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President's Report- Seth Fischer

Happy February!

We now have one month of 2021 under our belts, and we are working on all cylinders. Our Chiefs and Operational Officers have hit the ground running. We had a seamless transition during a difficult time and I am grateful for all of your contributions and extra efforts. Our Board of Directors are also working towards a very successful 2021. Yearly vendor contracts are getting finalized, along with miscellaneous housekeeping items.

****Very Important**** Please make sure you are getting insurance information from our patients. This is extremely important for billing, now more than ever. If you have any questions, please speak with your Day Captain. This is monitored very closely from a Board level, so please make sure all information is captured.

We have a new ambulance on the way, which should be here shortly. Thank you to our Vehicle Committee for getting this done, along with Chief Connolly for preparing for its arrival.

We will be opening the gym on February 1st to our members once again. All COVID precautions will still be in effect.

The 2021 Committee List has been posted. As previously mentioned, I encourage all members not already involved with a Committee to please join one. Speak with the liaison and sign up!

Please continue to remain vigilant, and observe all safety precautions. We are not out of the woods yet.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear your feedback.

I am always grateful for everyone's hard work, keep it up!

Seth

Chief's Report - David Kaufman

This past month has been challenging, especially with the loss of 20-year active member Matt Sisinni #985. Matt was an exemplary member and his loss was met with an outpouring of support from our membership and the community at large. He will be dearly missed and please hold his family in your thoughts and prayers. We also wanted to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Melville Fire Department and their Chief David Kaplan for their cooperation in making Matt's memorial procession so special.

On an operational note, on February 1st, 2021, our agency went live with the Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) capability. At this point, we have a few paramedics who are credentialed by Suffolk County EMS to perform RSI. We expect the number of credentialed providers to increase in the near future. RSI is a procedure in which a critical patient is sedated and has an endotracheal tube placed to protect their airway. This is a capability that a few of our neighboring departments and Suffolk County Police flight medics have and we are excited to be introducing it here at HCFAS. With this capability, our credentialed paramedics may be mutual aided to a neighboring department if RSI is needed, and the list of authorized providers will be posted in dispatch.

COVID-19 is still very much a threat, and we need to maintain our vigilance. Despite many of our providers having been vaccinated, it is still the policy of the agency to wear the minimum PPE of a N-95, gloves and eye protection on every call. Please ensure you follow all other shift screening, PPE, and decontamination procedures as laid out in Chiefs Order #01-2021. If you have any questions, please refer to your Day Captain.

On the topic of COVID-19, I wanted to express a big thank you to 1st Deputy Chief Ryane Como for her efforts in leading the coordination of vaccinations for our members. She has spent countless hours collaborating with the vaccination sites and our members to secure appointments and work through scheduling issues. Additionally, I want to commend our membership in continuing to strive for excellence by staffing crews through this pandemic and answering the calls for help. We would not have proven our grit to the community without the dedication and sacrifice of our volunteers. I am truly thankful to each and every person at our HCFAS family.

Suffolk REMSCO offers Critical Incident Stress Management through a team that is prepared to conduct "One-on-One" sessions over the telephone if you need someone to speak with. A family's members take care of each other and please reach out if you are struggling. They can be reached at 631-924-5435.

I am writing this during the conclusion of my first month as your Chief and I want to say that I am grateful to everyone for making this administration successful thus far. I am looking forward to see what the rest of 2021 has in store for us.

Yours in service,

David

1st Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

I would like to express my deepest condolences to Mary Sisinni, the Sisinni family, and to the Wednesday overnight crew. May we all honor Matt's memory by living as he did, with tremendous kindness and in service to others. Thank you to everyone who attended the service at Melville Fire Department.

Vaccine

Suffolk County is coordinating PODs for the completion of Phase 1a and Phase 1b first responders. I am sending information to County so that members can be contacted directly for appointments as doses become available. If you have not received a first dose of the vaccine and have not communicated with me or completed one of the surveys I sent out, please email me at first.deputy@hcfas.org so that I can add your name to the list. Members should text "SUFFOLKVFR" to 67238 to get updates on testing and vaccines directly from Suffolk County – this is the quickest way to receive information.

There was a tremendous issue across the island with the Northwell PODs and people getting signed up for second doses. I appreciate everyone's patience and communication with me as that problem was worked out.

If you do not receive a notification about scheduling your second appointment within one week of the needed date, please reach out to me. Please be sure to check your spam and junk emails.

