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President's Report- Seth Fischer

Happy August!

I hope you are all well and taking the time to enjoy the summer. These last few months we have seen significant improvements in the quality of our PCR's. This has helped tremendously in our overall revenue stream. Always remember, if you have any questions regarding documentation, narratives, and MVA information needed, please do not hesitate to ask our Second Deputy Ryane Como, or your Day Captain. On a personal level, everyone's hard work and focus is greatly appreciated.

We have recently had an influx of amazing new members who have joined our HCFAS family. This is due to the diligent work of our Recruitment and Membership Committee whose efforts and hard work is paying off.

Perfect examples of two, (semi) new additions are Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia. Outside of the countless shifts they both do, Jaclyn is now coordinating our HCFAS Book Club. Even though she is only a few months in, she has gotten members committed and interested. I personally love this kind of initiative: Jaclyn a huge thank you. Julia has taken the huge responsibility of the Standby Committee. For those who have been on this Committee, it is certainly a tough one to say the least. Julia is getting our ambulances and crews out to cover neighboring Communities, SCPD Exercises, Funerals, or to help our neighboring Fire Departments with their drills. This is a very tough job, and I cannot personally thank her enough for her efforts. Thank you both for going above and beyond.

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

Big thanks to our Treasurer Brian Canty and the Special Events Committee for a wonderful picnic. This is definitely not the easiest task to organize, and manage, but it always seems to come together perfectly (except for the heat, we are working on that).

Please also keep the suggestions flowing. I love listening to our new, as well as our seasoned members vocalize recommendations that continue to make everyone's experience great. This happens when we continue working together as a close-knit family. Smiles in the ready room are contagious, keep spreading the happiness!

Thank you again for all you do....

Chief's Report - Michael Como

As we enter August, our department continues to thrive. Our call volume is high and 24 rate is staying low. A Chief from another volunteer ambulance corps recently asked me, "How do we do it?". The answer is all of your hard work. The members are by far our most important asset here at HCFAS.

Throughout June, and July our members have had some truly notable calls:

On the morning of Tuesday June 18th, HCFAS members assisted in the delivery of a baby boy. The crew arrived on scene to find that the baby had been delivered. They then cut the umbilical cord, and mother and child were then both safely transported to Huntington Hospital. Great job by Tony Cruz, Carol Nucci, Tom Lemp, Nicole Campbell, Joan Florio, and medic Bill Lutz.

HCFAS was dispatched to three separate cardiac arrests on July 13th, 14th, and the 22nd. On all three calls the patients presented as pulseless and apneic. ALS cardiac arrest protocols were initiated, and the patients were transported to Huntington Hospital. All of the patients achieved ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation); one while in the ED and two while crews were on scene/during transport. The crew on Saturday, the 13th, consisted of Captain Andrew Taylor, Tim Quigley, Jeffrey Brenner, Fiona Witkowski, Laura Treulich, paramedic Bill Lutz, and PO James Garside. The crew on Sunday the 14th, consisted of Captain Bill Connolly, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman, Eileen Burns, Jim Barkocy, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Michael Capotosto, Felix Medina, and medic Alex Mullin. The crew on Monday, the 22nd, consisted of Mark Brenner, Kristin Tiersch, Richard Rudolph, Rod Gabriel, Tim Ebert, Mary Brenner, Jill Decker, Elizabeth Bernfeld, and medic Hayley Schultz. Suffolk County EMS has been notified about all three calls. If they qualify, our members will be eligible for REMSCO CPR Lifesaving Awards. Mike Masterton extended his thanks for all of the good work we do.

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

I commend everyone involved in these calls for their life saving efforts!

Vice President Ann Schwartz along with the interview, membership, and recruitment committees have been doing an excellent job bringing in new enthusiastic members. We now have multiple new members that have started the ACL and driver training programs.

We have two new medics that were recently hired into our paid paramedic program: Hayley Schultz and Emily Edgar. Hayley and Emily both love working for us and have had nothing but the nicest things to say about interacting with our crews. Please make them feel welcome on your shift if you see them. With that being said, there are still gaps in the schedule. We are still actively interviewing candidates in an effort to bring the medic schedule closer to 24/7 coverage.

Although it's August, planning has already started for our role in the Huntington Fall Festival at Heckscher Park. For those of you that are new, the Fall Festival is a big deal for our agency. We have already submitted an updated copy of our Emergency Management Action Plan (EMAP) for the event. The EMAP delineates the roles of each agency involved to ensure that EMS operations run smoothly. HCFAS will be providing EMS coverage at the festival on Saturday October 12th and Sunday October 13th. There will be eight outside agencies standing by (2 at all times) during the event to transport patients to the hospital. Keep an eye out for the signup sheet in the ready room. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

We had an excellent turnout at the Huntington Manor Parade on July 17th. It was great marching with all of you and it was nice to have such a good showing in our district. Congratulations to Post 215 for winning the award for "Best Appearing Juniors"!

There are still two more parades left in the summer parade season. Please sign up in the ready room so we get enough food for everyone.

