

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: January 14, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (79 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Mary Winter, hospitalized, broken ankle, surgery on the right ankle. She is home recovering. Calls get well wishes and prayers are welcomed.
- Jim Barkocy was hospitalized, surgery, he is going for the record for hernia surgeries # 5. He is home recovering, prayers, get well wishes and calls are welcomed.

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We Mourn the loss of: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of

- 2nd Pct., 202 Car Member, P.O. Patrick Curley – Funeral at St. Patrick’s Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. in Glen Cove

Presidents Report **Roger Winter**

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

Longevity Awards – President Winter & Chief Martha Brenner

- Scott Bielanski #1076 10 years of service
- Christine (Chrissy) Tedone #677 30 years of service
- Robert (Bobby) Loysch #56 45 years of service.

30 Years

Christine “Chrissy” Tedone

20 year Exempt member

Crew Leader

EMT-CC

Friday Night 1900 hours Shift

CPR Instructor

She goes out of her way to perform her duty shift as she live now in Patchogue.

Currently she Dispatches of the Friday 1900 hour shift.

Thank you “Chrissy” for your 30 years of service.

45 Years

Robert “Bob” Loysch

“Life Member” 30 years

Saturday 1900 hours original crew member

Crew Leader

Driver

CPR Instructor

Does Back up on several days

Vehicle Maintenance

Building Maintenance

Helped with the Fund Drive

Assisted the Boutique committee

Help with the formation of the scene locator system with Ex-Chief Bill Wicks

5 Time third Deputy Chief

Bob, you were one of the first members right after the “Founding Members” to get us off to a running start.

A very special thank you, Bob for your outstanding 45 years of service.

Motion by Tom O’Leary and seconded by Christine Roulo to change the order of the meeting for the second reading and vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2012 and for the reading & discussion on proposed SOP Change 01-2013.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2012 was read for the second reading by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee, discussed and voted upon. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would allow members with RTE certifications to become drivers.

Secretary Franz conducted a roll call and ballots were distributed.

Ballot vote results: 75 votes cast. Yes -35 votes, No - 40 votes

Amendment Did Not Pass (2/3 Majority of all eligible voting members present needed or 50 yes votes).

Motion by Eileen Burns and seconded by Pete Nakelski to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

Secretary Bob Franz started to read the proposed SOP change 01-2013, (see the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP Change) and a motion was made by Don Roulo and seconded by Rich Gierbolini to dispense with the reading and proceed with the discussion.

Unanimous. The change would add an Emergency Incident Rehabilitation policy to the SOPs.

Discussion: There should be consistency throughout the policy as to who it applies to and PD should be added also.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

Motion by Tom O’Leary and seconded by Christine Roulo to accept the November 12, 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Members & family members: Mary Winter; Nancy Barkocy; Mike Golinsky; Jean Giacomini (2); the Martin family; Suzie Martin & family; Patients: Rosara Torrisi; Mary Winter; Other: 2012 Dix Hills FD Chief; SC Legislator Dr. William Spencer re: congratulations on being 2012 Volunteers of the Year by The Times of Huntington.

President’s Report Roger Winter (Continued)

1. I have received the contract with the TOH and The Huntington Community Ambulance District. I will be sending it out to be reviewed by our attorney Tim Glynn.

Board Actions as of December 13, 2012-January 10, 2013

- Replace Existing Radio and Emergency Phone Recorder

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- Life Membership Vote
- Town of Huntington HCAD budget
- Glynn Mercep & Purcell, LLP contract renewal
- New York State Insurance Fund Volunteer Ambulance Worker's Benefit Law 2013
- Replacement Treadmills and Recumbent Bike
- Radio Room Video Display Upgrade
- Toy Drive Donation Friends of Huntington Station Latin Quarter (HSLQ)
- Annual Dues Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association
- Contribution to Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association
- Host the Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association Meeting with light Dinner
- NYSVA&RA District 7 Delegate and 1st Alternate to attend the NYSVA&RA Board Meetings near Albany
- Toughbooks for e-PCR Purchase
- Fuoco Group LLP 2013 HCFAS
- Fuoco Group LLP 2013 HCAD
- Driver Improvement Classes (aka Defensive Driving)
- SCM Annual Maintenance Contract Software and Hardware 2013
- Sale of Surplus Lifepak 500 AEDs
- Banking Resolutions with HCFAS's Designated Banks
- Monthly Recruitment Activities
- Parades / Activities for the year
- Refreshments for Parades / Events for the year
- Motions for Consideration Format for All Board of Directors Meetings.
- The Not-So-Irish-Band for the St. Patrick's Day Meal
- Explorer Post 215 Activities for the 2012-2013 School Year
- Explorer Post 215 Fundraisers
- Invitation List 2013 Installation and Inspection Dinner as Amended

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me by allowing me to lead our organization this year. I take the responsibility seriously. I am a representative and advocate for all members. Please feel free to bring your issues, concerns and ideas to me.

