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What is a volunteer? According to Miriam Webster, a vol un teer/ vālən'tir/- "a person who chooses to act in recognition of a need, with an attitude of social responsibility and without concern for monetary profit, going beyond one's basic obligations".

While that may be the official definition, I think we can all agree this simple word has so much more meaning to all of us at HCFAS.

I bet when we all first signed up to volunteer at HCFAS, most of us shared a similar mindset, to give back to our Community, and help our neighbors. Some of us assumed when we first joined that we would fulfill the basic requirements, and hopefully feel good about ourselves at the end of the day. I can say with confidence that a good portion of our members have turned their initial minimum requirement into complete dedication and commitment. Every day I can see from all of you that we do things that no other organization can do. For that reason, I personally want to thank each and every one of you.

For the first 90 days of 2019, we have all been going above and beyond the minimum requirement to be there for our Community and HCFAS. It may take a long time to deliver that baby, or save a patient in cardiac arrest, but please stop for a quick moment to look our patients in their eyes to see the relief and gratitude they have when our EMT's, ALS providers, and Medics arrive on scene. They may not thank us with their words, but if their eyes could tell a story.

The Chief and I talk quite often to ensure we are aligned and support each other's success. This past weekend, we both came to the same overwhelming conclusion; we are truly blessed to be surrounded by amazing volunteers. As you know, the first 90 days of the year have been rough to say the least; your Chiefs and Board of Directors have been focused and inundated. During this tough time, the Chief and I discussed how we both started to see a pattern. Our members were coming out in droves during

President's Report- Seth Fischer (cont'd)

this tough time to show their support. We actually compared notes, and we were both asked the same two questions, "how can we help, and what can we do?" In my years on the Board, and as President, I have never seen this kind of collaboration and outpouring of support. Whether we have added members to various committees, members who normally do one shift a week are now picking up extra shifts, we see members stopping in throughout the day to do random checkouts when they see a crazy amount of calls, ambulances are getting washed, or simply just wanting to stop in to see the new friends they have met. What we have been seeing is a great deal of our volunteers going above and beyond, looking for ways to make us even more amazing than we already are, Chief Como and I are forever grateful.

I leave you with these words. We are all "volunteers" by definition, but we are much more than that. At the end of the day, we are regular people. We sacrifice family time, and free time to come together, for our Community. We do not expect to be thanked after every call; fortunately saying "thank you" is not always needed.

Keep up the great work, and continue to be the best group of volunteers I have ever seen!

Seth

HCFAS Children's

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

10:00 am - 10:30 am @ Jefferson School

10:45 am - 12:00 pm HQ

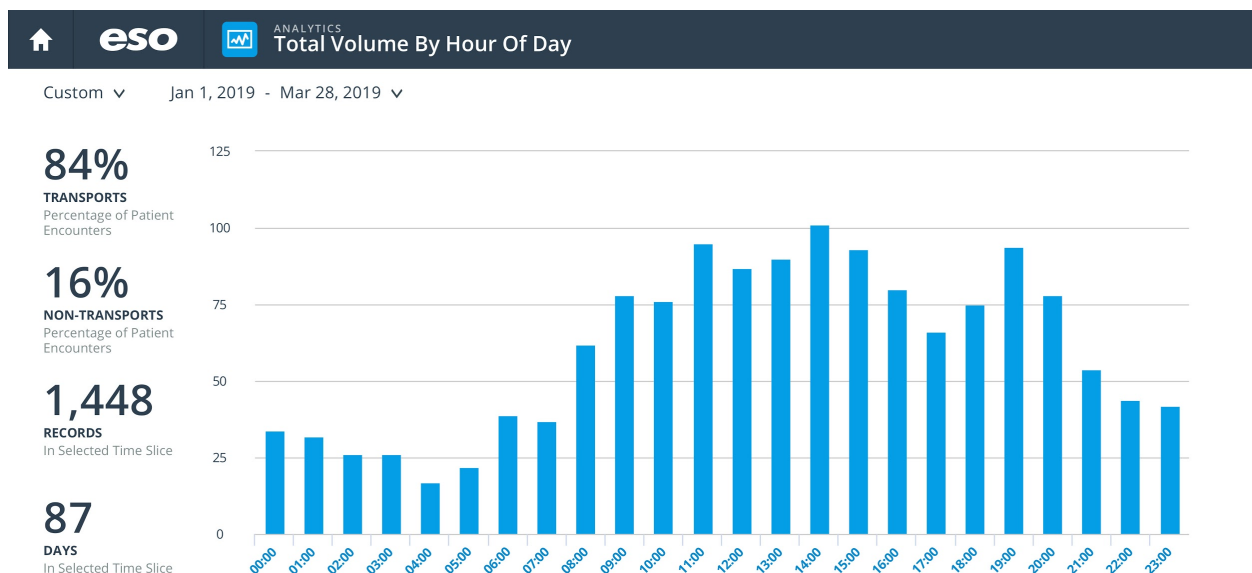
Signs Ups in the Ready Room

Chief's Report - Michael Como

Happy Spring everyone! Our installation dinner was a big success last month. The venue was great and everyone I've talked to had a great time. Thank you again to Brian Canty, Sue Seibel, and Joanne Vogel for organizing such a wonderful evening.

