

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2025 General Membership Meeting
Date: April 14, 2025

Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

President Henry Waldron	PRESENT	Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Vice President Eric Kramer	PRESENT	First Deputy Chief Kathryn Donegan	ABSENT
Secretary Lehti Laas	ABSENT	Second Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	PRESENT
Treasurer Elizabeth Wood	PRESENT	Third Deputy Chief Matthew Philips	ABSENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT	Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Seth Fischer	PRESENT	Sunday Co. 1 Capt. James Kelly	ABSENT
Robert Franz	PRESENT	Monday Co. 2 Capt. Lily Poplawski	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT	Tuesday Co. 3 Capt. Sheon Bacchus	PRESENT
		Wednesday Co. 4 Capt. Tiffany White	ABSENT
		Thursday Co. 5 Capt. Kenney Cadet	ABSENT
		Friday Co. 6 Capt. Eve Pollack	PRESENT
		Saturday Co. 7 Capt. Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Welcome to the April 14, 2025 General Membership Meeting.

The Meeting will come to order at 1931 hours

Acting Secretary Christine Tedone reported to the President Henry Waldron that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 58).

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Roger Winter - Please take a moment to remember all those who are currently serving in our armed forces and for those who have lost their lives in the service of our country.

The President and the Officers and Committees have posted all reports on the white board instead of giving oral reports. Any questions regarding the information on the white board should be asked when that office gives their report.

Get Well Wishes, Condolences and Prayers:

Get Well wishes are being sent to James Barkocy #578 who is recuperating at home. Our thoughts and prayers will remain with James for a complete and speedy recovery.

Our deepest condolences to Stephanie Cortes #1426 on the loss of her Grandmother, Edilma Ceden. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephanie and her family during this difficult time.

Our deepest condolences to Associate Member Monica Mulchandani #1162 on the loss of her Mother, Salochana Mulchandani. Our thoughts and prayers are with Monica and her family during this difficult time.

Our deepest condolences to Joel Paul #1068 on the loss of his Grandmother, Rose Paul.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Joel and his family during this difficult time.

Our deepest condolences to Paul Shapiro #1638 on the loss of his Mother, Harriet Shapiro.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and his family during this difficult time.

Our deepest condolences to Robin Smiles #937 on the loss of her Sister, Susan Janssen.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Robin and her family during this difficult time.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service): Chief will announce on his report for (5-15 years).

Forty-Five Years of Service:

James Barkocy #578

James Barkocy #578 – Forty-Five Years of Service/Life Member – James has been a Life Member of HCFAS since April 1995. James held the position of Treasurer in 1988 and he Served as President for 9 years. He held the position of President during the ground breaking of this very building in April 1990. He was on the Committee that secures the funding for this property. He served on the Control Substance Committee. He was ALS/CL/DR. He was on the 0700 shift for 43 years and then double shifted pm the 1100 shift for 22 years. Thank you for your forty-five years of service to HCFAS and Get Well soon.

Motion made by Brian Canty and seconded by Roger Winter to change the order of business for a Special Election for the position of First Deputy Chief due to the recent resignation of Kathryn Donegan.

.....Motion Approved Unanimously

President Henry Waldron opens the floor for nominations for the Office of First Deputy Chief. Please state your name and membership number and the name of the person you are nominating.

Lily Poplawski #1616 nominates Eve Pollack – Eve Pollack declines the nomination

Elizabeth Wood #1464 nominates James Mallilo – James Mallilo declines the nomination

Lily Poplawski #1616 nominates Eileen Burns – Eileen Burns declines the nomination

Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by President Henry Waldron for the non-acceptance of the position of First Deputy Chief due to the declination of all three Nominees. Hence, the position of First Deputy Chief remains vacant.

.....Motion Approved Unanimously

Mark Brenner inquired as to the whereabouts of Secretary Lehti Laas and inquired as to how many meetings she has not attended. President Henry Waldron responded that Secretary Laas is employed with FEMA. She has been deployed for at least one (1) year due to out of state Natural Disaster Emergency Operations.

