



The Pulse

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Roger Winter

Well, December is upon us and what events occur in December? Let's see now...; Hanukkah, Pearl Harbor Day (1941), First Day of Winter, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the end of a year and the beginning of a New Year. Here are some others we should be aware of; AIDS Awareness Day, Human Rights Day, and Squad events include the Children's and Adult Holiday Parties and of utmost importance, the Squad Elections.

Squad elections are on December 13, 2010, and start early in the morning, 0600 hours (6:00AM) and are conducted all day long until the closing hours in the evening 2100 hours (9:00PM). The purpose is to elect those individuals who wish to help guide the Squad for the next year or two depending on the office they are aspiring to attain. The Operational Officers are elected for a one year term and the Board of Directors are elected for a two year term. The Board of Directors is for a two year term to keep a continuity of thoughts on projects and purchases and goals and objectives. When you vote, keep in mind the position that the candidate is running for and your vote should not only represent your thoughts but the direction you would like the Squad to go in for not only the immediate year but for the next few years ahead.

As an organization, I feel we should be planning ahead for a five year period of time. A good example is the communications project. We have a five year plan to implement the total program which would include financing the project and implementing the total plan. This is a long range plan headed up by Jim Mallilo and others to insure our compliance with the new FCC rules that will be in effect in the near future. Another example is the ambulance purchases, a committee headed by Brian Canty which is always looking at innovative ways to improve the ambulance. We have a plan to purchase a new ambulance every year. This past year, because of the budget, we have been forced to make the purchase every other year. The fact is we adjusted the plan to compensate for the loss of funding and we are trying to acquire funds from other sources and budget reorganization. We have also reorganized the HCFAS savings and have put it into a ladder bond. This was spearheaded by Fernando Rivadeneira and the Finance Committee. We now have our HCFAS funds in a ladder bond, one coming due every year for the next five years. After each year we will examine the effectiveness of the bond and either roll it over or make a different investment. All of these examples are part of what the Board of Directors and Operational Officers are thinking about every day, week, and month of the year.

Once again you will be getting NEW Membership ID cards in the voting area, when you pay your dues, \$3.00, yes it is still \$3.00. You will sign in for your vote, ID Card, Insurance Information, Emergency Contact Card, Gift Card, check the Squad database information sheet, correct any errors and return it. If you feel lucky, you can also take a chance on the final run number of the year contest. The last few years it has been run by Bernie Hershkowitz.

At this time I would like to wish every candidate running for office good luck. Do not forget to vote and to attend the meeting Monday evening, for a wonderful meal and a great meeting highlighted by the results of the vote. I also want to wish everyone Happy Holidays for which ever holiday you celebrate and a very Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

As always my door is always open.

2nd Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Brenner

2nd Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Brenner, EMT-B

Happy Holidays!!!!

Well it's that magical time of year where children's eyes never seem to close, love and cheer ring through the air and ideals of peace on earth, good will to all come to the forefront. With this in mind I'd like to wish you and your family all a healthy and happy holiday season.

We have had a great year full of so much education and training from 16 EMT-B's from one class (thanks John of teaching as always with your group of instructors, you all do an amazing job), 20 ACL's both completed and in progress of becoming advanced to Crewleaders, CME series thought at Headquarters (thanks Mark), to classes being arranged by the CME coordinator (Capt. P. Brenner) and EMT class coordinator (Sally). This year also saw the first WMD course thought at HQ and looking for another one to start up early 2011.

Actually 2011 looks like a ton of training is being put together and the best way to stay safe, sharp with our skills and current with protocols and equipment is through education and training. I ask for your support in the 2011 election for 2nd Deputy Chief and hope to continue to promote education and training for the next year.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey Brenner, EMT-B
2nd Deputy Chief

December 2010 Service Awards

PAUL RITTENHOUSE

5 Years

Third Deputy Chief
David Mohr

If you haven't seen it yet, take a look at the second landing wall on the staircase to the second floor. A Memorial Tree has been installed in memory of our members who have answered their last call. This idea has been floating around for a number of years and this summer it was decided to make it come true. Thank you to **Director Andrea Golinsky** for the idea, **President Roger Winter** for the history and **Vice-President Brian Canty** for the research. When we started, the plaque had 73 names on it, after doing extensive research on dates of death, which we didn't have, the final number of members on the wall is at 87. The "leaves" on the tree are in the form of a star of life, with three different colors. Life Members are in brass (gold), Charter Members are in silver and all other members are in copper. There are 125 leaves on the tree and they were placed randomly, with blanks interweaved in for the unfortunate expansion.



Below is the ambulance rotation for the next month.