During the installation dinner, I mentioned that I was looking forward to working with the operational officers and directors this year. The chiefs and day captains make up a great team, which I am honored to be a part of. We are also lucky to have our board of directors, under the leadership of President Fischer, that share common goals for the Squad and are supportive of operations. Last month the board passed a motion that was put forth by the chief's office to enter into a maintenance contract with Stryker. This contract will be in effect until March 2024 and will keep some of our most critical equipment in good working order (power bases, power load stretchers, and stairchairs). This wasn't cheap, but it was necessary, and I thank the board for their support. Stryker is going to come in to perform preventative maintenance on all of our equipment this month. This is just one example of what we can accomplish when we share a vision and work together.

I continue to be impressed with everyone's dedication to HCFAS and the community we serve. As illustrated in the graph below, the majority of our call volume occurs during the day. Our 24 rate remains low despite periodic spikes in call volume. Occasionally, the calls roll in one after another and our crews and dispatchers rise to the challenge. Thank you to everyone that has been coming in for your shift, doing additional shifts, and answering up on signal 3's.



Chief's Report - Michael Como (cont'd)

The first Chief's Order of 2019 was recently released. It requires members to carry their credentials when on squad property for a non-social function, riding on their shift, or answering up on a backup call. This order is part of our compliance plan and it adheres to NYSDOH Part 800 recommendations. I ask that you read it and follow it. The goal is to protect our riding members and our agency from liability.

On behalf of the operational officers, I would like to thank the members that participated in the squad services for founder and Ex-Chief Joseph D'Andrea. In particular, I am grateful for the following members that provided the honor guard: David Mohr, Karen Martin, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Julia Vodopia, Israel Cortez, Thomas O'Leary, and Robert Biersack.

The officers and I have been making an effort to be transparent and keep the membership well informed. If you have any questions or need anything, feel free to reach out to me. Keep up the good work!

1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman

We are officially into the second quarter of 2019!

With spring here and warmer weather rolling in we have a lot of **standbys** coming up and being asked of us. For probationary members if you need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to stand by committee Julia Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

Bike team is also looking for new members! Contact Keith Rubenstein 631-404-0018 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566. Keith and I did a standby for the St. Patrick's Day 5k and it was a blast!



1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman (cont'd)

Finger Reads... Please remember to punch in and out on the same shift. Also if you are here for a double however do not need the LOSAP points you do not need to punch out between shifts.

Members interested in driving and qualify to **become drivers**, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

Laminated certifications... Please collect your laminated certifications from your day captains. If you have not already handed in your certifications to be laminated please place them in my mailbox.

Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/email me 631-418-5596 or first.deputy@hcfas.org

2nd Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

The April Review Training is out on "Pregnancy Complications and Emergency Childbirth." Please remember that to remain in good standing you must not be missing more than two trainings. Thank you to everyone that completed the mandatory Sexual Harassment training on time.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Thursday April 4th 1900 : Dr. Scanlon "Delivery in the Field"
- Thursday May 9th 1900: Colby Rowe (SBH) and SCPD Marine Bureau Sargent John Vahey "Watercraft Trauma"

ePCR Reminder:

On MVAs we need to collect and capture the insurance policy information (at least the company name i.e GEICO, Statefarm) of the vehicle the patient was IN or, if a pedestrian, the vehicle that struck them. You should be able to get this information from the patient or the police. As always, do not delay patient care seeking this information. If the patient is critical, the police will be at the hospital and will have the policy information. In addition to the standard signatures, we also need to be filling out the Assignment of Benefits form which is at the bottom of the signatures page listed under "NY Motor Vehicle No-Fault Insurance Law." This form will help the billing company submit claims and get them paid. Patient care remains your number one priority, however, for HCFAS to continue operating we need to be collecting the correct information that will get our bills paid. If anyone has any questions or needs additional ePCR training, please let me know.

Thank you all for everything that you do. If anyone has questions or suggestions about training, please reach out to me.

3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.
- Walt Whitman

Happy Earth Day everyone. Try to do your part by picking up a piece of garbage in the Squad parking lot or a local park, and save a piece of paper by not printing this The Pulse article.