Motion made by Mark Brenner and seconded by Robert Franz to change the order of business to have a consensus vote on three SOP Changes: #03-2025, #04-2025 and #05-2025

Proposed SOP Changes #03-2025, #04-2025 and #05-2025 – Read by John Palmieri

**Proposed SOP Change
#03-2025**

Proposal: To remove obsolete language.

Background/Justification: With electronic PCRs, Captains cannot review run reports.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):

Eliminate Article I, Section 6 – Day Captain, Paragraph 3 **and** renumber all remaining paragraphs

- ~~3. Day Captains shall make sure that run reports are filled out accurately and legibly and are to check them on a weekly basis.~~

**Proposed SOP Change
#04-2025**

Proposal: To provide a one-time, \$500.00 scholarship for up to six (6) HCFAS providers, per year, upon enrollment, and approval in an EMT-P program.

Background/Justification: HCFAS provides up to six (6) \$500.00 scholarships to members or dependents of members annually for their studies which have no bearing on EMS training. We should offer the same scholarship to active members as they start their Paramedic training.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph (A), (10), (f)

- f. EMT-P Original Course: Due to the current extreme cost of these courses, each request must be pre-approved on an individual basis. The individual member requesting approval for the course must submit, in writing, to the Board of Directors a total breakdown of the course costs (fees, tuition, books and daily mileage) the approved mileage will not exceed \$1,000.00. The Chief will verify in writing that the member has been in good standing for the six months prior to the request. Upon being pre-approved for an EMT-P, and having provided written documentation of enrollment, the Treasurer shall be authorized to provide the member with a check in the

amount of \$500.00 as a token of the Squads appreciation for enrolling in the course. This scholarship shall be limited to six (6) members in a calendar year and will not decrease the total amount of the paramedic training to be reimbursed.

Discussions held in open Forum

Concensus Vote Taken – 58

All in Favor – 51 Opposed – 5 Abstain - 2

**Proposed SOP Change
#05-2025**

Proposal: To eliminate the requirement to do extra shifts as part of the EMT-P program.

Background/Justification: These requirements serve as a disincentive for a member to become an EMT-P. Once an EMT becomes a credentialed EMT-P, their certification allows HCFAS to bill at the higher ALS rate. The Squad should not require twice as much on-duty time from the paramedic after they have dedicated one year of their life to paramedic training.

Correct spelling

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph (A), (10), (c)

- c. Requirements: Entitlement to reimbursement is contingent upon the member meeting the following service requirements. During the reimbursement period, the member must:
 - i. Remain a member in good standing;
 - ii. Maintain the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P;
 - iii. ~~Fulfill additional duty requirements as follows:~~
 - 1. ~~Must ride as an ALS provider when on duty except as otherwise approved by the operational officers;~~
 - 2. ~~Provide an additional four hours per week either on a second duty tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour as approved by the operational officers;~~
 - iv. Not ~~gone~~ on any Leaves of Absences, other than Medical Leave. In the case of Medical Leave, the member shall not be credited for service requirements, but the reimbursement period will be extended for the period that cumulative Medical LOAs exceed three months.

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph (A), (10), (g) and re-letter, also correct spelling in subparagraph d, which will change to c.

- g. EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge Course: Due to the current extreme cost of these courses, each

request must be pre-approved on an individual basis. The individual member requesting approval for the course must submit, in writing, to the Board of Directors a total breakdown of the course costs (fees, tuition, books and daily mileage) the approved mileage will not exceed \$200.00. The Chief will verify in writing that the member has been in good standing for the six months prior to the request.

i. After the member receives the status of EMT-P and is approved to ride in Suffolk County, provided the member has remained in good standing, the member will be entitled to initial reimbursement for one-third (1/3) of the total approved course cost (fees, tuition, books and mileage).

ii. Reimbursement Period: The member shall be entitled to reimbursement of the balance of the approved course cost in two parts, the first at the six (6) month anniversary of issuance of the member's Suffolk REMAC card, and the last and final part at the one-year anniversary. These anniversary dates shall be extended by the period of any medical leave of absence taken by the member following completion of the course.