Ambulance Rotation for 2010

Ambulance Rotation will occur each week on Monday at 1900hrs

Week of	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
12/6/10	16	17	18	19	20	21
12/13/10	17	18	19	20	21	16
12/20/10	18	19	20	21	16	17
12/27/10	19	20	21	16	17	18
1/3/11	18	19	20	21	16	17

Projects we are working on and their status as a result of member input:

- ~ Rearrange the trophy cabinets and have picture and plaques hung. In progress.
- ~ Placing a piece of plexiglass over to the ribbon on the dedication wall to protect it. Getting an estimate.

COMPANY 2 CAPTAIN

Tim Ebert

Monday Pulse article

Congratulations to John Connors #1272 on passing his EMT-B test and Vanessa Ortiz #1297 on passing her dispatch test.

Welcome Brendan Fitts #1180 to Monday, He will be helping out on the 1100 shift.

Thank you also, to Joe Grant who is doing a triple shift and helping out on the 1100, 1500 and the overnight.

Welcome Back Donna Smith #1193 and Dave Mohr #748 from their medical LOA.

Thanks to all that have answered up on Monday. Your help is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks you to all my Monday crews for all your hard work throughout the year.

A very special thanks to:

Sharyn Cullen, 0700 - Sharyn rides on Sunday and Monday. She is vital to the success of the 0700 and sets an example for the entire organization. Your input, suggestions, and leadership is very much appreciated.

Richard Stone, 0700 – Thank you for all my Monday morning updates and help making phone calls to staff the 1100.

Crystal Muller, 1100 – Way to step up to the plate, now do the dishes.

Mary Brenner, 1500 – Your dedication to training and your persistence in covering calls is amazing!

Mark Brenner, 1500 – Thanks for all your feedback, suggestions, and input. You are like an EMS personal trainer. We always know where to go for answers and know that you got our backs.

Sal Signorelli, 1500 – Thanks for keeping me on my toes, doing double shifts, going on back up calls, and getting us there safely.

Dave Mohr, 1900 – Its always nice to have a chief on a shift. Thanks for help in coordinating and logistics.

Karen Martin, 1900 – Thanks for the Monday night updates and shift status info.

Nancy Courtemanche, 2300 – You have been my lifeline to the overnight. I always sleep well knowing that you have everything under control. Your leadership and instruction on this shift is what makes the overnight run so well.

COMPANY 3 CAPTAIN

Martha Brenner

While I write this article I am mindful of the fact that it will be published in December, a month of overwhelming activity full of celebrations with family and friends, but I am writing as Thanksgiving approaches, a day set aside to simply give thanks. I could not approach the topic of thanks without sending a huge THANK YOU to all of the members who have made my year as the Tuesday Day Captain a special time. Even though I have been a member for a long time, being an officer provides you with a different view of things. Officers may take on more responsibility but are also privileged to have a ring side seat into the huge amount of giving our members do. Day after day, week after week the gift of time is so generously donated to our community with so little thought for self. Donating is usually thought of in terms of money, yet the gift of time in our busy world is often a more difficult thing to give and yet, in our organization the gift of time is what makes us run. Without the 285 members currently on our roster there would be no HCFAS. People, giving generous people, are the engine that drives us.

I would like to send my personal thanks to all of you, those who make up the Tuesday Roster, those who fill in week after week and those who answer the inevitable back up call.

07:00 Karen, Al, Anel, Bazeel, Tony and Paul: week after week you are in, on time, rigs checked and chores completed during the usual 7:00-9:00 lull then you almost always run the last 2 hours with 2, 3 or 4 calls. You are a team of reliability, compassion and kindness.

11:00 Sheryl, Spike, Nancy you are the core of the team augmented weekly with incredibly reliable fill-ins, Lorrie, Kurt, Sally and Ferd. You manage to get the check-outs done, your review training up to date and have some fun time together while frequently running most of your 4 hours. You are the busiest shift this year and you handle it admirably. New member Anne Schwartz is learning from the best!

15:00 Diane, Juan, Joanne, Greg, Tomo and Terrance: This has not been an easy year for this crew. The shift has had a full crew every week in spite of sad personal issues that have kept a few of you away from HCFAS for a period of time this year. Your personal commitment to the community has remained strong.

1900. Seniors on the run! There are 11 members on this crew with a total of 157 YEARS of HCFAS experience, or 14.27 average per person. The "seniors" of course, refers to the longevity of a few who have been on this shift for many, many years and who bring the average way up! Mary, John, Joe and Liz bring 108 years of experience to the crew. Add in the newer kids on the block (meaning 10-20 year members) Chris W. and Tom and the experience is 146 years of EMS. Chris F, Meaghan and Peggy are destined to remain the "new kids on the block" no matter how many years go by! How can new members not learn the best when they have an opportunity to learn from the best!