Thank you to Casey Orr for helping with vaccine tracking. We are required by NYS DOH to keep records so please do not ignore our emails or calls if Casey or I reach out to you ☺

COVID

If you are experiencing any symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, fever) please do not come to the building and reach out to me at 716-807-5913. If you have a positive exposure or test positive yourself, please contact me ASAP. Please adhere to NYS guidelines regarding traveling.

Gloves, N95s, and goggles should be worn on every single call regardless of priority code or complaint. Gowns can be donned based on the lead provider's screening of the patient or based on the necessity of close contact (i.e moving a patient out of the house). Used PPE should not come into the ready room. Please continue to wash your hands frequently and disinfect surfaces often. Please see your Day Captain or a Chief if you have any questions about COVID procedures.

If you are an EMT and are interested in becoming a volunteer vaccinator, please email MRC@suffolkcountyny.gov (Suffolk Medical Reserve Corps).

1st Deputy Chief – Ryane Como (cont'd)

Regular First Deputy Things

Please remember that you need 48 hours per quarter. The first quarter ends on March 1st. Please finger in and out on the same shift.

Thank you to Liz Wuestman for her continued help getting me up to speed as First Deputy. There are new beneficiary forms in everyone's mail folders for our new Life Insurance policies. If you have not filled out a new one, please check your mail folder and submit it to Bob Franz ASAP. Contact Bob if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS and our community. Stay safe and healthy!

2nd Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus

First, I'd like to take a moment to honor our beloved member, Matt Sisinni. Matt was an exceptional man and will be remembered fondly. My heart goes out to Mary, their children and family, and the members that were closest to Matt. He moved many with his kindness. Please remember that none of you are alone in your grief.

February's review training is on how to operate a fly car during an ALS run call. Thank you, Alex Hastava and Jeff Brenner, for seeing the need on this topic, and Alex for creating such a thorough training. Please take the time, if you haven't done so already, to take a look at the fly car controls in person. Feel free to contact me or your day captain for help. I'd be happy to meet with you to help you get a hands-on experience.

So far, three CMEs have been scheduled this month. Dr. Brandler's call review on chest pain, drugs, and RMAs will be held on 2/1 from 2000 to 2200. The HH Lecture Series CMEs will be held on Thursday 2/4 from 1900 to 2000 (topic: pregnancy emergencies) and on Tuesday 2/16 at the same time (topic to be announced). These two will each count as one hour of non-core CME credit.

Please remember to take each and every patient's temperature on calls. This has been a requirement since last year. Make sure to obtain at least two sets of vitals for every patient. And always wear appropriate PPE – N95 mask, goggles, and gloves on every call, add on the gown for patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19. Wearing PPE not only helps protect you from contracting the virus, but helps prevent you from spreading the virus to others you encounter. Please keep that in mind while on calls.

Have a nice month and keep up the great work!

Best,

Jackie

3rd Deputy Chief – Bill Connolly

Greetings! I wish you all well. I would like to thank the other chiefs, the vehicle maintenance committee, and the BLS committee for their assistance and help throughout January. As always, remember to remain vigilant on your checkouts. If you see something that needs to be replaced or repaired, please notify your captain as soon as possible to ensure the information reaches the appropriate party in a timely fashion. Keep in mind that as we have been affected by covid-19, so have our vendors. As a result, there are delays with supplies and supply chain issues.

As we continue to face the Corona virus in 2021, it is important to continue using the proper PPE. Finally, please drive the ambulances with caution and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Bill

Join us on ZOOM for the January GMM on
Monday February 8th at 730 PM.

Check your email for information. Reach out
if you need any help.

Chief Dispatcher - Mike Capotosto

New Dispatchers: Four members passed dispatch training in January. Congratulations to Juliet Costa #1623 (Mon 1100), Cassie Nguyen #1625 (Wed 0700), Justin Adler #500203 (Fri 1500) and Isha Dave #500211 (Mon 1500). Sergio Gomez #1629 was just accepted as a member, previously dispatching with the Explorers Post.

End of year statistics: We closed out the month with 496 total calls, down 10.85% for this time last year. We transported 78.8% of calls, down from our usual 85%.

We hit our highest number of “36” Pandemic calls in April with 178. Calls sharply dropped, but we are now seeing a jump with 93 calls in December.

March was our busiest month of year, with 585 calls and a transport rate of only 18.8%. Our overall transport rate for the year was low, 71.4% from our typical 85%.