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~~ii. Provide an additional four hours per week either on a second duty tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour as approved by the operational officers;~~

d. Not gone on any Leaves of Absences, other than Medical Leave. In the case of medical leave, the member shall not be credited for service requirements, but the one-year reimbursement period will be extended for the period that cumulative Medical LOAs exceed three months.

Discussions held in open Forum

Consensus Vote Taken - All in Favor

President Henry Waldron – Report Posted

Thank you to all who attended the Installation Dinner. It was a great event. Thank you to Brian Canty for all that you do to make this a special night.

Thank you Katie Donegan for your service as First Deputy Chief.

Our new HCFAS website is up and running from Grimm Media. A lot of great pictures from Saint Patrick's Day and the Installation Dinner.

President Waldron thanked Mary Brenner for all her years of hard work and dedication while on the Fund Drive Committee. Thank you, Mary!

President Waldron thanked Ann Maloney for all her hard work and for doing a great job with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Acting Secretary's Report – Christine Tedone

Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Robert Franz to approve the March 10, 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

All in Favor / 1 Abstain

Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Wood – Report Posted

March 12, 2025 to April 10, 2025 :

HCAD CDJ 53 checks and 15 Direct Debits Total \$189,172.81

HCFAS CDJ 4 checks and 1 Direct Debits Total \$12,189.04

Post 215 Account 1 check and 0 Direct Debits Total \$293.75

Transfers:

From M&T to TOH \$ 217,187.05 on 4/11/25

From TOH to HCFAS \$ 158,202.75 on 3/17/25

\$ 158, 202.75 on 3/24/25

Award Presentation – Roger Winter distributed Installation Dinner Awards to Members James Mallilo and Noah Ramos.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey – Report Posted

Good Evening to All,

I would like to Congratulate all the Officers and BODs for a great night at our Installation Dinner on Saturday 03-29-2025. I am writing letters to Melville FD, Brentwood FD and Wyndanch EMS for their help on Saturday night.

I would also like to thank Ex-Chief Brian Canty for all the work he did getting this night ready for us. A big shout out to Jeffery Brenner for his work as MC for the night, he made the night run smoothly.

Huntington Hospital 1st. Quarter Meeting held on 03-26-2025 at Huntington Hospital.

LifeNet Platform update: Huntington Hospital is transitioning to a new LifeNet platform. This upgrade will provide enhanced data visibility, improved team preparedness and streamlined activation processes.

Features include:

- Transmission of 12-lead EKGs (including 15-lead data from LifePak 35), vital signs, documented events (medications, treatments, etc.) and timestamps.
- Automated case summary reports with all documented events and vital signs.
- Screenshot capture of monitor data with timestamps.
- Playback feature to review monitor activity and events.
- Team activation feature with app-based notifications for hospital staff.
- Secure chat, call and consult features within the platform.
- Photo attachment capability for trauma cases.
- No cost for LifePak 15 users. Cost for other monitor users TBD.
- 60-day data retention in patient records. Video calls are not automatically recorded.
- Integration with ESO and other ePCRs. EHR integration is possible but not yet implemented.

Cardiac Cases Review: Review of recent STEMI cases highlighted the effectiveness of LifeNet transmissions in reducing door-to-balloon times. Discussion emphasized the importance of pre-hospital notification and timely team activation. Two patients taken in by HCFAS in under 40 minutes.

Trauma Updates: Importance of pre-hospital notification for trauma cases reiterated.

MCI Exercise (August 10th): An MCI exercise is scheduled for August 10th at Walt Whitman High School. Participating agencies include Commack, East Northport, Halesite, Melville, Huntington Community, Greenlawn and Cold Spring Harbor. A related educational session will be held mid-July (post meeting confirmed as Wednesday, July 23rd from 6:30 – 9:30 at HCFAS) including Rescue Task Force training and MCI overview. More details to be distributed.

Flu Shot Program: Huntington Hospital offered to provide free flu shots to EMS departments starting mid-September through October. Departments should contact Lorraine to schedule.

Stretcher Height: Reminder to lower stretcher height upon patient transfer to reduce fall risk.

ER Registration Process: Discussion regarding the new ER registration process with dedicated data entry personnel. Feedback is requested on the new workflow. Clarification that minimal patient information is required (patient name and DOB) for initial registration.