COMPANY 3 CAPTAIN

Martha Brenner

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2300: Experience abounds on this shift as well, Ferd and "Uncle B" Canty have seen it all, and are a wonderful resource for our newer members, apparently they can both think pretty well after being woken up multiple times a night. The communications are handled by the two alternate dispatchers, Mary Jane and Donna who both have over 20 years in! This shift is completed by a deeply committed group: Keith, Kevin, Jim, and Matt.

To the huge and giving group who fill in over and over, who were there to cover me when I was unable to fill my own shift and who answer the backup alarm week after week after week: Tom O'Leary, Luke Bartolomeo, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Kyle Rudden, Tim Quigley, Jeremy Boehm, Jim Harrigan, John Palmieri, Brian Canty, Chris Winter, Carol Nicefaro, Sheryl Burke, Nancy Courtemanche, Jim Mallilo, Howard Loewenthal, Sal Signorelli, Joey Denimarck, Paul Mori, Jim Lupo, Joe Grant, Michele Miller, Scott Bilanski, Paul Rittenhouse, Paul Kelly, Tyler Gibbs and, no doubt I have left out a name or two, but I thank you all.

I thank you all for what you do for our organization day after day. And, I thank each and every one of you for your tremendous support to me and my family during the rough time we have gone through this year.

Family is truly everything that is important in this life. I could not speak on the topic of thanks without thanking my own family, from the bottom of my heart, for the love and support they have provided to me this past year. It is my personal opinion that HCFAS is a really, really large extended family and I am very proud to be a part of it.

COMPANY 6 CAPTAIN

Pam Brenner

Company 6

I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, each and every member of Company 6 in 2010. While some members have come and gone each of you has left a lasting impact on my life. Being an officer this year has been a challenge but it has been deeply rewarding to be able to sit front row and watch the enormous contribution each of you makes every single week. I am truly humbled by the kindness, intelligence, dedication and compassion that I have witnessed. Fridays are, without a doubt, an entity unto themselves. Each member brings something unique to the table but I am always confident that the citizens of Huntington are in capable hands and will likely get a quick laugh when turning to HCFAS on Fridays.

To the 0700 crew: Carmen, Ken, Rich, Tom, Adriana, Kurt, and newest member Melissa. Thank you for always being in on time, in uniform, doing checkouts and for never ever having to call me with a problem. I don't know how you all get up and face the world so early but I appreciate the vigor with which you do it.

To the 1100 crew: Stefanie, Tom, Lorrie, and Joe. Thank you for always making do with the bare minimum. This shift is notoriously busy and each of you adapts to the necessary roles with whatever back-up personnel shows up for the inevitable second, third and fourth calls.

To the 1500 crew: Tyler, Keith, Patty, Jeff, Mary Beth. This crew has seen a ton of change this year! One of the busiest shifts of the day this crew consistently copes with changing circumstances and difficult situations. Your commitments to the organization week after week have remained strong and for that you should be commended.

To the 1900 crew: Tommy, Frank, Phil, Taha, Kathy, Chrissie, Jeremy, Israel, Venel. This crew defines the "squad family" though faced with great personal difficulty this year they have stood side by side, week after week taking care of each other. Thank you all for always giving me a home and for your undying enthusiasm for "Company 6".

To the 2300 crew: Paul, Vinny, Rich and Jimmy. A shift of newbies (sorry Paul!). You each have fallen into stride and have worked vigorously to advance through crewleading and driver training to ensure all calls are answered and I don't need to be woken in the middle of the night! I have tremendous admiration for each of you willingly giving up sleep for the good of your fellow citizens.

Thank you to Kurt and Tom who each consistently do an additional duty tour on Fridays, I would be lost without you. I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to thank the members who have consistently filled the gaps in the roster through the year whether doing duty tours or back up calls each of you has made my job a little bit easier so a huge THANK YOU go to: Paul Kelly, Paul Rittenhouse, Jeremy Boehm, Israel Cortes, Luke Bartolomeo, Chief Jeffrey Brenner, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Mark Cappola, Dale Bartolomeo, Vinny Maltese, Captain Martha Brenner, Kathy Castillo, Carol Niceforo, Joe Grant, Elizabeth Mohr, Todd Atkin, Jeff O'Neill, Tom Hogan, Seth Fischer, Matt Cappola, Nancy Courtemanche, Tyler Gibbs, Phil Orlando, Tommy Romano, and anyone whose name I missed, I thank you all.

I need to thank each and every member who provided support to my mother and the rest of my family through this particularly difficult year.

Finally, I need to thank my family. Without your constant love and support I would be lost. I wish each and every member of my HCFAS family happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes in 2011.