Kristin Tiersch has taken over the BLS Supply Committee. She is doing an awesome job so far. Thanks Kristin! Thank you again to Eric Nazinitsky and Jack Kovalsky for managing the committee for the past year or so.

We are looking at new BLS bags as the old ones are not in production anymore. Samples may be shown at the next GMM.

The vehicle maintenance committee has been active. Thank you for all your help. Mike Capotosto (Sunday 1100) and Paul Bayer (Sunday 2300) have been working on installing ignition override switches with in the vehicles which did not already have them. This process has been delicate and involved and I have been especially impressed with Mike's skill and resourcefulness. A training email will follow completion of this project. Bernard Poole has coordinated several projects as well.

19 has all the repairs completed and is back in full force. 21 is out of service and has a long journey ahead. Talk to me if you are interested in details. I am hopeful that we can continue to fix the cosmetic damage to the vehicles. The next target is 20, the newest of the Chevy ambulances.

Thank you to everyone who has come to services to support their fellow Squad members in times of loss. These services can be emotional, but the show of support means so much to the members and their families. Please consider these occasions part of your duty to your Squad family.

On a happier note, see you all at the Mets Game. Let's go sports!

Chief Dispatcher - Michael Barker

Dispatchers, thank you for your assistance with the process of completing CAD entries. The incidence of missing “P” or “CC” designations – documenting the presence of a Paramedic or Critical Care provider on all calls - has been greatly reduced.

Please remember that if the ambulance does **NOT** transport a patient, the dispatcher must enter a reason in the “signal” drop down box so we can archive the call. Reasons include “**Call Cancelled**” as well as “**RMA**”, “**Unfounded**” or “**Signal 50.**”

Crew members: If any of these events occur, you still must **complete the ePCR** just as you had to do when we used paper PCRs. Every week there are “missing” call reports and almost all of them are Cancels or RMAs or Unfounded patients.

And don't forget to add “**Rescue**” to the Personnel list for any member doing a Back-up call. They can win a gift certificate if you remember to add their name to the list.

Dispatchers, drivers have a few requests that would make their responses faster:

1. Calls at the **railroad station**, please try to ascertain if the patient is on the North side or the South side of the station. Track 1 is the North side; Track 2 is the South side. If it is not on the printout, ask the MedCom operator. It may be on their screen..

2. Calls at **stores or places of business**, please advise the crew of the name of the establishment. Sometimes it is buried in the block of copy at the bottom of the report. Read all the way through to discover buried treasure that will help the crew response.

1898 New York Avenue might be found nacho faster if you mention **Taco Bell**.

1100 East Jericho Turnpike is “Best” known as **Stop & Shop**.

339 West Main Street may be found more urgently if you say **ProHealth Urgent Care**.

Zero in on the map using the **+ tab** to help the crew with tips such as “North side of the street” or “Just past St. Patrick’s Church.” Every little bit helps.

Finally yet importantly, **please do not prop open any doors**. There is a \$1000 fine from Homeland Security Keys are in the ambulances!

Thank you for all you do. michael

Company 1 – Captain Bill Connolly

SUNDAY

Happy spring everyone! Sunday members have been doing a great job and have been staying on top of their ambulance checkouts and monthly training. Thank you to all who came out to help during the 2 snow standbys this winter and to all who have covered open shifts. Congratulations to Erik Krisch on passing his dispatch test. On March 17 the 19:00 crew received a call for a 9 year old with difficulty breathing. Medic Bill Lutz sprang into action recognized that the patient was critical. The crew transported from the scene to the hospital in four minutes. During that span the patient's condition worsened and became AMS. The crew rushed him into the ER where the hospital staff took over and was able to stabilize him after some time. The doctor said how good it was that he was brought in so quickly. Also, on the call were CL Nicole Calderone, driver Jaclyn Rittershaus, FA Jacqueline Callinan and myself.

On March 24 the 15:00 crew received a call for a traumatic injury. A 60-year-old male fell down a flight of stairs and sustained a traumatic head injury and was airlifted by SCPD. The crew included medic Alex Mullin, SCPD James Garside, CL Jaclyn Rittershaus, driver Bill Connolly, FA Julia Vodopia, and FA Jacqueline Callinan.

The 23:00 shift is still in need of a dispatcher and second due driver/ crew leader.

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy

MONDAY

No Report.

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

Way to go Tuesdays! Thank you to everyone who has helped out over the past month, I truly appreciate all the help. Help is always needed on Tuesdays, especially the overnight! Anyone who is available please let me know.