The upcoming parades are as follows:

- East Northport Fire Department Parade - Wednesday, August 7th
- Greenlawn Fire Department Parade - Thursday, August 29th

Also, please remember that the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team is a resource that is always available to you through County. At any time (24/7) you can let a Captain or Chief know if you would like the team activated and we will immediately set the process in motion.

Thank you for all that you do!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Como, Chief

1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman

I just want to thank everyone again for the entire standby coverage provided during the week of the HMFD. Huntington Manor chiefs reached out as well to express their gratitude.

Full crews needed for the following standbys this month!

HMFD Yaphank- Wednesday August 21st
HFD Yaphank- Thursday August 22nd

For probationary members if you need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to standby committee Julia Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

Laminated certifications... This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please remember this as it is also a NYS requirement. If you need a copy laminated, place it in my mailbox with a note stating so! I am only laminating those that ask specifically for it.

Finger reads... Please take a look at your breakdown of shifts and determine if you need any corrections made so you can fill out the finger reader adjustment form. Please remember to punch in and out on the same shift. If you are here for a double and DO NOT need LOSAP points you do not need to punch out between shifts.

Members interested in becoming drivers, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

Bike team is also looking for new interested members! Contact Keith Rubenstein 631-404-0018 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566.

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

Review Training

The August Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is "Understanding the Fireground for EMS Providers." Thanks to Mark Brenner, John Mancino and Dave Mohr for their work in putting this presentation together.

Please remember that in order remain in good standing you cannot miss more than two review trainings. Additionally, we have the privilege that our review trainings count toward CME and LOSAP credit. Please be mindful not to jeopardize your credits by completing more than two in one day. Pam Brenner works hard to ensure that our CME program works smoothly for our membership. Please do your part in helping her by turning in paperwork in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding the CME program, please reach out to her directly.

Additional BLS CPAP training classes will be posted. Thank you to Liz Mohr, Brian Canty, and Gary Brandel for all of their help in getting the majority of the membership trained over the past two months.

If you need check and inject in service class, please email me so that we can set up classes. If you are in need of a BLS 12 Lead class, please contact Jeff Brenner. If you need ESO training, please email epcr@hcfas.org.

New BLS protocols have been released by the state. Suffolk County has not approved the new changes and additional information will be available after the next REMSCO meeting in September.

ePCR Reminders:

The QA/QI committee has been hard at work this year doing clinical and documentation reviews. Messages are sent within ESO from our reviewers Gail Glister, Allison Russo and Maxine Epstein.

To access the messages from the laptops simply log in, toggle to the "Messages" tab, and re-enter your log in credentials. From a desktop computer (web version), messages are displayed on the main page after logging in. Please acknowledge receipt of the messages by responding. Gail, Allison and Maxine are always willing to offer more insight or help if needed. If you have any questions about the reviews or how to access the messages, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to HCFAS. As always, if the officers are not aware of suggestions or problems, we can't do anything. Please reach out to us if you have ideas or issues you would like to discuss.

3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman

Hi members,

It was great seeing all of you and your families at the Huntington Manor Parade and the picnic.

Thank you for continuing to do checkouts. I have had some important things make it to me and it really helps having extra eyes on our equipment and vehicles.

I would like to thank Kristin Tiersch and Eric Nazinitsky for setting up the new BLS bags.

The new ambulance should be arriving shortly. Hopefully it won't take long to get it in service. I may call a work detail to have members help stock it. Certifying new vehicles with the NYS Department of Health always brings the possibility of an inspection so remain vigilant with your checkouts! Having the old 18 gone is making it challenging to fix certain things on the other ambulances, but we'll get it done.

Thank you to all the other chiefs for covering for me while I was away the third week of July.

2-15-20 was in an UNREPORTED accident immediately after being repaired by our body shop. There were only a few drivers in the time period when it happened. If this was you, I suggest you contact the first deputy chief as you are required to report all accidents. If you fail to do so, you may be subject to disciplinary action.

Here is a summary of some of the new equipment introduced on the ambulances so far this year. Contact an officer if you have questions about any of them.

Cross straps on the stretchers

ePCR chargers

Spare regulators

Jumper cables

Ignition override switches (SafeStop)

Combined BLS/Oxygen bags

Earplugs

Be safe,

David

Chief Dispatcher - Michael Barker

Dispatch Training: Kat Kallergis #1555 (Fri 0700) and Annika Lacroze #1558 (Sat 0700) passed their dispatch tests on July 2.

There are currently nine Dispatch Trainees most of whom joined in June or July. For members who joined in 2019, the average dispatch training completion is 59 days.

Crew Confirmed: Please click "Crew Confirmed" on the bottom right as soon as possible after receipt of the call. If you do not have a crew, please check the building and the vehicles on the street to confirm a crew. Please remember that you have four minutes to confirm a crew on an Alpha, Bravo, or Charlie call, but only two minutes for a Delta or Echo call. Page out immediately, and always say what you need first:

"2-15-0 on the air with a signal 3 on a 16 for a full crew / crewleader / driver / ALS for whatever it is, wherever it is." Use the drop-down menu to document you have done the page. Wait 30 seconds, and page again, until your four minute / two minute time limit.