A big thanks to the outgoing 2012 officers. Your hard work is recognized and appreciated as are your efforts to help the newly elected come up to speed. Please don't go anywhere I am sure your help is still needed.

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I must thank Joanne Cunningham for taking over the job of schedule coordinator and Seth Fischer for taking over the years of service and stork pin committee from me. I do expect to be a bit busy this year!

Every incoming group has ideas to change or add to the current process and the 2013 officers are no different. While we have only had one meeting so far there are several items being working on as follows:

- *Revising the dispatch training system to allow a more stream lined approach for those who come to us with prior experience, for those who join with advanced certifications and will not be dispatchers and for those who are joining a crew with a permanent dispatcher and will not have an opportunity to use these skills. Thanks to Mike Barker for taking on this job along with help from Mary Brenner.

- *Member handbook. The projected outcome of this work it to create a detailed description of day to day operations, where to go for specifics such as how to join a committee or sign up for an EMT class and who to go to for any number of items. Thanks to Maxine Epstein, Melissa Anastos, Patty Saljaka and Tyler Gibbs for taking this project on.

- *Committee list: is being updated/corrected. The Chief Officer's are currently reviewing it and an updated copy will be posted by February 1st. The list will be posted on the bulletin board and blast emailed to all members.

- *Phone/emails for BOD and Officers. An updated list has been created, thanks Matt Valle, and will be posted in the Dispatch Training: Mike Barker has taken on the task of revising the dispatch training program. The changes will set a multi-level approach so that those who will never dispatch on their shift either because of a permanent dispatcher or because of prior ALS/Medic certification can be fast tracked.

- *SCM audit committee formation is in process. This is intended to create a guideline for what can and cannot be changed or altered in the SCM system, who has the authority to make these changes, and, will create a report of the changes being made.

- *Revising the social eligibility policy to make the policy more streamlined and easier to understand. Ideas are welcome!

Member's comments on the social eligibility policy: entire section should be removed; unfair to active life members vs. inactive life members; confusion over lists being posted; change name to merit/reward; title headings confusing re: sleep in; needs tweaking; can't access points on the website; years of service, backups, overnights should be given more weight; leeway for Medical LOA; deny a losap point due to non attendance at installation dinner; forget the social events, we are here to do shifts.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Scott Bielanski #1076 10 years of service

- Christine (Chrissy) Tedone #677 30 years of service
- Robert (Bobby) Loysch #56 45 years of service

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Juan Flores

First Deputy Chief’s Report – Tim Ebert

The Board of Directors has requested a report on attendance for the last six months so they can determine eligibility for the installation dinner on February 23rd. Please be sure to check the amount of shifts you have done for the last six months. The report is located on the bulletin board across from the mail folders. I highlighted the “Sleep in” Column, this is the column that shows the amount of shifts you have done in the last six months. If you showed up for a shift, did 4 or more hours and fingered in and out every week for the last 6 months the number should read 26. If you feel there is a discrepancy between the list and what you actually did please let me know. The officers are looking carefully at the social eligibility policy and are working on making it as fair as possible.

- Eight ePCR toughbooks were purchased

Second Deputy Chief’s Report – Dominic Heavey

Safety News:

1. Influenza Season,
Influenza Season is with us. All Members and Crews should use BSI at all times. The wearing of NP-95 Mask while treating any Pt. with Resp: problems should be encouraged by all. There is extra NP-95 Mask kept in the BLS Closet.
2. Gloves,
While we are driving our vehicles we should not be wearing gloves.
3. Safety Vest,
Safety Vest should be worn while we are working on any road way, or in any traffic.

As a reminder to all Crews please do your Check Outs. Also make sure you replace any equipment you use. It would also be nice if we would empty the Garbage at the end of our tour.