Clarification on patient transfer of care: Occurs upon verbal report to the receiving nurse, although physical transfer happens later.

PCR Requests: Discussion regarding the process for requesting PCRs. Clarified that the majority of agencies are on ESO, minimizing the need for requests.

Ambulance Bay Parking Issues: Concern raised regarding Northwell ambulances occupying ambulance bays while not actively receiving or transferring patients. Discussion about improving communication and enforcement to address the issue.

Turnaround Times: Discussion about ambulance turnaround times. The hospital aims for under 20 minutes (ideally under 30 minutes), with 40+ minutes considered a red zone. EMS agencies are asked to share their data with the hospital. Further discussion on the process of opening a second triage station when multiple ambulances arrive simultaneously.

Next Meeting: June 24th, 7:00 PM, same location. EMS agencies are encouraged to send representatives and suggest agenda items for discussion.

Action Items:

- EMS agencies to email Lorraine to confirm participation in the MCI exercise.
- EMS agencies to contact Lorraine to schedule flu shot clinics.
- EMS agencies to provide feedback on the new ER registration process.
- EMS agencies to share turnaround time data with the hospital.
- Huntington Hospital to pilot a new process to improve ambulance turnaround times. Michael Recupero to develop and Lorraine Maier to communicate when available.
- Huntington Hospital Security and valet to address ambulance bay parking issues. Michael Recupero to follow-up.

PCRs - 04-11-2025

Dear Members,

As of today we have more than 30 open e-PCRs dating back as far as 02/13/2025. These e-PCRs need to be closed as soon as possible. There is no reason an e-PCR should be left opened for days/weeks. This practice cannot go on, it places a lot of work on the Chief Dispatcher and we cannot bill while they are opened. Moving forward I would like to see all e-PCRs closed by end of next day business.

Huntington Manor FD

HM/FD is celebrating 122 years of service with a Parade and Fair on July 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19th 2025. Also celebrating 100 years of service is Hose Company # 1. More to follow on this.

First Responder Day

Was held at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. A great day was had by all. Thank you, Captain Eve Pollack, for putting this event together.

First Deputy Chief Kathryn Donegan

On behalf of the Officers and myself I would like to thank Katie for all the work she has done for the Officers and the agency. We will miss her and wish her all the best. Thank you, Katie.

Drivers:

Over the past month we have had 2 accidents with our Ambulances.

1. Hitting our own fly car.
 2. 2-15-17 going through a drive through at a bank.
- Drivers more care has to be taken.

Thank you all for the hard work that we all do.

First Deputy Chief – Kathryn Donegan – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Lily Poplawski

Happy April!

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at last months installation dinner. Thank you to all who came out to honor Ex-Chief Bill Billups last month as well.

Regarding my resignation from the office of First Deputy Chief, I want to say thank you to all who have supported me in the role this year, especially the operational officers and Board of Directors, Meg Callinan and Mary Winter.

Due to personal issues that are taking priority at the moment, I am no longer able to carry out the role I agreed to when elected back in December. I am committed to carrying out a transfer to the newly elected 2-15-31 and will be of assistance in any way that I can.

Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to our organization. Have a wonderful month!

Second Deputy Chief – Keith Rubenstein – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone that completed the February training just a reminder it is mandatory. This was due April 13th. Thank you Mark Brenner for the April training.

Please remember to complete all the trainings through out the year. Please allow plenty of time to do your CME refresher and get paperwork to Pam Brenner-Davis with plenty of time before you expire. Any questions about CME refreshers please reach out to her.

Third Deputy Chief – Matthew Philip – Absent – Report Posted

Sorry, I am unable to make the meeting tonight. Unfortunately, I have to work tonight.