If you are not able to confirm a crew, call MedCom to signal 24 the call. Please ask the operator which department will now receive the call, and write it on the Mutual Aid Log Sheet #149. Complete the form, make copies, and distribute as instructed.

Drop-Down Menu: This menu hides under the word "Signal" on the bottom left of the tracking screen. Please use this screen to document your pages as well as the call resolution and other details about the call. It makes no sense to add a comment to the Log Entry screen when you can click the comment directly on the drop-down menu.

If the ambulance does not transport, please click on the call resolution: "cancelled, unfounded, RMA, or signal 50".

If you are advised "Medic on board", please click "ALS RUN Call".

If a helicopter responds, please click "Medi-Vac".

If the patient walks into the building, click "Walk In".

On any working fire, send the Cyano kit on the first ambulance, dispatch ALS, and confirm by entering "Cyano Kit." There are a number of other signals on this menu.

We keep statistics on all of these situations and the only way to affect the numbers is to click on the drop-down menu. I am the only one who reads your Log Entry comments and I then have to translate the Log Entry into the real signal. I appreciate your help.

Thank you for everything that you do. michael

Company 1 – Captain Bill Connolly

SUNDAY

Sunday members have been doing a great job answering up and staying on top of their ambulance check-outs and completing monthly training. I would like to welcome new member Michael Mahoney to the 19:00. Mike is an EMT and currently is in dispatch training. I would like to mention a cardiac arrest save by the 11:00-15:00 shift. On July 14, 2019 Jim Barkocy and Eileen Burns were dispatched to a 31-D -3. In route, Medcom changed the call to an Echo. On scene, SCPD had CPR in process when the crews arrived. Included were members Michael Como, Ryane Como, David Kaufmann, Alex Mullen, Kathy Hayes, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Michael Capatoso, and myself. Patient is recovered and doing well!

The 1900 and 2300 are in need of a dispatcher and a second due crew. If you need driver training or if you need to make up hours, you're more than welcome to come in on a Sunday. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy

MONDAY

I want to start by thanking the Monday crews and all who come in to help serve our community. Now with kids home from school or in camp, work, vacation, whatever it is you have going on let's face it we are all busy. HCFAS members come in and show such dedication to make sure all our calls are covered. It has been very busy and we still stand with only two 24's this year.

I would like to welcome our new member Elizabeth Bernfeld 1565 to the Monday 1100 shift. Elizabeth is very excited to be here and I know she will do great, stop in and say hello to her.

This past Monday a call came in for difficulty breathing. The crew and medic were dispatched and then a minute later the call was upgraded to CPR in progress. Once we heard it was an arrest the second crew also left HQ to help. EMS arrived on scene to find the pts wife giving compressions in the yard to a 78 YOM. The crews took over and during transport ROSC was achieved. Call dispatched by Mary Brenner who at the time was dispatch training Elizabeth Bernfeld (her first day) and Jill Decker. Other members: Mark Brenner, Kristin Tiersch, Rodriquens Gabriel and our new medic Hayley Schultz were first on scene, next to arrive Tim Ebert and Richard Rudolph, so needless to say this pt was in very good hands. I am happy to say thank you to all of you outstanding members, a job well done!

Monday needs help in the following;
0700 1st due CL, 2nd due CL, ALS, FA's
1100 1st due CL/DR, 2nd due CL, ALS, FA
1500 1st due ALS, 2nd due DR/CL, FA
1900 2nd due ALS

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy (cont'd)

MONDAY

2300 1st and 2nd due ALS and FA.

Please reach out to me if you are ever available to cover these spots.

God bless you all.

Kelly Murphy
Monday Day Captain

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

Thank you to everyone who has been coming in to help on Tuesdays. In the past few weeks, the 1100 shift has been busier than ever, handling 9 calls in an hour and a half with no 24's! Way to go everyone! Everyone on Tuesdays and all the company 8 members make being the Tuesday Captain enjoyable and something I look forward to each week. Help is needed on the overnight, a 2nd due driver and dispatcher every other week. First aiders are needed throughout the day and are always welcomed. A dispatcher for the 0700 shift is needed now that Tony has moved down south. We are sad to see him go and will miss him immensely.

Congrats to Zach Tuck on entering the driver training program as well as passing ambulance orientation with Nicole Campbell. Also, we would like to welcome new member Estrella to the 1500. She has been with us as a post member for the past year and was recently accepted as a full member. She is already a dispatcher and is working on ambulance orientation!

Thank you again to everyone!

Company 4 – Captain Katie Donegan

WEDNESDAY

I want to start off by thanking every person who is on Wednesday, has picked up and extra shift, or has come down to answer up on a signal 3. The people of our organization are truly what keep us going and every single one of you is an integral part of what we do.

I would like to welcome William Villatoro # 1566 to the 1100 shift. William comes to us already an EMT and we are very excited to have him on Wednesdays!

Just want to add a special shout out to Wednesday member Eric Kramer for editing the PULSE each month for me- I truly appreciate it!

If anyone is ever available to come down on a Wednesday, the 1100 shift is always looking for a second due crew, the 1500- a driver and the overnight- a dispatcher.