Qualified Candidates For The 2011 Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

Board of Directors:

Andrea Golinsky

Lehti Laas

Alyssa Axelrod

Thomas Lemp

Richard Stone

Chief:

John Palmieri

1st Deputy Chief:

Christopher Winter

2nd Deputy Chief:

Michele Miller

Jeffrey Brenner

3rd Deputy Chief:

David Mohr

Chief Dispatcher:

James Mallilo

Tyler Gibbs

Jeremiah Boehm

Day Captain:

Pamela Brenner

Martha Brenner

Tim Ebert

Luke Bartolomeo

Scott Bielanski

Keith Davis

Greg Orr

Alison Russo

Keith Rubenstein

Samantha Ryan

Hello everyone, Lehti Laas, member #938 requesting your support for my 3rd run as a Board of Director of HCFAS. I have been a member of HCFAS for close to 14 years. I pride myself in always representing the voice of the volunteer and the importance in preserving this in our organization. It is really great to see the dynamics we all have in working together for the success of HCFAS. The general public is so amazed to hear how we work and that our volunteer members are 250+ strong. It is undeniable how proud I am to work with all of you because if I wasn't a part of HCFAS, I would not believe the dedication our members have. Every time I ask one of my fellow volunteer's for assistance, you always step up to the plate and I thank-you. Other organizations are definitely envious of all the success we have here at 2 Railroad Street, we are very lucky to have the diverse group we do. I'm a Director that definitely loves to give a perspective that maybe silent or not represented at times. Please come out and vote on Monday, December 13th and I hope you vote to give me a seat again as a Director of HCFAS. It is truly an honor to serve the membership and my community that means so much to me.

My name is Alyssa Axelrod and I seek your support for a position on the 2011 Board of Directors. I would consider it a privilege to serve HCFAS in this capacity.

Some background on my experiences in HCFAS: I joined the squad in 2004 after volunteering the year prior in the Huntington Hospital ER. I was drawn to both by my interest in medicine and a strong desire to be involved in my community in a more meaningful way. I became an EMT-B in 2005 and I received my EMT-CC certification in 2007. I got to know many members early on through my duties as Chair of the Standby Committee in 2006 & 2007. I took on the responsibility of managing ALS checkouts in 2007, and since that time the quantity and quality of completed ALS checkouts has improved dramatically. I took over as Chair of the ALS Committee at the start of 2008, which has given me the opportunity to become familiar with HCFAS administrative processes. I've written, presented, and assisted in preparing several BOD proposals regarding new equipment and educational classes. My ongoing responsibilities in ordering and maintaining ALS supplies have familiarized me with budgeting procedures and HCFAS purchasing policies. I was honored to be selected as ALS Provider of the Year for 2008. I've also participated on the Recruitment Committee, and have organized multiple squad-sponsored Weight Watchers classes to the benefit of many members.

Over the last few years, I've attended many Board of Director meetings in order to stay informed on issues affecting HCFAS, and also as a way of better understanding squad operations and the decision-making process. My experience as a riding member and ALS Provider has given me a solid base of understanding as far as operations and field knowledge. I maintain a vigorous interest in advances in EMS - new research, new procedures, and new technology. I know there are opportunities for HCFAS to expand our patient care capabilities within Suffolk County Protocols. Many people also know I am passionate about volunteerism - understanding what drives people to serve their community, and what nurtures their interest and enthusiasm. I feel strongly that members who feel individually recognized and valued become self-motivated volunteers who push themselves to advance their own level of knowledge, practice and maintain their skills, join committees, stay involved, and motivate others.

Their commitment to HCFAS, and their sense of value as members, translates into the highest quality of patient care. As a member of the Board of Directors, I would advocate this people-centered belief. My knowledge and experience make me a well-qualified candidate; my unique perspective and independent voice would make me an asset to the Board of Directors.

I welcome any inquiries emailed to alyssa.axelrod@gmail.com.

Dear Members,

My name is Richard Stone and I am running for a position on the Board of Directors.

For the past 2 years it has been my pleasure to serve as your Chief Dispatcher. As a result of this experience I would like to continue to be an active participant in the administration of this organization. Prior to my joining HCFAS, I ran my own business as a general contractor. I have experience in managing all aspects of my business from creating the plans, to the financing and the completion of a successful job. I am now retired and I have the time to bring these skills to the Board.

During my time as Chief Dispatcher, we went to a computerized dispatching system and changed our radios to a UHF digital system. I feel a lot has been accomplished, however there is still much to be done. As a board member I would be in the position to continue to help HCFAS move forward.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Richard Stone

Dear Fellow Members,

I would like to begin by wishing a happy and healthy holiday season to you and your families.

As you know I am running for the position of Second Deputy Chief for the 2011 year.

At this time I am asking for your support to elect me to help serve our department. I have served as captain in the past and once again would like to help serve and make a difference for our agency.

As most of you know I currently work at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Patchogue and serve as the EMS and Emergency Management Coordinator. Prior to working at BMHMC I worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for 4 years.