The first quarter is officially over! Anyone who has questions about his or her hours please reach out to me. I am looking forward to a great 2nd quarter!

Please remember to complete your review trainings and keep tabs on your hours! Thank you again to everyone for all the help!

Liz

Company 4 – Captain Katie Donegan

WEDNESDAY

Happy April! I'm sure I'm not alone in saying that I'm happy to see it finally getting warmer!

Although I am starting to sound like a broken record, I cannot say enough how grateful I am to the company 4 members and all of you who help out on Wednesdays. While the day still has some crucial gaps (if you're ever free on a Wednesday 0700 or 1100 you know where to find me), I am so lucky to have help from such wonderful individuals on a regular basis. If you're one of them, endless gratitude to you for giving your time to help out on Wednesdays.

Thanks so much to the special events committee for a fabulous Installation Dinner; this one was my favorite yet!

Quarter 2 has officially begun! Make sure to stay on top of your hours and your review trainings.

Thank you all for what you do and for what each and every one of you are- amazing.

Katie

Company 5 – Captain John Mancino

THURSDAY

No Report.

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

No Report.

Calendar of Events

Check out these upcoming special events. Show your HCFAS pride by participating in events and supporting our organization and your fellow Members!

BOD Meeting	April 4
GMM	April 8
Officers Meeting	April 9
BOD Meeting	April 18
Children's Easter Egg Hunt	April 20



*Show your HCFAS pride!
We need your
participation at
meetings, parades, and
other events. It's a
great way to meet your
fellow Members!*

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor

SATURDAY

Company 7, Thank you for continue riding and doing what you need to do for Saturday. I would like to also Thank members who have responded to signal 3/16: Thank you to all Company 7 crews, Those that responded on the 3 on 16: Chief Michael Como, 2nd Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Day-Captain Kelly Murphy, Dispatcher Lauren Aviles, Robert Loysch, Lenise Booth, Bency, Jody, Steven Benjamin, Thomas Curry, Gary Brandel, Kimberly Prestin., Pam Best and Esteban Lopez, Matthew Valle, Deborah Rudilloso, Timothy Quigley, Jeffrey Brenner and Robert Biersack. I would like to also thank those members who did extra for the Cold Spring Harbor Standby and helping out on the overnight shift. Those members are Dispatcher Samantha Ryan, Steven Benjamin, Jonathan Dominick, Vanessa Cortes, Richard Cortes, Lenise Booth, Deborah Rudilloso, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Eric Nazinitzky, Paul Bayer, Kimberly Prestin, Gary Brendal, Keith Tamayo and paid Paramedics Matthew Bessen and Hector Feliciano Nieves.

I wanted to say personally Thanks fellow members for the overnight on March 16, 2019: Company 8 member Melissa Anastos 1309 for coming in Dispatch, Company 8 member Jonathan Domanick 1496 for driving, Company 7 members Steven Benjamin 1475, Company 7 Brandon Eybergen 1512. Also, I greatly want to Thank Greenlawn Fire Department Medic and Second Precinct Police Department sector cars 202, 203A, 210. The overnights crews handled multiple calls, which include a cardiac arrest and assault; all calls were transported to the appropriate hospitals.

March 23, 2019 was very busy I wanted to thanks all company 7 and company 8 members for continue to do your shift and extra shifts. It is greatly appreciated. We finish Saturday with 16 calls and a fire standby (Thanks Jordan Drelich 1527 for crew-leading). My heart and prayers goes out to the families.

I wanted to say Congratulation to Casey O'Riordan 1518 on becoming a Crewleader.

I wanted to say best of luck to our members who are in the Driver Training Program: Jordan Drelich (1527), David Villegas (1472) and Gerardo Vasquez (1055).

Everyone must do the **Mandatory February Review Training (Sexual Harassment)**, this is require and must be completed before **March 30, 2019**. If you need help with the training or have any problems. Please contact me; I will be able to assist you. Thanks, again everyone.

Passing of #2 Joe D'Andrea

JOSEPH D'ANDREA SR.
MEMBER #2
11/12/1923-3/18/2019
A LIFE OF SERVICE

Joseph D'Andrea Sr. was one of the founders of Huntington Community First Aid Squad. In late 1967 Town of Huntington Supervisor Kane formed an exploratory committee to work on a solution to the lack of emergency ambulance care in the central areas of the township. This committee included Joe who had emergency service experience as a member of the Melville Fire Department where he had served as a fire fighter, rescue company member and commissioner.

This committee determined that the uncovered areas of Huntington, Huntington Station, West Hills, Lloyd Harbor and Cold Spring Harbor needed an emergency ambulance service (Cold Spring Harbor would form a rescue squad of its own removing that area from our coverage territory). The committee also agreed that coverage should be an on-duty concept where both men and woman would be active members.