Repairs needed as per 04/10/25:

390	16 In service -	Mileage: 81589	Miles
391	17 OOS- Damage to overhead fan	Mileage: 24609	Miles
392	18 In service -	Mileage: 52574	Miles
393	19 OOS @ Proliner getting a new narcotic safes	Mileage: 84560	Miles
394	20 In service - Had an engine coolant leak	Mileage: 87346	Miles
395	21 In service - Check engine light is on due to NOX sensor	Mileage: 36450	Miles
396	25 In service -	Mileage: N/A	Miles
397	80 In service -	Mileage: 9340	Miles
398	81 In service -	Mileage: 96257	Miles
399	82 In service -	Mileage: 44172	Miles
400	88 In service -	Mileage: 27270	Miles
401	89 In service -	Mileage: 105496	Miles
402	Gator In service -	Mileage: N/A	Miles

403 The new narcotic safes are being added to the ambulances one by one. Thank you to Michelle
404 Miller and Jeff Brenner who helped me out when I was stuck at work and a major thank you to
405 Brian Canty who has been personally driving these rigs out to Proliner. The new narcotic safes
406 are being added to the ambulances as we speak. 17,16 and 21 have the new safes in them and
407 19 is at Proliner getting a new safe installed as well.

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409 The BOD at their last meeting has approved for iPads to be mounted to the front compartment of
410 our fleet, I will oversee this project and hope for this to be done by the end of May. These iPads
411 will allow for safer access to critical dispatch information, and navigation without unnecessary
412 distractions. This upgrade will improve ensure crews can focus on patient care and safe driving.

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414 I recently learned about an emergency vehicle-involved accident that caused the driver of the
415 sedan to pass away from his injuries. Please everyone carefully clear all intersections and drive
416 with due regard.



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418 16, 18 and 19 have these control panels below the left side of the steering wheel. This panel
419 controls the height of the ambulance and that will affect the ride during calls. The ride should

either be on comfort or ride. The height should be normal. If the drive feels like the air-ride or the suspension is off please check these settings.

There are various issues that have been brought to my attention or I have seen and I will slowly send the buses out one at a time to get them fixed. If anyone sees anything new or wants to bring something up don't hesitate to reach out to my cell (631)-553-3135.

Chief Dispatcher – Patricia Tufo – Report Posted

Chief Dispatcher's Report March 01 - March 31, 2025:

Alarms.....490

Signal 24's.....7

Signal 24 % Rate.....1.42

Signal 24's by Day of Week

Sunday.....2 (ytd = 4)

Monday.....0 (ytd = 5)

Tuesday.....1 (ytd = 2)

Wednesday.....1 (ytd = 9)

Thursday.....1 (ytd = 7)

Friday.....0 (ytd = 2)

Saturday.....2 (ytd = 3)

Year to date # Alarms.....1563 an increase of 65 calls compared to 2024.

Year to date # Signal 24's.....31 a decrease of 4, compared to 2024.

Year to date Signal 24 % rate...1.98 compared to 2.33% in 2024.

Year to date multiple calls running.....59.8%

Year to date average # calls per day.....15.8

Dispatchers - If you receive a call for an ambulance on the DIRECT line not through MEDCOM and it is from a MOS (Member of Service, HCFAS and family members or members of our Fireman family), write down pertinent information on the ALARM WORKSHEET. Tell your CREW(S) that you are getting a call from a MOS and get that ambulance rolling! Then CONTACT MEDCOM DIRECTLY and inform them that you received a call for an ambulance on the DIRECT line and that you are sending a rig to that location.

MEDCOM will then start that call and it will populate/show up on your screen. You will follow this same procedure, even if the caller is not a MOS, but lives in the District. If the caller does not live in District, you will then instruct them to hang up and call 911. This situation does not happen very often, which is why we are going over it now.

The vast majority of the calls that we receive do come through MEDCOM. **Also worth mentioning**, there are Dispatchers that actually know how to start a run on their own. But, for those who do not, calling MEDCOM IS A LOT EASIER.

Thank you Drivers, Crew Leaders, EMT'S, First Aiders, ALS/Paramedics and Dispatchers for your continued effort on your response and management of Calls. It Shows!

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain James Kelly - Absent – No Report - Oral Report Given by Captain Lily Poplawski

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Lily Poplawski – Report Posted

Hey Everyone - Happy April!

We were able to finish March with 0 24s and we currently have 0 for April at the time of me writing this. This leaves us with a YTD total of 5.