Ambulance Orientation:

I am happy to announce that the Ambulance Orientation program is working well and the following members can help you get started.

Mary Winter Chair Tuesday 1900-2300

Kurt Vetter Vice Chair Friday 0700-1100

Captain Keith Rubenstein Wednesday 2300-0700

Anne Gabriel Saturday 1100- 1500

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Eileen Burns Sunday 0700-1100 and 1100-1500

Orlando Salcedo Wednesday 1900-2300

Ambulance Orientation Exam: Any past or present Officer (not the Officer on your day) can give you the exam. If you have any problems please contact the 2nd Deputy.

For Re-View tonight:

24 Volt Battery Charger for New Pram.

Instant Sanitizing System “Spray’n Go” – Jeff Brenner

CME – Pam Brenner

New MOU forms with SCEMS have to be completed.

Spoke about CME record keeping and answered questions.

Rapid old 24 hour core sessions are being scheduled.

Possible sub website for CME only sessions will be in the future.

Third Deputy Chief’s Report – Vito Reciniello

First I would like to thank everyone for your kind words of encouragement as I once again take on the roll of Third Deputy. I look forward to a productive year, and welcome suggestions from everyone.

I have filed a request for a bylaw amendment with the Bylaw Committee Chairman requesting a repeal of Article IX Section 1 A-F. It is my wish that this rule which has caused an enormous amount of controversy be removed as soon as possible. I understand and agree that some regulation is needed, but until such wording which would protect innocent members from exclusion is presented, this rule should be removed.

The following items have been addressed or are in the process of being addressed:

- 2-15-16 has been repaired by Ford under warrantee. The lack of power issue was not a transmission issue, it was a problem with the turbo booster and injectors. Ford has rebuild and replaced many parts and I am optimistic that this problem has been resolved.
- Oil or fuel spill outside rear entrance to ready room. Anyone with information please let me know.
- 2-15-80 ordered new push bar. Should be replaced soon.
- Working on new estimates for garage door repair/upgrades. I am hoping to have the doors open faster and more reliably.
- Met with cleaning contractor. If anyone notices anything not being cleaned, maintained or otherwise overseen, please let me know
- I am working with Chief Heavey on a clarification regarding removing ALS supplies, equipment and medications when the vehicles are going to our mechanic (ACE AUTO). It is my belief and contention that the vehicles DO NOT need to be stripped when going to this shop. We have a written agreement with Ace Auto regarding the ALS equipment

which has been in place for several years. **PLEASE NOTE, UNTIL WE HAVE EXPLICIT DIRECTION FROM NYS DOH, WE WILL CONTINUE TO REMOVE THEM MEDICATIONS AS WE HAVE BEEN.** I will update as soon as we hear something.

- This change will allow for quicker and more efficient repair and maintenance of our vehicles
- This change will allow for a more rapid return to online status of the vehicles when returning from minor repairs and routine maintenance.
- Working on obtaining estimates to install floor drains and pump for the ‘Vending’ or ‘Soda’ room in the basement.
 - Also working on estimate to bring the flood alarm from the basement to the first floor and or dispatch office
- Planning on work with contractor or engineering group to evaluate HVAC system for suggestions on how to prevent or anticipate or otherwise plan for another leak or flood like what happened on the 2nd floor.
- Please note the sign-out calendar for 2-15-88 and 2-15-89 in the dispatch office. These calendars should be used to reserve the vehicles as needed.
- Tyler Gibbs and Dale Bartolommeo are working on review and update of the driver checkout. When completed I will review then present to officers and driver training committee for comment.

I appreciate the input and assistance from all. That being said, I have spoken with many of our contractors (trying to get to all of them) and several of them have voiced concern over the multiple calls from assorted members requesting service. Effective immediately, no one is to contact or make arrangements for service or repair without speaking to me first. The contractors have been advised not to do work unless approved by me. This is being done to try to control costs and expenses as well as to coordinate the efforts. There are many projects which need to be addressed and I hope to get to as many as possible as soon as possible. Please let me know if you see anything out of order or in need of upgrading or repair. Thank you for your anticipated assistance and support.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

- In process of updating list of pagers and radios
- All 24's and RMAs with PCRs require the proper paperwork
- In process of forming a dispatch committee

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

Welcome to the first meeting of the new year congratulations on the new officers. It was also nice serving with the outgoing officers. I need a driver on the 0700 shifts and the 1100 shift anyone that can help out please contact me. Hope everyone has a good year.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Happy New Year to everyone!!! Hope it has started out as a healthy and happy one for everyone.....