We saw 5,531 Signal 16s in 2020, resulting in 3,950 transports, 326 RMAs, 175 Treat/Release Protocols, and only 13 Signal 24's. That is a 24 rate of 0.24% - outstanding.

Please remember to add your paramedics to personnel and put the (P) or (Cc) next to the unit any time an ALS provider responds to a call.

Reminders: Suffolk County is still allowing us extended time to identify crews – up to 20 minutes for Alpha calls, or 6 minutes for Bravo, Charlie, Delta, or Echo calls. Any EMT or Paramedic on-scene can shorten or lengthen this time.

We are also to dispatch calls based on priority code order. We can redirect crews to respond to a higher priority calls if they are not “within sight or sound” of the scene.

Pagers are available for anyone who lives in district and is willing to answer up. If you're interested speak to your captain.

Thank you,
Mike Capotosto

Company 1 – Captain Dale Bartolomeo

SUNDAY

I would like to welcome new member Sierra Beck to the Sunday 0700.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out on Sundays, including: Jeff Brenner, Keith Davis, Brett Dowler, Brandon Eybergen, Mike Capotosto, Melissa Anastos, Aaron Surette, and Esteban Lopez. These are just a few of the many who have helped on Sundays over the past few months. I thank you all and appreciate the help from everyone.

As always, please keep an eye out for weekly Facebook posts and messages from captains for shift openings. We all really appreciate everyone's help and support!

Please keep up with your [Review Trainings](#)!

Company 2 – Captain Paul Bayer

MONDAY

Hello HCFAS volunteers, from your Monday Captain! Here again with news from Company 2.

Our members continue to impress me with their diligence by arriving on-time, doing their check-outs and the camaraderie we establish on Mondays. We've had some holes to fill - especially on the 1100, and we've had members from a bunch of other days come in to help out. It's really outstanding the dedication each of you show. Thank you!

Congratulations to Juliet Costa and Post Member Isha Dave who passed their dispatch tests. Juliet is now an observer and will be riding as she learns the ambulance in preparation for her Ambulance Orientation test. Juliet is already an EMT, so we're looking forward to becoming a Crew Leader. We also welcome Ashley Genao on the 1500 as the newest Post Member to begin Dispatch Training with the inimitable Mary Brenner.

Of course, no Captain's report is complete without a pleading for help! We need a full second due crew on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts, as well as a second full crew on the overnight. We also need ALS on most shifts. If you're looking to fulfill your hours on a great day with great people – please give me a call and let me know when it is good for you!

Thanks for everything that you do!

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on Tuesdays, you guys are amazing. Congratulations to Steven Zeth on the Tuesday 0700 for finishing up his probationary calls for driver training. Welcome Leslie and Lauren to the ACL program, we look forward to getting you through the process soon!

Thank you to all the individuals who continually answer up on Tuesdays. You guys are a huge part of the day that I couldn't do without each and every one of you. Please remember to stay up to date on all your review trainings and keep doing your checkouts!

Company 4 – Captain Eric Nazinitsky

WEDNESDAY

No Report.

Company 5 – Captain Colin Weigele

THURSDAY

Hello everyone!

I'd like to personally thank everyone on Thursdays for being more than welcoming and allowing my first month as Thursday Captain to have been a great one. I would also like to thank everyone who has come in to help cover open spots throughout the day, such as Andrew Taylor, Aaron Surette, Jim Mallillo, Shannon Gore, Esteban Lopez, Evi Baer, Jake Levinsky, and Brandon Eybergen.

I would also like to welcome two new members to the Thursday 1500, Sergio Gomez and Selena Ortiz! We are extremely excited to have you both, and we look forward to working with you!

Some help is needed on Thursdays, A driver is needed on the 1100, 1500, and 2300. And a crew leader is needed on the 1900 and 2300. If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Colin Weigele #1553

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

No Report.

Company 7 – Captain Casey O'Riordan

SATURDAY

HCFAS Membership,

I hope everyone's January went well. I would like to thank all of my company 7 members for making my first month as captain a smooth and fun one! Many thanks to all other members who came out to help on Saturdays. Keep up the good work!!

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz

The 2020 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 the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2020 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2020.

Please check the basket located on the right side counter top above the mail folder drawers for any LOSAP forms that were rejected for various deficiencies. Please correct the deficiency and resubmit to the LOSAP form mail box.