Thank you to everyone who came down to help the last few weeks: Liz Perro, James Kelly, Barry Winter, Shannon Gore, Eve Pollack, Ryane Como, Hank Waldron, Dany Portillo, Pam Brenner-Davis, Colin Weigele, Matthew Philip, Carolyn Mullen, Natalie Amaya, Brian Canty, Chelsea Keatley, Patrick Donegan, Andrew Taylor as well as all the hardworking dedicated Company 2 members and many others. Your help is truly appreciated.

Please consider picking some Monday shifts! The following are PERMANENT openings!

These need help EVERY week on top of vacancies that open up regularly:

1100 Shift: CL/DR

1900 Shift: 2 DRs

2300 Shift: DISPATCHER, 1st due DR & 2nd due FULL CREW

I just wanted to give a few Monday shift spotlights over the last few weeks for outstanding dedication and work done for our agency. We, unfortunately had a few MOS calls within the last few weeks of March & April. Thank you to the Mon 0700, Mon 1500 and Mon 1900 for your outpouring support for our own members in need and getting those ambulances out in less than 2minutes. A special thank you as well to Tuesday 0700 for your outpouring support for a recent MOS call.

Probationary members! Please remember you need 5 meetings and 5 events as well as all RT's to come off probation. Also, if you are looking to start driver training and you are a Company 2 member please come see me.

Please continue to do your checkouts and keep radios on and with you on calls. Keep up the great work!

Thank you all for your consistent hard work and dedication on Mondays - please be safe and I look forward to seeing you all around at some point! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can reach me at Monday.Captain@hcfas.org or my personal cell 631-374-5663

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Sheon Bacchus – Report Posted

Good Evening HCFAS Members,

First, thanks to all of you who answer up and pick up extra shifts. It is appreciated!

Special acknowledgements to the following members for helping on Tuesdays:

James Kelly, Andrew Taylor, Bob Biersack, Bobby Loysch, Betty Wood, Ben Curry, Brian Canty, Christian Caballero, Barry Winter, Daniel Fischer, Kenney Cadet, Chelsea Keatley, Dan McNamara, Vera Ehlers and Hank Waldron.

Congratulations to Alisha Suhail who has become a Crew Leader on the 1900 shift. Thanks to Janet Rubel who has accepted the 1900 Dispatcher position.

This Tuesday 4/15/2025 - we have some needs:

0700 - Second Due ALS

1100 - Second due Full Crew, Second due ALS

1500 - Third due Full Crew, Second due ALS

1900 - Second due ALS

2300 - First due driver, Second due full crew, Second due ALS

Tuesday Permanent shift needs are:

1100 - Second due full crew

1500 - Second due full crew

2300 – Dispatcher, first due driver, second due full crew

ACL preceptors are also needed on the 1100, 1900 and 2300.

FAs and ACLs are welcome on any shift. Please just email or call me to request to be added to the schedule.

Thanks for all that you do for our community!

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Tiffany White – Absent – Report Posted

Good evening everyone,

I would like to start off by thanking Ben Curry, Captain James Kelly, Captain Lily Poplawski and Captain Andrew Taylor for helping the last couple of weeks. I truly appreciate it. A special thank you to Company 4 for your continuous hard work and the effort you put in every week. Again, this month we have only had (1) 24. Keep up the great work.

553 **Wednesday's needs are as follows:**

554 **0700 Shift -FA's**

555 **1100 Shift -FA's**

556 **1500 Shift - full 2nd/3rd due crews**

557 **1900 Shift -3rd due DR**

558 **2300 Shift- 2nd due CL, full 3rd due crew**

559 Thank you all once again for all that you do for HCFAS. Your time and commitment are greatly
560 appreciated!

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562 **Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Kenney Cadet – Absent – No Report**

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565 **Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Eve Pollack – Report Posted**

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567 Hello everyone! Happy April!!