Thank you once more to everyone, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Katie

Company 5 – Captain John Mancino

THURSDAY

Congratulations to Brett Dowler who is moving on to ACL training.

Welcome to new member Robert Sinrich #1567 Thursday 1100 and who just earned his EMT card. He is currently in Dispatch Training.

Equislaure Gabriel #1528 will be joining the 1900 shift as a FA, Welcome aboard.

Lots of service opportunities on all shifts. Please come on out while good seats are still available.

As of this writing, we have only one 24. And that is thanks to all of you.

July 4th was an extraordinary busy day with 26 alarms, 20 of which were between 0700 and 1500. NO 24's. I want to thank everyone who came in and made this day a success. We are only successful because of people like you who are so dedicated to the service of others. THANK YOU!!!! I hope you enjoyed the food, I spent the whole budget.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and covered shifts while I was out of town.

On a more serious note, I want to express my appreciation to all those members who cover the 2300 overnights on all shifts. That is certainly not an easy one and you all do it so well. Please be conscious to strip the beds in the morning if you have the time. I know it is not always easy with late calls, but it is becoming more regular that the beds are not being made ready for the next overnight crew and we need to keep all members of "OUR FAMILY" happy.

Be safe.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Best regards,
John Mancino
Thursday Captain

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

No Report.

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor

SATURDAY

Help is needed on the following shifts:

1900: Permanent Dispatcher

2300: Dispatcher, 1st due CL and DR and 2nd due CL and DR.

Great job to everyone for this helping out this past few Saturdays. Thank you to all Company 7 and Company 8 members: Chief Michael Como, Chief Ryane Como, Monday Day-Captain Kelly Murphy, Tuesday Day Captain Liz Mohr, Bazeel Walters, Robert Biersack, Timothy Quigley, Brian Block, David Villiegas, Richard Cortes, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky and Paul Bayer. Gray Brandel, Jeffrey Brenner, Brett Dowler, Annette Hershkowitz, Michael Capotosto, Deborah Rudilosso, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Paramedic Hayley and Emily, Chief Michael Como, 3rd Deputy Chief David Kaufman, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Captain Kelly Murphy, Captain Liz Mohr, Captain Bill Connolly, Captain John Mancino, Deborah Rudilosso, Timothy Quielgy, Robert Biersack, Thomas Curry, Matthew Valle, Tristan Liu, Pam Brenner, Leyda Mata, David Villegas, Jordan Drelich, Mary Sisinni, Matthew Sisinni, Brian Block, Brian Canty, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Fritz Barreua, Paul Bayer, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, William Burtons, Richard Cortes, Vanessa Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Israel Cortes, Thomas Hogan (standby), Dominic Heavey (standby), Andrea Golinsky (standby-PR), Zachary Tuck, Zachary Flurkey, Fiona Witkowski, Samantha Ryan, Keith Rubenstein, Gary Brandel, Kimeberly Prestin, Michael Capotoso, Keith Tamayo.

I would like to Welcome New Member First Aider 1568 Benjamin a.k.a "Ben" Curry offically on Saturday 0700 from Post 215. When you see Ben, please welcome him with open arms and hearts as he is very excited to be a part of HCFAS.

Noteable Calls.

July 26, 2019- Saturday finished with **21 calls** (with **one signal 24** and **Cardiac arrest** call) due to no more rigs available at that moment.

July 20, 2019- We had a **Cardiac arrest (with pulse)**, **Boat accident** and Member of service. All very positive results, all transported.

July 13, 2019- This Saturday had **14 calls**. We had a signal 24 mutual aid from Melville Fire Department for a basement fire. We had multiple MVAs, plus a medivac call. Great jobs, to all the crews, members that responded to these calls and Huntington Manor Fire Department.

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor (cont'd)

SATURDAY

To our new members: if you are having trouble logging in to the website, computers or CAD (Dispatch Office), speak to me first and then I will direct you to the appropriate person. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please do your review training. When doing so, make sure you do a review training, at less one a day, not all on the same day. Thank you. *

Reminder: ALL EMT'S, Please make sure you have taken either CPAP or BLS 12 Lead EKG or both classes. All are required.

If you need a CPR Card, chairperson Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible, to get in a class. MICHAEL JACOBY (cpr@hcfas.org).

HCFAS Recycling Program- Fiona Witowski

Help Save the Planet!

The Town of Huntington is resuming its recycling collection program for HCFAS. Please put paper and cardboard in the blue recycling bin in the truck room and it will be collected every day except Sunday. Thank you!

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	August 6
ENFD Parade	August 7
GMM	August 12
Officers Meeting	August 13
Greenlawn FD Parade	August 29



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

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

SC Recruitment Committee – The Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Service (SERVES) (DEADLINE 10/1/19) -Bob Franz

The SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES program follow.