HCFAS Group Term Life Insurance Program Changed from VESO to VFIS.

A New VFIS Enrollment / Beneficiary Form Needs to be Completed

The VESO's group term insurance has been replaced by VFIS which is underwritten by Combined Life. VERY IMPORTANT – To Maintain Coverage.

A new VFIS enrollment / beneficiary designation form must be completed by all participants. The beneficiary form and the updated HCFAS program guidelines have been distributed to all participants in your Squad mail folder or mailed to you. Please complete, sign and date the form and return it to Secretary Bob Franz's mail box. If anyone has any questions, please contact Bob at robo4200@hotmail.com or 631 421-9121 or at the Squad extension 150.

You must be off probation to participate in this program.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Credit for 2020 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Form IT-245. As per the instructions, you cannot claim the credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the entire tax year for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz (cont'd)

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington (TOH) Assessor is Monday March 1, 2021 for property tax year 12/01/21 to 11/30/22. The property must be owned by the volunteer or the volunteer and spouse only. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year status tax exemption will have their year's status renewed by the Squad by the deadline date. (See below for renewal application that must be completed and directly filed with the TOH Assessor's Office).

Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2021, or had other ownership changes, please drop a note with your detail information in Bob Franz's mail box. If you moved and purchased another home, you must fill out a new application form for your new residence.

Members who will be eligible for the first time (achieved at least 5 years or more of service by 3/1/21 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/21), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 5, 2021. Forms were put in your squad mail folder and are posted on the bulletin board.

To be eligible, the property must be owned by the volunteer or the volunteer and spouse only, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2021.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2021, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 or email robo4200@hotmail.com for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/21 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2022, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 5, 2021.

New TOH Law Requirement – Property Tax Exemption Renewal Form was mailed directly to each tax exemption recipient and must be completed and filed with the Town of Huntington Assessor's Office by March 1, 2021.

The amended TOH law requires the following: All property owners granted this exemption shall resubmit a renewal application on or before taxable status date March 1, 2021 to verify their qualifications as set forth in the law to determine continued eligibility for the exemption.

In early January the TOH Assessor mailed a TOH Renewal Form to all recipients of the Volunteer FF / Ambulance Workers exemption. Please read the TOH cover letter carefully, complete the renewal form and sign the certification. The certification signature of the applicant (and spouse, if spouse also owns the property) is required. The completed form must be filed with the Town Assessor by March 1, 2021 (Huntington Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington, NY).

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the Town Assessor's Office.

Notable Call- John Mancino

NOTABLE CALL:

HUGE SHOUT OUT to Jonathan Bram EMT, Casey McCormick EMT, Leslie Brown EMT, Dino Macharola EMT, and Esteban Lopez EMT, on the professional way they handled a call on January 7, 2021 (1100 shift).

Bravo fall, Medcom information was minor injury, 82 Vollie Medic and 17 responded. Once on scene, things escalated.

78yo female lying in the street, about 100 yards up a steep hill. The car was back crashed into a telephone pole. Bystander notifies crew that the patient had been Covid positive which unfortunately caused a slight delay as PPE became a priority (BSI/ scene safety), but ultimately protected the crew.

Apparently, the patient left the car in gear and the car started to roll. The patient fell out of the car, thereby being dragged by the car. Fortunately the car made a 180 degree turn and hit the pole instead of dragging her down the hill.

Initial assessment: A&Ox4, GCS 15, lying on left side, blood from the lower right leg. On inspection, the leg was filleted open behind the knee for about 8 inches long and adipose tissue, tendon, and muscle was exposed. Medial aspect of the knee is macerated and adipose tissue is completely exposed. Large skin tares to right arm, large laceration to the right elbow, small head laceration. Denies loc, denies blood thinners.

Lower leg bleeding controlled with pressure dressing, wrapped and secured. Leg splints applied. Right arm dressings applied, cervical collar applied, head laceration dressing applied.

While still in the street, following the CDC trauma triage protocols Huntington Hospital was chosen for transport destination and was notified for a "CODE TRAUMA, HAVE TRAUMA TEAM READY IN THE ED" (they like a 15 minute head start) Pt was placed on a long board for ease of transport. During transport, a head to toe survey was done by multiple providers all taking a section of the patient and she was completely assessed.

Upon arrival, the Huntington Hospital team was ready, they met us at the door, the trauma bay was full with staff and they went to work.