I believe through all of my schooling and work experience I have what it takes to be second deputy and help improve our agency through NIMS compliant trainings and much more.

I represent you, the members, while serving as second deputy so please consider me when you go and vote.

I will have an open door policy. If you have a problem please feel free to contact me and I will see if I can help or point you in the right direction.

Thanks for your support, and please remember to Vote on Monday, December 13th.

Thank you in advance and good luck to everyone running,

Michele Miller

2nd Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Brenner, EMT-B

To my fellow members,

I am the Second Deputy Chief seeking reelection in the December 2010 vote here at HCFAS. This year has seen great strides in education with an increase of nearly twenty EMT-B's and three ALS providers. We also have many others in both BLS and ALS classes as we look toward the future in next year. The major increases of ALS and BLS providers should help alleviate many staffing problems we currently see week to week. The desire to learn and progress from the membership is a reason for my running for reelection.

A small summary of me would tell you that I have worked at a professional EMT-B across Nassau and Suffolk Counties, I have recently completed my Bachelors Degree from Long Island University, NIMS 300 & 700, EVOC certified, a musician and creative person by trade. My experience as an EMT and jazz musician help me to become a creative out of the box thinker and apply these traits to everything I do at HCFAS.

This organization is made up of so many passionate and dedicated people who put their lives to the side; families work school, and promote the ideals of peace and good will towards man. You, the membership, exemplify these ideals and make being a leader a pleasure.

Education must be on the top of the important list for our organization to keep ourselves and crew member's safe at all times, to provide the best pre-hospital care to our community, and most of all to better ourselves as individuals.

I ask for your support in the December vote for the 2011 Second Deputy Chief office and thank you for the privilege of being a Deputy Chief this past year.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Brenner, EMT-B
2nd Deputy Chief

David Mohr for Third Deputy Chief

Dear Members;

I would like to ask for your continued support on Monday, December 13th. We have made great strides over the last year and I would like to continue improving our building and vehicles.

I would like to thank the many members that have contributed to the improvements of our building and vehicles. We have improved the daily maintenance of our building, including the regular maintenance of the truck room floor and bi-annual carpet cleaning and tile floor stripping and waxing. We have implemented a recycling program. We have dealt with major floods and blizzards and have kept the building functional through each of them. We have upgraded our tribute to our members that have answered their last call with a memorial tree. We have hung many of the tributes to the Squad on our walls for all to see and there is still more to do.

I am asking for your support to continue as your Third Deputy Chief and continue the progress we have made. With the installation of the Memorial Tree, we can move the Life Membership and Charter Member Plaques to the second floor and make the first floor trophy case a history of the Squad. We also need to move the pictures of our Past President's and Ex-Chief's to a more suitable and fitting location.

I am asking for your support and vote for Third Deputy Chief on Monday, December 13th.

Thank you in advance for your support.

David Mohr

Nominee for Chief Dispatcher 2011

November 15, 2010

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to wish a happy holiday season to you and your families.

I am running for the position of Chief Dispatcher and I am seeking your support in this coming election. I became a member in early September 2001 on the Sunday overnight.

I joined the Oxygen Committee in 2002 and became an EMT that year.

In 2003 I qualified as a Driver and obtained Crew leader status in 2009.

In 2006 I chaired the Technology Committee and presently remain there.

I am involved and implemented the Computer Aided Dispatch, Roster Service Awards, and Fund Drive.

In communications I implemented the purchase and installation of our new frequency, the Boxer Court Repeater site and the vehicle radios. This year we are planning the installation of a backup repeater to further expand and improve the radio coverage in our district.

I am willing to put in the time and effort that the position demands. I know I can make a difference with the help of the membership of Huntington Community.

Thank you,

Jim Mallilo #1030

To: The Members of HCFAS

Re: Chief Dispatcher

My name is Jeremiah Boehm, member #1225 and I am running for the position of Chief Dispatcher. I became a member of HCFAS on June 6, 2008 and chose the Thursday 2300 shift, I later switched to the Friday 1900 shift where I continue to ride. Since joining I have completed an EMT course and become a driver and crewleader.

I am chair of vehicle maintenance committee and co-chair of BLS supplies. I am also a member of the BLS-meds committee and the dispatch training committee. As many of you know I have done a lot over the last couple of years with everything from vehicle maintenance to BLS supplies. My hard work can be seen in the changes in both the maintenance and BLS supply closets and how I have better organized them.

I believe that I can apply the same dedication to this position as I have done on all of the committees, as well as the work I have done helping our third deputy chief. I am willing to put in the time and effort that the position requires and I believe I can make a difference with the help of the membership of Huntington Community.