- The program is a reimbursement program with award payment made directly to the student-volunteer at the completion of each semester.
- SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of June 2019 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an “A” would be \$2,735.
- The student-volunteer will receive reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA.
- The number of credits supported by the program; full or part time; covers up to 120 lifetime credit hours (Bachelor’s Degree) (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours and limitation due to prior credit hours earned).
- The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Fall Semester is October 1, 2019. Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.
- For more information about SERVES go to www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.
- This is NOT an educational program; it is a retention program designed to help keep Members in the Volunteer Fire & EMS Service. The student must maintain acceptable volunteer activity and training levels as set forth by HCFAS during their entire course of study and must continue this service for a period of time after receipt of total SERVES funds (post education commitment).

HCFAS Scholarship Drawing Winners – Secretary Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to six winners out of eleven eligible applicants as follows: Members: Esteban Lopez, Danielle Raynor and Meaghan Salzone and Colby Martin son of Susan Martin, Matthew Muszynski son of Diane Muszynski and Greysin Rose son of Israel Cortes. Congratulations to the winners and continued success to everyone in your educational endeavors.

Member Mail Folders – Bob Franz

Reminder: Each time you come on your shift, please check your mail folder for any correspondence etc. and please do not use your folder for storage. Please notify the Chief Dispatcher if you need a new folder or label. Thanks.

New Member Spotlight- Martha Brenner

Robert Sinrich #1563 Thursday 1100

Robert is awaiting his EMT card. He has volunteered with several fire departments over the years: 12 years with Plainview FD, 4 years with Port Washington and currently with Centerport. He is the father of 2 girls and the grandfather of 5 plus his Bernese mountain dog rounds out the family.



Michael Mahoney #1564 Sunday 1900

Michael learned about HCFAS from his friend and our member Venel Grimadeau #1298. Michael has a Bachelor degree from SUNY Farmingdale in communications. He has his EMT and is currently working for Hunter Ambulance while pursuing an opportunity with FDNY EMS. In his free time he enjoys water sports.

Giorgia Iannetti #1561 Friday 1100

Giorgia was graduated from Stony Brook University and plans to apply to PA school but will be taking a few years off to work. She graduated from high school outside of Washington DC where the family lived while her father, who is in the Italian Navy, was stationed in DC. She moved to Cold Spring Harbor to live with an Aunt and Uncle to attend SBU and will continue living here as her immediate family has returned to Italy. She has worked as a lifeguard, and is the middle of three girls. Giorgia speaks fluent Italian.



Proposed SOP Changes- Dave Mohr

Proposed SOP Change 01-2019

Proposal:

To update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge program.

Background/Justification:

NYS has eliminate the EMT-CC program and implemented a bridge program for all current EMT-CC's

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

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

10. Training

The Chief is authorized to approve and schedule work details, squad-related EMS training courses at the squad, including courses given by the Suffolk County Division of EMS or other course sponsors, and will be responsible for scheduling and coordination of events. The Chief will confirm all programs with the President.

The training of our members is of the utmost importance. Training is no longer limited to a single course or two. In addition to the recognized state levels of certification there are seminars, conferences, and continuing education courses that benefit members. In an effort to allow membership to achieve the most from what is available to them, while insuring that the squad benefits also, the following guidelines have been established for the reimbursement of training courses for members in good standing. A member on probation is not precluded from attending courses. Training courses beyond the normal and customary American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Suffolk or Nassau County EMT ~~and/or AEMT~~, including CME classes, require pre-approval of the Second Deputy Chief. Any training course that exceeds these limits requires the pre-approval of the Board of Directors.

Upon successful completion of any course, conference or seminar that is directly related to the function of the organization, as determined by the Second Deputy Chief, the member must complete a Course/Seminar Reimbursement Request form. The member must attach a copy of the certificate of completion along with verification of the course cost and payment, and submit all documentation to the Second Deputy Chief for approval. All training courses except ARC, AHA, and EMT ~~and CC~~ courses require pre-approval from the Second Deputy Chief. The reimbursement of HCFAS required course fee, through the American Red Cross and American Heart Association is authorized when that individual is subsequently accepted for membership within 6 months of course completion. Members must be in good standing when requesting reimbursement. For reimbursement for EMT-P courses the member must be in good standing for the entire preceding (6) six month period immediately preceding each reimbursement request.

Reimbursement limits are as follows:

- a. Seminars, Conferences and Continuing Education courses: \$75.00 maximum including mileage, unless approved in advance by the Board of Directors.
- b. CTC Course: \$150.00 maximum including mileage.
- c. ACLS Course: \$400.00 maximum including mileage.
- d. EMT and EMT-CC: \$550.00 maximum including mileage.
- e. EMT-P Refresher Courses: \$800.00 maximum including mileage.
- 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. ~~The initial reimbursement will be for 1/6 of the total approved course cost (fees, tuition, books and mileage) after~~
 - a. After the member receives the status of EMT-P and is approved to ride in Suffolk County (see item 7 below), provided the member has remained in good standing, the member will be entitled to initial reimbursement for one-sixth (1/6) of the total approved course cost (fees, tuition, books and mileage).
 - b. Reimbursement Period: The member shall be entitled to reimbursement of the balance of the approved course cost in five parts, every six months for the next two and a half years, the first at the six month anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card. These anniversary dates shall be extended by the period of any medical leave of absence taken by the member following completion of the course.
 - c. Requirements: Entitlement to reimbursement is contingent upon the member meeting the 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 during the reimbursement period 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.
 - d. Responsibility of the Member: For the next two and one half years, every ~~Every~~ six months during the reimbursement period, from the course completion date anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card, the member must complete a Purchase Order for an additional one-sixth (1/6) of the total approved course costs and submit this to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will obtain a written verification from the Chief. that during the reimbursement period. the member has maintained