We ran the call BLS and minimized our on scene time (Trauma load and go). Pt was hemodynamically stable. Pt remained A&OX4, GCS 15, the entire time and was comical and in good spirits. Surprisingly pain was not so bad.

Notable Call- John Mancino (cont'd)

We received follow up from the hospital that the patient was Covid-19 positive. Patient remains in the hospital with traumatic tissue injuries (degloving) to the upper and lower right extremities and MCL tear to the right lower extremity. She underwent arthrotomy and debridements. She has a wound vac and will require further repair by plastics.

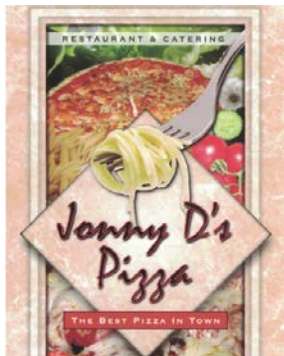
I'm so glad we took the extra moment to put on our PPE

When the crew arrived on scene, they went right to work. They all picked a job to do, made suggestions on patient care and I could not be more proud of the great job they all did.

Thank you,
John Mancino EMT-P

HCFAS Discounts- Dave Mohr

There are many places that offer discounts to Squad members. Even if you don't know if they do or don't, it can hurt to ask. I have had times when I have asked and the answer was 'we don't, but hold on' and they would go and talk to a manager/owner and in the end a discount was given. We have accumulated just some of the places in Huntington that offer a discount to Squad members. **If you know of a place that offers a discount to Squad members, put a note in Director David Mohr's mailbox or email me at davidmohr@yahoo.com.**



Jonny D's Pizza

946 New York Avenue

631-385-4444

15% Discount

Show Squad
Membership Card



15% Discount

Show Squad Membership Card



**15%
Discount**

Show Squad
Membership Card



10% Discount

Show Squad Membership Card



Flowerdale by Patty

"Elegance with a personal touch"

1933 New York Avenue

10% Discount

Show Squad Membership Card

BASICS – February 2021
Overdose
By Mark Brenner

Like so many of you, I attended the training given by Dr. Brandler. Many thanks to Second Deputy Chief Jaclyn Rittershaus, our QA/QI Committee, and of course, Dr. Brandler for such a thought-provoking training about a subject vital to all providers.

Imbedded in the presentation was an insight by Dr. Brandler that emergency departments were seeing an increase in patients who were experiencing an overdose. With that in mind, I thought that a quick review of the AMS protocol would be useful. Thank you for all that you do. Please continue to remain safe.

1. Which of the following medications is use in the care of patients with suspected opioid overdose?
 - a. Albuterol
 - b. Aspirin
 - c. Narcan
 - d. Epinephrine
2. According to the NYS BLS Protocol, when caring for a patient with Altered Mental Status, we should also consider checking the patient's blood glucose level.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. When assessing a patient with altered mental status, we can use the patient's respirations and pupil size to differentiate between a patient with low blood sugar and a patient with as suspected opioid overdose.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. What would the respiratory effort and rate be for a patient with a suspected opioid overdose?
 - a. Strong, fast, and regular
 - b. Strong, weak, and Irregular
 - c. Weak, slow, and perhaps absent
 - d. None of the above
5. You suspect your patient is experiencing an opioid overdose. How would the patient's pupils appear?
 - a. Equal and reactive
 - b. Dilated and slow to respond
 - c. Pin-point and non-reactive
 - d. Unequal and reactive
6. Would the pupils of an altered mental status patient with low blood sugar appear to be pin-point in size?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

7. What is the dosage of Narcan for an adult patient?
 - a. 1 mg (1/2 mg per nostril)
 - b. 2 mg (1mg per nostril)
8. What is the pediatric dosage of Narcan for a pediatric patient?
 - a. 1 mg (1/2 mg per nostril)
 - b. 2 mg (1 mg per nostril)
9. If there is no significant improvement after the administration of Narcan, the EMT may administer a second dose under standing orders.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWERS: 1c, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5c, 6b, 7b, 8a, 9a

Training has always played an important role in our organization. Over many, many years, Mary and Matt Sisinni have trained countless members in CPR and First Aid. It is therefore fitting, in this training column that I devote a few words in memory of Matt. I mourn the passing of Matt. He was a kind, compassionate and gentle man. Just three months ago he was the driver of the ambulance that came to the aid of my wife. I was so relieved to see her receive care from the providers who staffed the ambulance that night. I extend condolences to Mary and her children. May the prayers and condolences offered by the members of HCFAS sustain you as you grieve.