Then the work began: a name was needed for the new organization, a location to work out of, how to obtain volunteers, funding to purchase an ambulance and supplies. Joe was instrumental in the initial fund drive where residents were asked to support the rescue squad with no guarantee that there would be a positive outcome. The support was tremendous, volunteers were found, a building secured and an ambulance purchased.

Joe was our first Chief in 1967 appointed by the Board of Directors. He would go on to serve as:

Chief 1971, 1972, 1974

Board Secretary 1968

Board Director 1976, 1981, 1987

In May of 1974 Joe was appointed to the newly formed Town of Huntington Emergency Service Council for a 5 year term. Joe was also Secretary to the Town of Huntington Fire District Association, an usher at Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church for 40 years and a WWII veteran. Joe's oldest child, Joe D'Andrea Jr. was also a member for several years before relocating.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2018 Service Awards LOSAP Point Listing has been sent to the Town of Huntington for Town Board Approval. The approved listing will be returned to the Squad and will be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2018 – Bob Franz

If eligible (see instructions on back of Form), you can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2018 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**.

Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr

Proposed SOP Change 02-2019

Proposal: To move the exception paragraph below paragraph 3

Background/Justification: the exception line falls between paragraphs 2 and 3. By moving it, it gives the Chief and President more flexibility in a funeral situation.

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

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph's 2 & 3

Section 3 - Funeral Protocols:

1. Death Notice Procedures:

A. Any member receiving information regarding the death of a Charter member, former member, Associate member or a current member or member's immediate family shall immediately notify the Chief and First Deputy Chief.

B. The Chief will immediately notify the President and Secretary, who will, in turn, notify the Good and Welfare Committee.

C. The First Deputy Chief will post the information regarding the death and funeral arrangements in the Ready Room and will notify all Day Captains, who will in turn contact all personnel on their day. The First Deputy Chief will also insure that an announcement regarding the death and funeral arrangements is made to all pager groups via the general page or a special page.

Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr (cont'd)

2. Funeral Arrangements:

A. Death of an active or life member, or death of member's parent, step-parent, child or guardian: full Squad funeral service unless otherwise requested by the member or family or if the services for the deceased are not held on Long Island. For an active member or life member, bunting will be displayed and flag flown at half-staff for a period of thirty (30) days. Flowers and/or a fruit basket will be sent in accordance with Good and Welfare Committee protocols.

B. Death of other relative of Squad member will not be announced except for grandparents and siblings; there will be no formal Squad services but Squad members are encouraged to attend on an individual basis. A representative from the Board of Directors and a representative from the Operational Officers are encouraged to attend the wake and a sympathy card will be sent to the Squad member.

C. Charter member or a former member: same as "2.b." above.

D. Associate member, full Squad funeral services unless otherwise requested by the family or if services are held outside Long Island. Bunting will be displayed and the flag flown at half-staff for a period of one (1) week. A sympathy card will be sent in accordance with Good and Welfare Committee protocols.

~~Deviation from the above rules, including use of an ambulance in the funeral procession, requires approval of the President and Chief.~~

3. Funeral Services:

A. Members will report to the Squad or meet at the funeral home in full uniform, including white shirts, blue pants, blue ties, black shoes and black belt. Red Jackets (either summer or winter weight) may be worn, depending upon the season. Whether jackets will be worn and, if so, which jacket will be decided by the Chief and included in the information regarding the funeral arrangements.

B. At the funeral home, members will assemble in two lines. One line will include the Chief, Chief Officers, Captains and Ex-Chiefs, the other the President, Board Officers, other Directors and Past Presidents. All other members will split equally between the two lines. A Squad chaplain (or a member appointed to lead the services) will lead the group into the room. The line led by the Chief will move along the left side of the room, the line led by the President along the right side of the room. Each line will proceed no further than the first row of chairs. All will remain standing throughout the services.

C. When the "chaplain" announces, members from the right line (i.e. behind the Board of Directors) will move in an orderly manner to the casket, pause and pay their respects and then exit to the left. As the members from the right side are coming forward, members from the left side (i.e., behind the Operational Officers) will turn to the rear, and, in file, join the end of the line on the right side. When all the members have filed past the casket, the chaplain will next call up the Ex-Chiefs, Past Presidents, Day Captains, all Board members (except the President), and all Chief Officers (except the Squad Chief) will pay their respects in a similar manner.

Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr (cont'd)

D. The Squad Chief and the President will then approach the casket, pay their respects and then offer the condolences of the Corporation and members to the members of the family. They will then file out of the room.