~~the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P; fulfilled additional duty requirements as listed below; not gone on any Leaves of Absences, other than Medical; and is a member in good standing with the squad before reimbursement may occur. The two and half year's reimbursement period will be extended for the period that cumulative Medical LOAs exceed three months. The member must ride as an ALS provider when on duty and any regular deviation must be approved by the operational officers. The member must agree to provide an additional 4 hours per week either on a second duty tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour during the reimbursement period. The second duty tour must be approved by the operational officers.~~

e. Any member not meeting the reimbursement requirements for the reimbursement period will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

f. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO APPLY FOR AND FOLLOW UP ON THESE SEMI-ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENTS.

- 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 \$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.
- i. After the member receives the status of EMT-P and is approved to ride in Suffolk County (see item 7 below), 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 EMT-P 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.
- iii. Requirements: Entitlement to reimbursement is contingent upon the member meeting the service requirements. During the reimbursement period, the member must:
- a. Remain a member in good standing;
 - b. Maintain the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P;
 - c. Fulfill additional duty requirements as follows:
 - i. Must ride as an ALS provider when on duty except as otherwise approved by the operational officers;
 - ii. Provide an additional four hours per week either on a second duty tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour during the reimbursement period 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.
- iv. Responsibility of the Member: Every six months during the reimbursement period, from the anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card, the member must complete a Purchase Order for an additional one-third (1/3) of the total approved course costs and submit this to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will obtain a written verification from the Chief, that during the reimbursement period, the member has

maintained the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P; fulfilled additional duty requirements.

- v. Any member not meeting the reimbursement requirements for the reimbursement period will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- vi. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO APPLY FOR AND FOLLOW UP ON THESE SEMI-ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENTS.**
- h. Courses not sponsored by the Nassau or Suffolk County EMS Program Agency will be reimbursed to the member provided the following requirements are completed:
 - i. Pre-approval is required by the Board of Directors and must be presented to the Board of Directors by the Chief.
 - ii. A Course/Seminar Reimbursement Request form is completed with verification of course costs attached (fees, tuition, books and detail daily mileage).
 - iii. The member provides documentation of successful completion of the course (copy of certificate).
 - iv. The member submits a completed certification; HCFAS form # , stating that HCFAS is the last dollar reimbursement.
 - v. The member submits a completed acknowledgement of squad reimbursement HCFAS form # . The member provides proof of completion of all requirements to ride as a member of the Suffolk County system.
- i. The Chief is authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$150.00 for each in-house training event for food and beverage.

NOTE: The Treasurer is responsible to file the NYS DOH EMT course reimbursement voucher but the member must provide the Treasurer with any documentation required by the NYS DOH otherwise the squad's reimbursement to the member will be delayed

Old letters (g) and (h) change to (h) and (i).

Proposed SOP Change 06-2019

Proposal:

To create a response matrix to reduce the number of ALS to BLS hand-offs; maximize our EPCR practices through proper charting; increase the participation of our volunteers; reduce the number of multi-vehicle responses, thereby increasing safety awareness, all while not jeopardizing patient care or our contract with the Town of Huntington.

Background/Justification:

History has now shown that there are a lot of calls in which there is no need to have a paramedic respond. This proposal will address that issue and thereby increase our safety awareness.

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

Article X, Section 7 – Paid Paramedics, Paragraph 13

Paramedic response - The on-duty paramedic will respond to ~~all~~ alarms based on the following matrix:

Alpha and Bravo calls – A BLS ambulance only will respond.

Charlie, Delta and Echo calls – BLS or ALS volunteer ambulance and a Paid Paramedic responder.

At any time, a Crewleader may request that the Paid Paramedic respond in conjunction with the on-duty crew. In the case of a back-up call, in which the Dispatcher is paging out for a Crewleader or Driver, the Dispatcher will immediately send the Paid Paramedic to the call regardless of the nature or priority level of the call.

If a Paid Paramedic responds, they will ~~to~~ perform an ALS assessment to determine if they will be transporting with the crew or handing off the patient to another ALS provider on scene, or determining that BLS care is both sufficient and appropriate for the patient. If the ALS assessment determines that the call is BLS, the Paid Paramedic must document the reason for the downgrade on the separate PCR. Once the paramedic transfers care to another provider, they are to notify the dispatcher and MEDCOM that they are back in service. In the event that the assignment is considered an ALS level assignment and the medic transports, a crew member, if available, will drive the paramedic vehicle to the receiving hospital without lights and siren. If no one is available to drive the paramedic vehicle, the paramedic is responsible for making sure the vehicle is parked in a safe place out of traffic and properly secured (locked) at the scene.

Proposed SOP Change 07-2019

Proposal:

Add the securing of vehicles while at the hospital to the Drivers responsibilities and update procedures.