BASICS – Supplement
NYS EMS Viral Pandemic Protocol
By Mark Brenner

As the COVID-19 Pandemic continues, perhaps it would be a good idea to review the NYS EMS Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol. Please note that the protocol uses the acronym ILI which stands for Influenza Like Illness. Please, stay safe and healthy.

1. You are dispatched to a 17-B-1, adult female, fall. Upon arrival, according to best practices and an HCFAS Chief's Order, you should do:
 - a. Gloves
 - b. N-95 mask
 - c. Goggles or face shield
 - d. All the above
2. As you interview the patient, she tells you that she fell while walking to the bathroom. She has been feeling weak for days, after having tested positive for COVID-19. You should:
 - a. Retreat
 - b. Don a disposable gown and a second pair of gloves over the first and the cuffs of the gown.
 - c. Limiting the number of crew members treating the patient. Those who do provide patient care must be similarly attired.
 - d. Place a surgical mask over the patient's mouth and nose.
3. When assessing the patient, which should you perform on all patients?
 - a. Cincinnati Stroke Scale
 - b. Blood sugar
 - c. Temperature and Pulse Oximetry
 - d. All the above
4. You package the patient for transport. An ALS provider was at the scene. You have a first-aider on your crew. You should send the first-aider back to HQ with the ALS provider to limit exposure.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. What should the driver do during transport?
 - a. Continue to wear the N-95 mask.
 - b. Open the driver and passenger window.
 - c. If possible, close the doorway between the drivers' compartment and the patient compartment.
 - d. All the above
6. After the call, what should the crew do?
 - a. Replace all the PPE that was used on the call (gowns, surgical mask, etc.)
 - b. Disinfect all surfaces and equipment (including assessment equipment and disinfect the ambulance.
 - c. Allow the ambulance to air-out.
 - d. All the above

7. Crewleaders are expected to document the PPE worm by all members on the crew on the ePCR.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. According to the NYS EMS Viral Pandemic Protocol, if we encounter a patient with a fever great than 100.4 F., or sore throat, nasal congestion, post-nasal drainage, shortness of breath, wheezing, cough, headache or fatigue, or signs/symptoms of gastrointestinal distress, we are to don appropriate PPE before initiating close contact with the patient.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. You perform an assessment. Any of these finding means that the adult patient MUST be transported:
 - Age greater than 65
 - Temperature greater than 100.4F
 - Respirations greater than 22
 - SpO2 less than 95%
 - Heart rate greater than 110
 - Systolic blood pressure less than 100 mmHg
 - Altered Mental Status
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. You will also obtain and document the patient medical history. If the patient has one or more of the following, they must be transported.
 - Diabetes
 - Pregnancy
 - Cardiovascular or pulmonary disease
 - Immunocompromised (HIV, chemotherapy, etc.)
 - a. True
 - b. False
11. According to the protocol, in addition to asking about the ILI symptoms, we should also inquire about secondary underlying conditions such as chest pain concerning for cardiac cause, CHF, etc.
 - a. True
 - b. False
12. Your adult ILI patient does not meet any of the criteria as indicated by your assessment and their medical history, and they do not have secondary or underlying conditions. They:
 - a. Meet the criteria for non-transport and/or treatment in place.
 - b. Are to be provided with a copy of the NYS DOH COVID-19 Hotline and the NYS DOH EMS COVID-19 Patient Information Handout.
 - c. Can insist on transport in which case we should contact Medical Control for guidance.
 - d. All the above.

Thank you for all the good work you do!

ANSWERS: 1d, 2d, 3c, 4a, 5d, 6d, 7a, 8a, 9a, 10a, 11a, 12d

February 2021

HCFAS Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Jim Barcoy & Paul Bayer					Alvin Espinal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Ann Donegan, Shannon Gore & Colin Weigle	Ryane Como			Mike Capotosto
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Kathy Castillo			John Crane
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Gerardo Vasquez					Debbie Rudilosso	
28						
Waldir Cruz-Catota						

February Length of Service and Longevity Awards to be presented at February GMM

5 Years

Vinny Castillo #1474
Steven Benjamin #1475

10 Years

Carol Nucci #1324
Kelly Murphy #1325
George Reeder #1328

Thank you for your continued service!