Thank You

Jeremiah Boehm #1225

My name is Pamela Brenner and I am running for day captain. I have had the privilege of serving as Friday Captain for the past year where I have come to know and love the members of Company 6. Serving as Captain has provided me with many challenges and new experiences that I will not soon forget. I greatly appreciate the exceptional service and support of the Friday crews, my fellow captains and the chief officers throughout this term. I have learned a great deal and I continue to strive to learn more about the department. I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside the 2011 officers to continue to see change and growth within HCFAS. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Brenner #1157

Becoming the Tuesday Captain this year came as a bit of a surprise to me as I had not put myself up as a candidate. After much thought I accepted the office and am very glad that I did. Being a Captain has been a great experience. Although I have been a member for many years I am amazed by how much I learned over the course of the past year. I truly feel that being an officer has been a privilege and I am grateful for the opportunity.

I hope to be able to continue as the Tuesday Captain in 2011. During the past year the officers have been able to move forward on updating the SOP's and as the committee lead for this work I hope to see the updates finalized next year. An organization of 285 people must continually be updating and moving forward while never forgetting the great history that has made us the premier organization we are today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martha Brenner

Tim Ebert, Day Captain Candidate.

I would like to thank the members of Huntington Community First Aid Squad for giving me the opportunity to serve as Monday Day Captain in 2010. It was an honor to be an officer in an organization that does so much for the community. I have enjoyed working with everyone and hope that you will have me as an officer in 2011.

Dear Members,

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” Vince Lombardi.

My name is Scott Bielanski (#1076) and I am respectfully running for the position of Day Captain. I am an EMT-CC and work as a paid ALS provider for Ridge Fire Department for the last four years. In addition I hold the position of Cardiovascular Technologist at Brookhaven Hospital. Before my career change into healthcare 10 years ago, I served as a manager in sales and marketing for six years.

The above quote is one that has a profound impact on the very foundation from which HCFAS was built. Our department has been responsible for achieving many great things since it's inception. That being said in the last couple of years I have seen this department stray from the core values that made us so respected in this county as a leading EMS agency. We need to focus more on working together for the whole of the agency and especially for the most important component – the patients that call us in a time of need.

The general members of HCFAS are the lifeblood of this agency; without their day-to-day dedication we would have nothing from which to build upon. I believe we need to get back to our roots. The officers that represent this agency need to do just that, which is “represent” the general membership and the ideals from which this organization was created. We need to get back to basics: patient care, personal responsibility, teamwork, professionalism, unity, and most importantly...selflessness. We all take time away from our families, personal lives and livelihoods. We all want to be respected for our opinions and what we as individuals can bring to the table. Our members are compiled from diverse backgrounds and come from many different professions. Their ideas are vital to the growth and success of this agency. It is imperative that officers of this agency listen to the membership and respect the personal sacrifice that they have made to serve their communities.

I promise to work hard to allow all of our member's voices to be heard. I will also uphold the values that are at the core of HCFAS. I will make myself accessible to all of my crews and take care of any concerns in a timely manner. We're all part of a great organization, and I look forward to the possibility of serving HCFAS as a Day Captain. Thank you for your consideration and I hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and safe holiday!!!!

Sincerely,

Scott Bielanski, EMT-CC

Members of Huntington Community First Aid Squad:

My name is Keith Davis and I am asking for your vote on December 13th as I run for the position of Day Captain.

I joined Commack FD in 2005 and quickly knew that I wanted to further educate myself in Emergency Services and I took my EMT course here at HCFAS in 2006. I was privileged to have achieved the highest GPA in the class. I liked the organization so much that I joined shortly after in 2007. I have gone on to complete my EMT-CC as well as graduate Adelphi University with my BSN. I am currently employed by NSUH in the Nuero ICU.

I understand that being an officer takes a lot of dedication and hard work, I am not afraid of that challenges that will most definitely come in the following year. I believe that my medical knowledge, strong work ethic and my ability to LISTEN as well as LEAD, make me a qualified candidate for the position of Day Captain.

I currently ride on every other Saturday 2300-0700, but have taken to staying around for the Sunday afternoon shifts to help when needed.

If you have ANY questions for me please stop down during my shift(s) or email me at K.DavisICURN@gmail.com.

Thanking you in advance for your support,

Keith Davis, BSN, RN, EMT-CC
#1208



*Congratulations to member
Christine Russo-Tedone
on her marriage to Peter Tedone!*

*They “tied the knot” on
Sunday, October 24th, 2010*

BASICS – DECEMBER 2010

Happy Holidays
By Mark Brenner

Boy has this been a busy semester. I wish I had the time to do one more round of questions for this column. But time has been at a premium and, sadly, something had to give. But as we enter the holiday season, I wish to take this opportunity to extend Seasoning Greetings to one and all. And, I would like to congratulate my children, Pam and Jeffrey for serving as officers this past year. It's not easy having an Ex-Chief for a dad, but I wish to compliment you for your dedication and growth as officers. I have tried to stay in the background so that you would be able to blaze your own trail. And I have been very proud of you, especially each time you have asked for my advice. I would like to also commend their mother, Martha for her service as an officer and for her faithfulness to her office as she struggled with a serious illness. May the New Year find you in better health.