Background/Justification:

This proposed SOP change is designed to bring us in to compliance with NYSDOH Policy 09-07, which was first released June, 17 2009. NYSDOH Policy 09-07 is intended to encourage EMS agencies to develop policies and procedures that will improve the security and safety of their response vehicles and minimize the possibility of unauthorized use and theft.

Update procedures based on current practice.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article VI, Section 6 - Proceeding to the Hospital

1. Once the patient(s), personnel and equipment are secured on-board the ambulance, the Driver will check to see that all doors are closed. The Driver will check with the Crewleader before the ambulance is moved. The Driver will adjust his driving in accordance with the nature of the call, road conditions, etc.
2. The Crewleader will give Medcom and base a Signal 18 and advise as to which hospital they will be transporting. ~~The First Aider in the Crewleader seat will give base a Signal 18 and advise the Dispatcher of the number of patients being transported.~~
3. The Crewleader will contact the hospital, if needed, and inform them of the number of patients and , their condition and estimated time of arrival. Transmissions to the hospital should be informative and brief. If you are unable to contact the hospital on the hospital frequency, go through the Dispatcher. Do not keep calling the hospital or Medcom if they do not answer after three attempts.
4. Upon arriving at the hospital give Medcom the signal before base and turn the vehicle engine off. The Driver should remain with the vehicle, unless assistance with the patient is needed. maintain a Signal 9 whenever possible. If the Driver needs to leave the vehicle unattended ~~the engine shall be turned off, remove the keys removed from the ignition and secure all doors the vehicle and external compartments secured.~~

Proposed SOP Change 08-2019

Proposal:

To add the length of service awards gift program to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

To incorporate the program into the SOP's

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

Article X, Section 1 – Purchasing Policy, Paragraph (A), (17)

Add a new paragraph h

- h. Length of Service Award Gift Eligibility – In recognition of years of service to the community, the Board of Director may award a member a gift, based on the below criteria.
- i The member must be in good standing as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of the Standard Operating Procedures to receive a gift.
 - ii Any time, the member was suspended or who has cumulative Operational or Educational Leaves of Absence in excess of one (1) year, will not have that time counted towards their length of service time period.
 - iii Associate Members who have left the Squad in Good Standing and return to Active Duty will have their prior time counted towards the length of service time period.
 - iv Members achieving twenty (20) years of service will receive a watch engraved with their initials, membership number and years of service, at a cost not to exceed \$500.
 - v For lengths of service in excess of twenty (20) years, the member will be notified, in writing, by the Committee Chairperson three (3) months in advance of reaching a milestone length of service and will have three (3) months, from there service date, to notify the Committee Chairperson of their choice.
 - vi Members achieving twenty-five (25) years of service will receive a gift of their choice at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. The gift must be engravable, or be able to have a plaque permanently affixed to it. The cost of the engraving or plaque shall be included in the cost of the gift. The engraving will have the members initials, membership number and years of service.
 - vii Members achieving thirty (30) years of service and at five (5) year intervals thereafter, will receive a gift of their choice at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. The gift must be engravable, or be able to have a plaque permanently affixed to it. The cost of the engraving or plaque shall be included in the cost of the gift. The engraving will have the members initials, membership number and years of service.
 - viii The gifts may be one item or a “set” of items, i.e. a computer with a printer and monitor or a camera, carrying case and battery charger, provided that the items are integral to the award. The member cannot “go shopping” to spend the allotted amount.
 - ix Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.



CRIME
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CME



Who has been on that call, that wow call? Maybe it was it an MVA, a working house fire, a victim of violence, a crime to cover up a crime, a bad drug overdose or suicide. HOW DO WE OPERATE IN THAT ENVIRONMENT? And now it's a CRIME SCENE.

The Huntington Community First Aid Squad in partnership with Sergeant Andrew San Germano of the Suffolk County Police Department Crime Scene unit will be hosting a lecture on EMS/First responders and crime scene preservation. This CME is open to EMS providers and Firefighters who may be responding to alarms involving the commission of a crime.

Discussion and extensive Q&A to include: R.E.S.P.O.N.D. (a CS mnemonic for Respond, Evaluate, Secure, Protect, Observe, Notify, Document); Evidence Considerations at Crime Scenes; Personal Risk Reduction; Handling Violent Situations; and Personal Safety Techniques. Preserving as much evidence as possible while trying to destroy as little evidence as possible.

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7PM
2 hours Noncore CME - Operations

PLEASE PARK IN THE RAILROAD COMMUTER PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2 Railroad Street
Huntington Station, NY 11746

Please RSVP/ Walk-ins Welcome
For additional information and registration
cme@hcfas.org or
Fiona Witkowski EMT (Fiona.witkowski@gmail.com)
John Mancino RN, EMT-CC (jmancino@optonline.net)

Good and Welfare (July)- Roger Winter

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Good and Welfare was not posted in the July issue. The July submissions are included below.

Good and Welfare



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Associate Member Edward Jos, member 692. Ed was a member of HCFAS for over 20 years, and a member of HMFD for over 30 years.



Get well wishes for Life Member Linda Osborn, we hope she is feeling better soon.