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569 I want to start off by acknowledging all of our incredible dispatchers for National Dispatcher
570 week! Next I want to give a special shoutout to all of those who attended First Responders Day
571 at my school last Friday. Thank you so much to Chief Heavey, Sunday Captain James Kelly,
572 Stephen Ryga, Mary Sisinni, Eric Kramer, Eileen Burns and Adam Ellenhorn for spending their
573 free time showing my students our rig and talking to them about what we do on a daily basis!
574 They had an absolute blast and I hope you all did too! The last shout out I want to give is to Ex-
575 First Deputy Chief Katie Donegan whose shoes will be incredibly hard to fill. Thank you for
576 everything you have done and you will be dearly missed. In May I am hoping to have some
577 more fun events so stay tuned on that!

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579 **The schedule is looking good this week. TWO DR AND TWO CL are needed on the 1100**
580 **shift and a CL is needed on the overnight. FA and ACL are always welcomed throughout**
581 **the day. The more hands on deck, the better!**

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583 Please let me know if you would like to start your weekends off strong getting to know what
584 Company 6 is all about!

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587 **Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Andrew Taylor – Report Posted**

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589 Good Evening Everyone,
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A special thank you to all members of Company 7, Company 8 and everyone who has dedicated their time on Saturdays to ensure our operations run smoothly. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated!

A heartfelt thank you to the following individuals for their contributions to our successful Saturday operations: Chief Matthew Phillip, Suzanne Phillip, Captain James Kelly, Robert (Bobby) Loysch, Jeffrey Brenner, Tim Quigley, Christopher Leslie, Jasjeet Kaur, Paid Paramedic Hector X and Mina Sharpe, Chief Michael Barker (Dispatching), Paul Bayer, Alex Bayer, Daniel Fischer, Chelsea Keatley, James Mallilo, John Stevens, Tommy Romano, Michael Jacoby, Andrew Ganley, Jake Levinsky, Joseph Grant, Michael Capostosto and Melissa Anastos. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

Operational Update – Thank you, Company 7, Company 8 and the following Departments: Melville Fire Department, Brentwood and Wyandanch-Wheatley Heights for handling 26 calls last Saturday. Unfortunately, We had 3 Signal 24s (2) during the 1500 and (1) on the 2300 shifts).

We are in need of additional coverage for:

Dispatcher: 1900 and 2300 Shifts

Second-due Crew: 1100, 1500 and 2300 Shifts

ALS coverage: 1500 and 1900 Shifts

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers' Refundable Credit for 2024 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2024 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Form **IT-245**. As per the instructions, **you cannot claim the credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law**. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the **entire tax year** for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245; instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any **technical** questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

LOSAP 2025 Points – Bob Franz

The LOSAP point committee puts incomplete submitted LOSAP forms for your correction in a basket on the mail folders counter top. Please check this basket and immediately, make any required corrections and return the form to the LOSAP point committee. Please use the proper LOSAP form and enter the required information in a legible manner. All Finger Read Adjustments must be submitted to your Day Captain for correction within 30 days of the event.

LOSAP 2024 Points – Bob Franz

The 2024 LOSAP Records List was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 8, 2025. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved list was returned to the Squad and posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30-day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to President Waldron with a copy to Director Bob Franz. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained with supporting documentation, if applicable. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated. The posted list will be returned to the TOH at the end of the 30 day period for further processing.

Grants, Affordable Housing / Rentals

The TOH Supervisor, Ed Smyth, devoted a portion of the TOH Newsletter “The Liberty” to thank ambulance and fire volunteers for the sacrifices that we make to keep the community safe. A copy of his letter is posted on the bulletin board. Also included in the Liberty is information from the Huntington Community Development Agency regarding buying or rental of affordable housing which is also posted on the bulletin board. A resolution was passed by the TOH Board that gives preference to first responders on the Town’s affordable housing registry. I suggest that members read the Liberty on the TOH website.

The Squad also became a participating member of the LI Housing Partnership making members eligible to apply for a \$50,000 grant. **Exciting Opportunity: \$50,000 Homeownership Grant Available for Members! – Louis Dell.** We are thrilled to announce that all members in good standing are eligible to apply for a **\$50,000 Homeownership Grant!** This incredible opportunity can help make homeownership more accessible and affordable for our dedicated members.