I am looking forward to another great year as Monday Day Captain! Thanks to all of you for your support, especially my crews that come in each and every week. Our motto is “Mondays Rock” and with good reason.

I also get so much support from responding members for back up calls.....you guys are the greatest and we really appreciate your help.

We are off to a great start so far.....had a real busy night on New Years but all the calls were covered

Welcome back to Rodriguens Gabriel #1224 from school, glad to have you back. We had Kristen Tiersch # 1333 back for a little while but she has now returned back to school. Stay warm out there.

Best of luck to Brendan Fitts #1180 with the FDNY academy

Matt Gershuny #1367 has taken the ambulance orientation and will be moving on, good luck.

All members, please make sure you keep up on all your review trainings. If you are unable to get onto the members website to do your trainings contact David Mohr #748

Thank you to the ALS providers that come in on Mondays and continue to do your checkouts. Keep up the great work!

Last but not least, please keep up with the duty chores.....we are a busy place, I understand, but if we can all help out it makes light work for all. We are a family, lets help each other out.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

I can use help on the following shifts:

- 0700- Driver 1st Due and a full 2nd duty crew.
- 1100- Dispatcher and First Aiders
- 1500- Dispatcher and First Aiders
- 1900- Dispatcher
- 2300- Crewleader on 2nd duty crew

We lost 4 members on the 1900 shift due to Medical LOAs- need permanent dispatcher, driver, crewleader and 2nd duty crew – driver and crewleader

Congratulations to new first aiders:

- Rafael Reyes #1350
- Ralph Murphey # 1372

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report submitted.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

Congratulations to Marty LoCascio 1368, crew leader. Congratulations

Thank you to all who have stepped up and helped me over the last couple of weeks. Tim Ebert, Tom O'Leary, Brian Canty, Dominic Heavey, Kyle Rudden, Allison Russo, Keith Rubenstein,

Laurie Hoffmann, Clair Tesoriero, Liz Mohr, Juan Flores, John Vasquez, Rich Gerbolini, Richy Cortes.

Desperately need help on 1500-1900.

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

First I want to say thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Squad in a new way. I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2013. I also want to thank the outgoing and incoming officers for their support and assistance in the making the transition as smooth as possible. Everyone helped in one way or another, but in particular I want to express my gratitude to Kurt Vetter (#1161) and Jim Mallilo (#1030); both have been readily accessible and responsive to multiple inquiries both before and after the transition.

Thus far I've only had two Fridays as captain but both were fairly busy, with 17 calls on 1/4/13 and 18 calls on 1/11/13. Not the highest daily call volume ever, but there were quite a few periods on each day with multiple simultaneous calls running. We avoided any 24s and, more importantly, provided excellent patient care thanks to the hard work of all regular duty crews and backup personnel including:

Martha Brenner (#236), Tyler Gibbs (#1252), Vito Reciniello (#659), Keith Rubenstein (#1154), and Sally Staszak (#397), as well as Co. 6 members that answered backup calls and/or did additional shifts including Kathy Castillo (#1276), Israel Cortes (#1174), Joe Grant (#1304), Tom O'Leary (#1187), Jeff O'Neill (1299), Phil Orlando (#706), and Kurt Vetter (#1161). Last but not least, thank you to all Co. 8 members including several that regularly help out on Fridays: Melissa Anastos (#1309), Chris Fischer (#996), and Sheryl Roach (#1253). My apologies if I missed anyone.

Some congratulations are in order. Nathan Bruskin (#1380) passed his Dispatch Test. Kristin Schwartz-Perkins (#1369) passed Ambulance Orientation and advanced to Observer. Loreley Villamide-Herrera (#1370) advanced to First Aider. And several Friday members passed their EMT-B refresher practical: Joe Grant (#1304), Phil Orlando (#706), Tommy Romano (#939), and Loreley Villamide-Herrera (#1370).

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

It would be impossible to thank each of you on the Saturday crews for all you did during the year, without overlooking someone. So let me just simply say: THANK YOU!!!! It has been a great year and a good ride from 1/1/12 when the overnight took the first call of the year (0001), countless calls at the Paramount, through Hurricane Sandy, and then the end of the world!

