
 11. Fire-Related Accidents: 2
 12. Hit & Run Motor Vehicle: 2

Calls for Service

- High-Volume Categories:
 13. Property Checks: 92
 14. General Assistance: 30
 15. Ambulance Runs: 20
 16. BOL (Be On the Lookout): 9
 17. Suspicious Persons: 7
 18. General Non-Criminal Complaints: 7

- Additional Service Activity:

- 19. False Alarms: 6
- 20. Valid Alarm: 1
- 21. Lost & Found: 4
- 22. Animal Control: 2
- 23. Road Hazards: 2
- 24. Repossessions: 3
- 25. Paper Service: 1
- 26. ORV Complaint: 1
- 27. Elder Justice: 1

- Death Investigations (6 Total):

- 28. Suicides: 3
- 29. Natural Deaths: 3

Criminal Incidents

- Crimes Against Persons (18):

- 30. CSC 1: 1
- 31. Non-Aggravated Assault: 7
- 32. Intimidation / Stalking: 6
- 33. Family Abuse / Neglect: 4

- Crimes Against Property (7):

- 34. Larceny – Building: 1
- 35. Larceny – Other: 2
- 36. Embezzlement: 1
- 37. Fraud – Impersonation: 1
- 38. Fraud – Wire: 1
- 39. Trespass: 1

- Drug, Weapons & Public Order (17):

- 40. Controlled Substance Violations: 3
- 41. Weapons Offense: 1
- 42. Disorderly Conduct: 1
- 43. Public Peace: 2
- 44. Obstructing Justice: 10

Total Criminal Offenses: 42



CLARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Steven Sentz
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Phone: 989-386-2121



School Liaison Activity Report for February 2026

As we move into March, the winter sports season has come to a close. Basketball season wrapped up recently, and it was great to see so many of our students come out to support their teams. The positive encouragement and school spirit shown by students throughout the season—across all sports—continues to be a strong reflection of the culture we strive to maintain in our schools.

One area of concern that has been increasing is truancy. Reports of students missing school have been on the rise. In particular, we are seeing a growing number of illness-related absences where doctor's notes are submitted that only state the student was seen by a medical provider, but do not indicate that the student should remain out of school or provide a recommended return date. This can create challenges when determining whether absences are excused and ensuring students are attending school consistently. Also, many notes are not turned into the office by the student. I have always recommended that at time of need to come to the school nurse to have the student checked on and if needed a recommendation to go home for the day will result in a medically excused absents for the day.

With the change in weather as we move toward spring, students and staff may be tempted to open exterior doors or windows for fresh air and at times leave them unattended. For safety and security reasons, it is important that all exterior doors remain properly secured and supervised. To support this, I will be conducting sporadic checks of doors throughout the building to ensure we continue maintaining a high level of school security.

Spring break is also approaching, and both students and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break before we enter the final stretch of the school year. This also affects school absents for students that leave early or come back late from Spring Break. These days add up fast at the close to the end of the school year. Following the break, we will continue focusing on student safety, attendance, and maintaining a positive learning environment as we work toward closing out the school year successfully.

Steven Sentz
Clare City Police Department
School Resource Officer

WATER TREATMENT'S MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT February 2026

Wastewater Treatment Plant

In addition to their routine duties, our Operators performed the following tasks:

- Snow removal
- Decanted Sludge Lagoon
- Changed the oil on the sludge pump and south clarifier
- Put up clarifier hoses and repaired water lines and valves.
- Fixed the broken water line in the ferric room
- Replaced Fastenal tool trays in trucks
- Replaced chemical transfer pump that was damaged in the broken water pipe flood.
- Did a test fit for the screen and it doesn't fit. Will have to send it back.
- Replaced the switch for the ferric transfer pump.
- Pulled lift station 3 pumps and check valves. Removed debris
- Johnson screen was here to look at the screen that was shipped. They agree that it doesn't fit. They are building us a new one.
- Fixed the leak in the sink in the lunchroom
- Installed a heater fan in lift station 3
- Repaired oil feed for screw pump.

Water Treatment Plant

In addition to their routine duties, our Operators performed the following tasks:

- Snow removal
- Replaced the indicator light at the airstripper building
- Thawed the frozen drain line at the booster station.
- Sent the water plant spectrophotometer for yearly calibration
- Repaired air stripper effluent sample line.
- Installed generator hook up in well 7 so it can be run off the portable generator
- Repaired the chlorine feed line it had a cracked fitting

Landfill

In addition to their routine duties, our Operators performed the following tasks:

- Removed fallen trees form the roads.

Administrative Functions

During the month, the following administrative tasks were performed:

- Meet with EPA, EGLE, and PRP
- Worked on the CCR
- Completed and sent to EGLE the effluent PFAS monitoring report
- Worked on the cross-connection report
- Sven attended a wastewater class

Dale Clark

Director of Water Treatment