E. In the case of the death of a member, the American flag and the Squad flag are to be placed on either side of the casket with a color guard, prior to the entrance of the Squad members. At the end of the service, the color guard will face the casket, pay their respects and file to the back of the room.

F. Ample time will be allowed for any member who wishes to express personal condolences to do so after the Squad service, before Squad vehicles return to Headquarters.

Any deviation from the Funeral Protocol rules, including use of an ambulance in the funeral procession, requires approval of the President and Chief.

Proposed SOP Change 03-2019

Proposal:

To allow members flexibility in completing their required hours.

Background/Justification:

Members working flexible hours some weeks cannot do a shift, while other weeks they can do multiple shifts.

Non-Company 8 members are not restricted from doing multiple shifts when making up shifts missed.

Balanced with the safety of our members, understanding that the possibility exists that a member might not be able to get rest during a shift, and their patients.

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

Article II, Section 9 – Company 8

The purpose of Company 8 is to enable a member of HCFAS who can no longer maintain a regularly scheduled duty tour to continue their active, operational membership in HCFAS. To request Company 8, a Duty tour Change Request Form (#138) stating the reason(s) for requesting Company 8 status must be submitted to the Chief, with a copy to the First Deputy and the current Day Captain. Documentation supporting the request (i.e., letter from employer, school transcripts) must accompany the form. The request will be reviewed, discussed and voted on at the next scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will continue on his regularly scheduled duty tour, or obtain a replacement of equal or higher status, pending the results of the Officer's meeting. Members requesting Company 8 must be in good standing, be a First Aider or higher in status or a Permanent Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and be prevented by work, school or other situation from fulfilling a regularly scheduled duty tour.

Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr (cont'd)

The following rules and regulations apply to all members granted Company 8. Any violation may result in the loss of Company 8 privileges for a minimum of ninety days and could result in permanent loss of Company 8 privileges.

- A. The member must fill one scheduled duty tour per week (minimum of four hours) and must be on time and in uniform to receive credit for the duty tour. If a member is unable to do a scheduled shift per week, they must notify and receive approval from the First Deputy Chief to do multiple shifts per week, but at no time can this exceed more than sixteen consecutive hours or sixteen hours in any twenty-four hour period. An eight-hour overnight duty tour will count for two consecutive weekly tours.
- B. It is the responsibility of the members of Company 8 to call the Day Captain of the day in which they are available to fill a duty tour. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice is required.
- C. If a member of Company 8 cannot make a scheduled duty tour they signed up for, he must get a replacement of equal or higher status for the duty tour or he will receive a no show.
- D. If the member has two (2) no shows and/or two (2) late shows, Company 8 privileges may be forfeited.
- E. Members on Company 8 who cannot fulfill a weekly duty tour must inform the First Deputy Chief in writing ahead of time.

The First Deputy is responsible for maintaining the hours of Company 8 personnel. He will report to the Operational Officers and a review will be conducted on the status of all Company 8 personnel at the first Operational Officers' meeting following the completion of a calendar quarter (January, April, July and October). A copy of the report will be distributed to the Board of Directors at the first scheduled Board meeting following the first Operational Officers' meeting of the quarter.

Proposed SOP Change 04-2019

Proposal:

To add the requirement that members carry their credentials with them at all times while on duty or on a backup call.

Background/Justification:

It is extremely important to have your credentials on you at all time while performing in the capacity of a first responder.

Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr (cont'd)

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article III, Section 1 – General Rules

Add a new number 1 and renumber the original

1. All members are required to have their credentials on them at all times while on Squad property, in any Squad vehicle, during any non-social Squad function, while on duty or on a back up call. Credentials are defined as and will include the following based on your status:

- A. Dispatchers/First Aiders - A current Squad issued Membership Card.
- B. Drivers - A current Squad issued Membership Card and a current laminated copy of your driver's license.
- C. Crewleaders - A current Squad issued Membership Card and a laminated copy of your EMT-B/CC/P certification.

Proposed SOP Change 05-2019

Proposal:

Change the eligibility criteria and reporting for gift cards.

Background/Justification:

This covers a full year of shifts in calculating the 75% requirement. As it stands now we count 11 months this means that members who take a LOA that includes December have an easier time making up the missed shifts. It allows the Board a longer time to review the list and order/collate the gift cards for distribution at the December GMM. It adds the requirement to post the hours in September and October but also makes it clear that watching their hours is the responsibility of the member.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph A, (17), (g)

Gift Eligibility – In order to receive a holiday gift as may be approved by the Board of Directors annually, a member must fulfill the following requirements:

- i. The member must be a member in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the exception of the required duty tours or hourly commitment, which is defined in paragraph (iii) and (iv) below, as of ~~December~~ November 1st .
- ii. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the twelve (12) month period preceding ~~December~~ November 1st .

Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr (cont'd)

- iii. As of ~~December~~ November 1st, Operational members must have completed thirty-~~six-nine~~ (369) four (4) hour duty tours or thirty-~~six-nine~~ (369) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or ~~eighteen-twenty~~ 1820) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status (an alternating 8 hour overnight counts as 2 4 hour duty tours). Duty tours include both weekly duty tours and each four (4) hour standby as counted from November 1st the previous year to October 31st of the current year.
- iv. As of ~~December~~ November 1st, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the ~~Chief Dispatcher~~ Vice President a total of ~~eighty-two~~ one hundred forty four (82144) hours of duty time as counted from November 1st of the previous year to October 31st of the current year.
- v. The Chief will provide the list of all eligible members ~~or members who received a gift~~ and those ineligible members to the Board of Directors no later than the 2nd Board meeting in ~~December~~. November for operational personnel. The Vice President will provide the list of all eligible administrative members and those ineligible members to the Board of Directors no later than the 2nd Board meeting in November.
- vi. The First Deputy Chief and the Vice President will post the hourly record for operational and administrative members respectively initially by August 31st and an updated list by September 30th. It is the responsibility of the member to review the posted information as well as their own information found in the member page/member report of the website.
- vii. Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.

April Longevity Awards to be presented at April GMM

5 Years

Tiffany Gonzales #1422

Bob Biersack #1423

Stephanie Cortes #1426

40 Years

Bob Franz #539

New Member Spotlight from Martha Brenner

Joseph Savaglio # 1549 **Welcome Joseph to Wednesday 0700!**

Joseph has been involved in the 2nd precinct auxiliary police for many years. He took the EMT course to enhance his abilities as an auxiliary police officer. He then felt he should do more with the EMT certification and that brought him to HCFAS. Joseph is also a member of the school board in the Harborfield's school district. Joseph has 4 children 31, 26, 18 and 12 and his first grandchild is on the way!



Jonathan Guarino # 1550 **Welcome Jonathan to the Wednesday 1500!**

Jonathan comes to us after completing his undergraduate degree in business management from NYU. He is currently enrolled in SUNY Farmingdale in the pre-med program. He joined to help him obtain some experience in emergency medicine. He plans to take the m-cats later this year. Jonathan is the son of a FDNY fireman who was a 1st responder on 9/11.



Collin Weigel #1553 **Welcome Collin to the Friday 1500!**

Collin was a 215 Explorer Post member and served as 2nd Deputy Chief while in the post. Collin heard about HCFAS from a friend and thought this might be something he would be interested in. He is now a full member of HCFAS. Collin graduated high school in 2018 and is enrolled in SUNY Farmingdale pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Collin is the oldest of 4 with one brother and 2 sisters and a dog named Roxy and a cat named Tom (yes Tom Cat!) Collin is one of the very few people who were born on February 29th. The odds of being born on any day are 1 in 365 for February 29th babies the odds were 1 in 1471. Collin celebrates on March 1st in non-leap years.

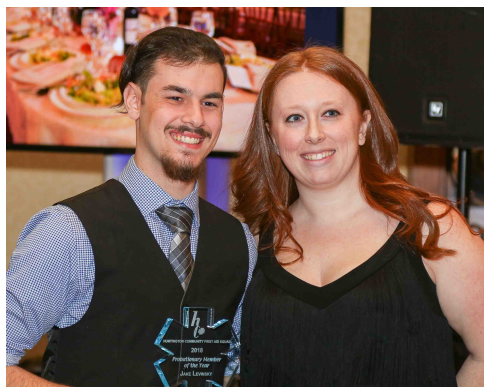


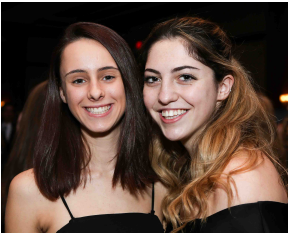
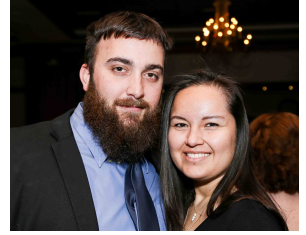


2019 HCFAS Installation Dinner Larkfield

Thank you to the Special Events
Committee for making this an
amazing evening!