Get well wishes to David Angevine husband of Gina Angevine member # 1073 who was briefly hospitalized. he is home now and recovering.

Get well wishes to Chrissie Tedone, who was injured at work. She is home and recovering, calls, texts and emails are welcome.





Congratulations to Jake Levinsky on receiving his Eagle Scout Award.



Eagle Scouts!

Yesterday evening, at Sagamore Hill, the home of President Theodore Roosevelt, I honored 23 scouts from [#NY03](#) who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. This is an incredible achievement as only 4% of all Boy Scouts go on to become Eagle Scouts.

Congratulations to these trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent young men!





Congratulations to Joe Grant on his marriage to Carolyn Garelle. We wish you many happy years together

Congratulations to HCFAS members Annika Lacroze and **Cydney Brown** and Post 215 members Alex Hastava and Ben Curry on their graduation from Cold Spring Harbor High School today!! We are lucky to have them as part of our organization. (I could only wrangle two of them for a picture!) 😊



Good and Welfare- Roger Winter

Good and Welfare July 2019

GET WELL
SOON



Get well soon for Joanne Neumann, wife of member Ferd Neumann. Joanne was briefly hospitalized but is home right now recovering. Please also keep Ferd in your prayers as well.



Mary Winter was briefly hospitalized, but has made a full recovery.

Well wishes to Don Roulo, who is out on a back injury calls, texts, and emails are welcome

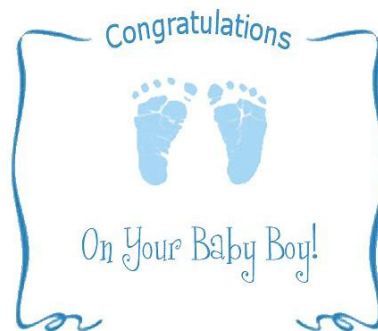
Well wishes to Eileen Burns, we hope you get well soon.



Well wishes to Mary Jane Wozniak, we also hope that you get well soon.



Very Happy Birthday to our First Deputy Liz Wuestman who on a side note is doing an outstanding job



Tremendous congratulations to our Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como as they're expecting their first child.

We are very happy to announce that our family will be growing this year. Baby boy Como due in November



WINNER OF THE 3 ON A 16 FOR JUNE. JAKE LEVINSKY



Jake Levinsky won the 3 on a 16 raffle for June.

ROCKE FAMILY REUNION AT HCFAS

Ferdinand Rocke's family had a family reunion at HCFAS recently. Ferd Rocke was the second president of HCFAS in XXXX. His family children and their children, cousins and uncles meet at the General Membership meeting room. They came from all over the US and Sweden for the reunion. They were amazed by the building and the management of calls. They told stories of Ferd and his wife Ruth who were both Founding Members of calls that the parents told them. They were very appreciative for the use of the building and the meeting room.

Kelly Murphy introduced the family to the building and passed on a greeting from Chief Mike Como. In appreciation Lynn Rocke Veith designed a quilt that was then given to the Squad. The quilt is in the second floor display case. From

L/R Captain Andrew Taylor, Captain Kelly Murphy, Kirk Rocke, Jan, Kyle Rocke, (from Sweden), Lynn, (She made the quilt), Chief Dispatcher Mike Barker, BOD Member Roger Winter.



August Length of Service Awards
to be presented at August GMM

20 Years- Dominic Heavey # 973

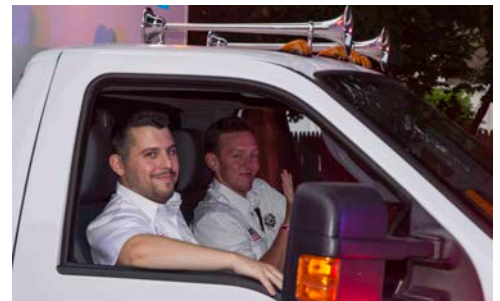
10 Years- Bency Jean-Baptiste #1269

5 Years- Keith Tamayo #1435

Thank you for your service!



HCFAS Members and Explorers marched in the 2019 HMFD Parade on July 17, 2019 led by Chief Mike Como along with 1st Deputy Chief Wuestman, 2nd Deputy Chief Como and 3rd Deputy Chief Kaufman



August 2019

HCFAS Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Dominic Heavey & Meaghan Salzone	3 Lorrie Stone
4	5 Ann Maloney	6 Hugh O'Brien	7 Bruce Hafner & Maria Aviles	8 Rich Stone, John Palmieri & Michael Barker	9	10 Keith Tamayo
11	12 Vanessa Hernandez	13	14 Lauren Connolly	15 Melissa Anastos	16	17 Brandon Eybergen
18 Tom Lemp & Steven Benjamin	19 Matt Sisinni & Vanessa Gallego	20	21 Bernard Poole	22	23	24
25 George Reeder	26 Suzie Biagi, Loreley Villamide- Herrera & David Villegas	27 Shayna Castagna	28 Nate Bruskin	29 Mary Jane Woznick & Anthony Cambareri	30 Christy Stiles, Margaret Coyle, Gregory Pierre & Christina Denker	31