Grant Highlights:

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000

\$26,000 toward a down payment

\$24,000 for necessary home repairs

Eligibility:

Open to all members in good standing

Current homeowners are eligible

This is a fantastic way to secure a home while receiving financial support for both the purchase and repairs. Don’t miss out on this opportunity! For more details see the bulletin board above the mail folders. To apply, please contact Louis Dell by email, **LouisDell88@gmail.com**.

Benevolent Committee – Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Brian Canty for assistance.

CME Committee – Pamela Brenner by Mark Brenner – BLS Core CME – Class #3 - Abdominal, Geni-Renal, Hematology, Respiratory & Psychiatric - Class is scheduled for Monday, April 28th from 7:30 – 10:30 PM. Location HCFAS HQ. Call SCEMS at 631-852-5080 to Register. Instructor Mark Brenner.

Driver Training Committee – Jeffrey Brenner & Dominic Heavey – There have been two accidents in the last two months. Please Drive with caution and immediately report any and all accidents to Jeffrey or Dominic. If anyone is interested in becoming a Driver, please place a copy of your NYSDL in the Driver Training Committee’s mailbox.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto & Meg Callinan – There has been a good turnout for potential new Post Members. To date, there are 30 new applicants wishing to join Post 215. Please contact Sue if you are interested in joining the Committee.

Fund Drive Committee – Joan Florio & Carol Nucci – As of April 10, 2025 the Fund Drive Committee has collected a total of \$42,363.90 in donations.

Pulse Committee – All Reports and Articles are due the 25th of the month.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:

Thank you to Heidie Magerle and Christy Stiles for their assistance with the Installation Dinner. Mark your calendars for February 28th, 2026 for next years event.

Special Thank you to Ann Maloney for all her hard work in making all the baskets for the Egg Hunt and for Coordinating everything. Thanks to Chris Leslie who assisted in stuffing all those eggs and thanks to Sue Otto for helping our Resident Bunny (Lorraine Maier) walk around.

I am planning a NY Mets Game on Friday, May 30th at 7:10 PM. Guest Tickets will be \$75.00 per person. As soon as the BOD approves, a signup sheet will be posted. A deposit is required and it will be returned if you show up.

Stand-By Committee – Kenney Cadet, Peyton Kalb & Suzanne Philip – Please look for sign-up sheets posted in the ready room. If you are available to help us out please sign up. Your help is always appreciated. Thank you.

In Closing:

Has everyone fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped prepare tonight’s dinner:

Social and Kitchen Committees: A Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Bob Biersack, Angie Kalodoukas, Carol Nucci, Gregory Orr, Kevin McCann, Christy Stiles and Claire Tesoriero

New Business:

Mark Brenner – Will be teaching a rapid EMT Refresher course this summer. It is a Challenge EMT course. You may register on the website at REMSCO Suffolk EMS.

Andrea Golinsky – Made a stark comparison about HCFAS Pre-Tax District and the “Good Old Days” dating back to 1994 as compared to current policies and standards of HCFAS. Andrea feels that all the members should be grateful and should feel fortunate for all that HCFAS has to offer its members.

Ann Maloney - Thanked the on duty crew for their assistance and kindness during the Easter Egg Hunt event amidst the chaos. The event went very well and the kids had a great time.

Susan Siebel – Inquired why LOSAP point corrections cannot be placed in the mailboxes.

Andrew Taylor – Is the new Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. He thanked Michelle Franco and Noah Ramos for training him and for making this a smooth transition. He also thanked Christine Tedone and other members for their assistance with the committee.

Old Business: None

Various Raffles:

Cheesecake Factory Gift Card \$25 – Eve Pollack

Home Depot Gift Card \$25 – Lily Poplawski

Nut Haven Gift Box – Keith Rubenstein

Target Gift Card \$25 – Mark Brenner

Mets Tickets with Parking – Ona Mastroianni

Mets Tickets No Parking – Steven Benjamin

Bottle of Wine – Noah Ramos

Bottle of Wine – Joel Paul

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 58, Probationary Members 4, Total: 62

Motion made by Mark Brenner and seconded by Paul Shapiro to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2055 hours.

.....Motion Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Assistant Secretary

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