On March 4th, HCFAS and Huntington Hospital provided a Stop the Bleed training course to the Huntington High School faculty (from right to left: Nurse Manager Daria Frontera, Director of Nursing Michael Recupero, Trauma Program Manager Susan O'Connell, Ryane Como, Fiona Witowski and Huntington High School Principal Brenden Cusack)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 11, 2019

ACHIEVEMENTS AWARDS

LENGTH OF SERVICE 10 YEARS

SUZIE BIAGGI, TYLER GIBBS, SHERYL ROACH

2018 CREW OF EXCELLENCE: MIKE JACOBY

OUTGOING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PATRICIA TUFFO - CHIEF DISPATCHER

RICHARD STONE - DIRECTOR



Dead is Dead and The Life We Save Is one of Ours

Ethan S. Brandler, MD, MPH, FACEP
Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
Director, Academic Associate Program
Associate Director of Emergency Medical Services
Stony Brook Medicine

Thank you Fiona Witkowski and Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como for organizing this event. Thank you Dr. Ethan S. Brandler for the very informative lecture. More exciting events on tap. Look for emails for our next event

Three major topics were discussed.

1. When to pronounce a person dead without initiation of CPR
2. When to pronounce a person dead after attempting resuscitation
3. Why attempting a transport of a non-viable cardiac arrest victim is dangerous

A person may be pronounced dead if there is no pulse or respiration and any one of the following are found:

- Putrefaction/ decomposition
- Dependent lividity
- Rigor mortis
- Decapitation
- A valid NYS DNR or MOLST form is present



- A person may be pronounced dead after attempting resuscitation based on the Termination of Resuscitation guideline Out of hospital cardiac arrest attended by EMT-B prior to transport
- No return of spontaneous circulation at any time
 - No shock indicated or administered
 - Arrest not witnessed by EMS

People in cardiac arrest should not be transported unless they are in a public place or have shown some signs of life such as ventricular fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia or a brief return of spontaneous circulation.

Riding in ambulance is a dangerous business. Transporting a patient with lights and sirens who requires ongoing care may mean that providers are not properly restrained. These two factors markedly increase the risk of injury or death to the occupants of the ambulance and to the public around the ambulance. For patients who potentially could be pronounced dead on scene, there is no added benefit to lights and sirens transport. Provide appropriate care at the scene and transport only if resuscitation is successful in some way. You can always call medical control if you have a question.

BASICS – April 2019
By Mark W. Brenner, CIC, R.F.
Intranasal Narcan

1. Narcan acts as a(n):
 - a. Agonist
 - b. Antagonist
 - c. Antidote
 - d. All of the Above
2. Indications for the use of Intra Nasal Narcan administration include all of the following EXCEPT:
 - a. Cardiac arrest
 - b. Respiratory arrest
 - c. Nasal trauma (including but not limited to epistaxis)
 - d. Pinpoint pupils
3. How many milligrams of Narcan do you atomize into an adult patient suspected to have an opioid overdose?
 - a. 1 mg (0.5 mg in each nostril)
 - b. 2 mg (1 mg in each nostril)
 - c. 4 mg (2 mg in each nostril)
 - d. None of the above
4. A BLS crew administers Intra Nasal Narcan. Prior to transport, an ALS provider arrives on scene. According to Suffolk County Policies, must the ALS provider accompany the BLS crew and patient to the hospital?
 - a. No. If the patient is stable, breathing on their own and adequately ventilating and transport time is under 30 minutes ALS does not have to ride with the BLS crew.
 - b. Yes, every time a BLS medication is administered and an ALS provider arrives on the scene, the ALS provider MUST accompany the patient.
5. A BLS crew finds an adult patient in respiratory depression from a heroin overdose, breathing at a rate of 8 times per minute. The patient is unconscious, is gray in color and has pinpoint pupils. They administer Intra Nasal Narcan and prepare for transport. According to protocol, they should also:
 - a. Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask.
 - b. Attempt to insert an oropharyngeal airway
 - c. Ventilate the patient with a BVM
 - d. Both b and c.
6. Typically, patients experiencing an overdose due to opioids will have pupils that are:
 - a. Unequal
 - b. Dilated
 - c. Pin-point
 - d. Equal and reactive to light

ANSWERS: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5d, 6c

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Spencer Newman	4 Jon Stone	5 Carol Dia, Jody Kavanagh & Keith Davis	6
7	8 Don Roulo & Louis Dell	9	10	11	12 Pete Nakelski	13
14 Kathy Bonessi, Karen Martin & Jeff Brenner	15 Casey O'Riordan	16 Dana Silverstein	17 Kerry Carlock	18	19 Janet Rubel & Seth Fischer	20 Fritz Barreau & Mike Harlan
21 Phil Orlando & Diane Muszynski	22 Paul Biersack	23	24 Monica Mulchandani	25 Angie Kalodukas	26 Spike Ishikawa	27
28 Brian Canty	29	30				