And for all who have served to the best of their ability despite adversity, thank you. May you enjoy a peaceful Holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year. And basically, isn't that what matters most?



*President Winter congratulating Liz Steenson
on her 20 years of service to HCFAS*



*Sheryl Burke gets congratulated by
President Winter for her 20 years
of service to HCFAS*



*Over 700 flags are being displayed in the
Field of Honor at Huntington Town Hall.*

Huntington Community First Aid Squad's Annual Children's Holiday Party



Saturday December 11, 2010

HCFAS HQ – 2 Railroad Street

2PM to 5PM

As per HCFAS-BOD directive, children must be present to receive gift.

Children of HCFAS members 10 years old and younger are entitled to a gift from the squad. Grandchildren of Squad Members are eligible to attend (\$35 must be paid to the committee before 12/1/2010). No private gifts will be given by Santa.

In fairness and respect to all, kindly note that gifts will be given to children based on youngest (and siblings) first. Please note there will be no exceptions.



2010 Adult Holiday Dinner December 18th 5:30—10:30pm

Come share the spirit of the Holidays!

You can sign up on line at

<http://www.hcfas.org/Members/Events/EventDetail.aspx?id=201>

Or in in the Ready Room.

If you have not signed up yet, please do so before December, 13th at the end of the General Membership Meeting.



David Mohr – Chief Advisor

Kristin Tiersch – Post Chief

On Saturday, November 13th the Post had its most successful Pasta Dinner to date. Thanks to the membership, both Squad and Post, the friends and families that all came out and supported the Post in its annual event. Over 150 people attended the event and feasted on pasta, meatballs, salad and herb bread. In addition to the great meal, over 45 items were raffled off. Thanks also go out to all the corporate sponsors who supported the event and the companies that donated gift certificates and baskets towards the raffles. Mark your calendar for next year's event, November 12, 2011.

On the Saturday before the Pasta Dinner, November 6th, the Post assisted the Dolan Family Health Center in its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Post managed to collect over 2,000 pounds of food that filled 125 bags for the centers patients. Additionally, six boxes of extra food went to two local food pantries.

COMPANY 8 SOP

10. 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 Shift 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 and discussed at the next scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will ^{continue} on his regularly scheduled shift, 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 Crewleader, Driver, ALS provider or Paramedic** higher in status or a Permanent Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and meet one (1) of the following criteria: a. Be mandated by a salaried full time job to work rotating shifts or tours with rotating days off. b. Be mandated by a salaried job to work thirty-two or more hours and is taking nine or more credits of education concurrently.

The following rules and regulations apply to all members granted Company 8. Any violation will 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 shift per week (minimum of four hours) and must be on time and in uniform to receive credit for the shift. An eight-hour overnight shift will count for two consecutive weekly tours. Complete 48 hours per quarter (Jan-Mar*Apr-June*July-Sept*Oct-Dec)~~

b. ~~Company 8 personnel must fill an open shift position (A fill-in cannot be used to fulfill their shift requirement for the week).~~ may not apply hours as a replacement for another member as Co. 8 hours.

c. 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 shift **or to send an email via the on-line scheduling system.** ~~A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice is required.~~

d. If a member of Company 8 cannot make a scheduled shift they signed up for, he must get a replacement of equal or higher status for the shift or he will receive a no show.

e. If the member has two (2) no shows and/or two (2) late shows, Company 8 privileges may be forfeited.

~~f. The member on Company 8 status will be required to fill out a "Company 8 Shift Completed" form. The completed form is to be placed into the mailbox of the First Deputy Chief.~~

~~g. Members on Company 8 who will be taking vacation or any extended absence must inform the First Deputy Chief in writing prior to their vacation or other commitment. All missed time must be made up by the end of the current review quarter.~~

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~~

Way To Go!!



Mr. Hutchison is a Huntington Community First Aid Squad Associate Member (#335)

Amityville Memorial High School Assistant Principal Receives National and State Recognition

The School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS), in conjunction with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), has named Amityville Memorial High School Assistant Principal Pete Hutchison Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Hutchison (pictured) has been an Assistant Principal at the high school since 2004, and was nominated for this prestigious award by high school Principal Dr. Scott Andrews. "Mr. Hutchison maintains an unending commitment to ensuring that all of our students receive a high-quality education," stated Dr. Andrews. "He has had a significant impact on the infusing of technology into our school and on the creation of an extremely positive school culture."

Mr. Hutchison began his career more than twenty years ago as a special education teacher. He fulfilled the role of middle and high school special education teacher and technology coordinator in the Mineola Public School District prior to joining the Amityville team. In addition to a Bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, Mr. Hutchison holds a Master's degree from Long Island University and a professional certificate in administration and professional development from the College of New Rochelle.

Mr. Hutchison will be honored at the National Recognition event in Washington D.C., and at the State Recognition event in Saratoga, New York this spring. The district wishes to congratulate Mr. Hutchison on his outstanding achievement.

LOSAP 2008 Points – Bob Franz

The 2010 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to Andy Ball of the LOSAP point committee.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Life Insurance Certificate and the VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy will have an opportunity to do so on Election Day December 13, 2010 when you come in to vote. Eligible members under the squad's group life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age). Generally, all active members are covered under the Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000. Forms will be available if you wish to change your beneficiary or contact Bob Franz anytime. Your beneficiary under the LOSAP program was indicated on the 2009 LOSAP benefit statement distributed to you a couple of months ago.

Good and Welfare

Prayers for the Sick or ill:

Orlando Salcedo - injury, home recovering

Kathy Leonard - illness

Christine Blackwell - Hospitalized and home doing well

Mark Cappola's #1087 and Matt Cappola #1106 Father/Grandfather very ill, prayer's needed.

We mourn the loss of:

We mourn the passing of Susan Barbano daughter of Deacon Ed Billia # 896

Engagements, Birth Announcements, Weddings and Celebrations:

We congratulate Christine Russo# 677 on her recent marriage.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

Background and Purpose: The proposed By-Laws addition seeks to address the problem of vacant Chief Officer positions being filled by candidates who receive only a handful of votes.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, Section 2

Reads:

SECTION 2 - GENERAL ELECTION

Elections for candidates for the offices to be filled shall be held at the regular December Annual Membership Meeting. Voting and election shall be as specified in Section 4 and 5 of this article.

Add:

When a candidate runs for the office of Chief, First Deputy, Second Deputy or Third Deputy, that member must have 51% of the votes cast by membership to be elected to that position. If the candidate fails to receive a majority, then the subsequent election for that position can take place no sooner than the next scheduled General Membership meeting.

Proposed By:

Sharon Pullen #318
Kim Davis #1208
Margaret Conacher 704

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Vote Results: For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

Date: Passed _____ Withdrawn _____ Rejected _____

Signature: Secretary, Board of Directors _____

Wreath Ceremony Honors Huntington Veterans

On Sunday, November 7th, 2010 the Town of Huntington sponsored a Veteran's Wreath Ceremony at Town Hall Veteran's Plaza. Three of our veterans along with HCFAS President Roger Winter attended this beautiful event!

Thank you to all for attending this special event.

Paul Kelly is on the Veterans' Advisory Board and always sits in the front, side by side with his fellow veterans.

Rich Gierbolini and Robert Franz always attend to support our soldiers engaged in current conflict, as well the veterans of past conflicts.

This year, The Kiwanis, Dale Carnegie Institute, The American Red Cross, The Brian Gill Agency, and Reinwalds Bakery sponsored the event. HCFAS also was a proud sponsor. HCFAS purchased an American Flag to honor and support a soldier and veteran.

This majestic display of our nation's flag was impossible to miss as you drove past the Plaza Front Lawn at Town Hall.

Over **500** flags were displayed, it was quite a site.

The following photo's were submitted by Roger Winter









December 2010



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2  Happy Birthday! Andy Ball Patricia Salajka	3	4  Happy Birthday! Judith Hogan Chris Whitcomb
5	6	7  Happy Birthday! Javier Cruz Thomas Hogan	8  Happy Birthday! S. Cullen-Kutcher L. Hazelton	9	10	11  Happy Birthday! Nancy Barker Janet Zapata
12 	13 GMM Happy Birthday! Gail Glister Diane Tanko	14  Happy Birthday! Mark Kolpon	15  Happy Birthday! Kevin Brenner Krystal Cruz Anne Gabriel	16  Happy Birthday! Patricia Brumm	17  Happy Birthday! M. Hernandez	18
19 Recruitment Orientation 2 pm  Happy Birthday! Ashley Taylor	20  Happy Birthday! N. Courtemanche	21	22  Happy Birthday! Sally Stazak	23	24	25
26  Happy Birthday! R. Kleinkopf	27  Happy Birthday! E. Guariglia	28  Happy Birthday! Vincent Maltese	29  Happy Birthday! Samantha Ryan	30	31  Happy Birthday! Tim Ebert	

December Events:

December 1; **Hanukkah Begins (sundown)**
December 21; **Winter Begins**
December 24; **Christmas Eve**
December 25; **Christmas Day**
December 26; **Kwanzaa**
December 31; **New Year's Eve**