But we did it, together!

Also, I am sad to inform you that Judy Hogan has submitted her resignation from the Squad. We will certainly miss her and wish her all the best.

Meagan Pereira (2300 shift) has advanced to Crew Leader and Claudia Femminella (1500 shift) is off probation and advanced to Aide.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Bob Franz

The next meeting is tomorrow evening at Central Islip Hauppauge Ambulance at 8PM.

Other meetings:

SC Ambulance Chiefs Association – Wednesday at Medford Ambulance at 7:30PM

Suffolk REMSCO – Tuesday at SCEMS in Yaphank at 7PM

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The 2012 Service Awards LOSAP State Report for Points posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. You must have at least 50 points in the total column and a Yes in the Pass column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2012. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

Many thanks go to Jim Mallilo for all your hard work in getting the LOSAP points properly recorded for 2012 – a job well done.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2012 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2012 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.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington Assessor is March 1, 2013 for property tax year 12/01/13 to 11/30/14. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be recertified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2013, 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 3/1/13 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/13), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 15, 2013. To be eligible, your name must be on the property deed, 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, 2013.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2013, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County. Call Bob Franz, if you have any questions.

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Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/13 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2013, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 15th.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

Pasta Dinner was held this past Saturday 1/12/13. It was packed; there were raffles, door prizes a Chinese auction. Several types of pasta and meatballs with salads, garlic bread were served. The Explorer Post 215 members served the meals and cleaned up. John Maier, David Mohr, Karen Martin did the cooking. Sheryl Roach, Chief Advisor was assisted by Janette Russell, Dominic Heavey, John Maier and Terri Sorrentino. It was a great success.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty

Installation Dinner is February 23rd.

Pulse – Patty Salajka

Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net). No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

The total for 2012 is \$80,000+.

Old business:

New business:

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Andrew Taylor.
Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Holiday Basket (Ace Towing) – Vito Reciniello

2013 Corporate Officers:

President:	Roger Winter
Vice President:	Richard Stone
Secretary:	Robert Franz
Treasurer:	Brian Canty

2013 Day Captains:

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536	Sunday	Keith Rubenstein
537	Monday	Karen Martin
538	Tuesday	Greg Orr
539	Wednesday	Alison Russo
540	Thursday	Kathy Castillo
541	Friday	Kyle Rudden
542	Saturday	Mark Cappola

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545 Motion by Tony Cruz and seconded by Todd Atkin to adjourn the meeting at 2130 hours.
546 Unanimous.

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549 Respectfully Submitted,

550 *Robert Franz*

551 Secretary

552 Draft posted: January 25, 2013

553 Approved: March 11, 2013

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555 **By-Laws Proposed Amendment 02-2012 & Proposed SOP Change 01-2013.**

556 The proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2012 was read for the 2nd time, discussed and voted upon
557 (Did Not Pass) and proposed SOP Change 01-2013 was read & discussed.

558 **Proposed By-Law Change** 559 **02-2012**

560 **Proposal:**

561 To allow members with an RTE certification to become Drivers.

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563 **Background/Justification:**

564 NYS only requires one EMT to be on an ambulance. Having an EMT Driver does not help the
565 patient. RTE First Aiders are required to be able to treat a patient by themselves and be able to
566 assist and EMT. So mandating a member be an EMT to drive only decrease the pool of
567 individuals available to get an ambulance to respond to a call.

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

570 **ARTICLE II**

571 **SECTION 17 - DRIVERS**

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573 Drivers shall be certified by the First Deputy Squad Chief. The driver for a particular shift will be
574 appointed by the appropriate Captain, or in his absence, by the Crewleader. The Chief and the
575 Board of Directors will have veto power over the certification of any member as a driver. To be
576 certified as a driver, a member must be 21 years of age and possess, as a minimum, a valid New
577 York State Class D Drivers License (or equivalent), and a valid ~~New York State Emergency~~
578 ~~Medical Technician (Basic)~~ Responding to Emergency's (RTE) certification.

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A driver must maintain both of these qualifications to retain active driving status. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows:

1. Those drivers who were qualified drivers, holding only an American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card, prior to May 18, 1981. These drivers may continue as active drivers as long as they are properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws.
2. Any current driver whose RTE ~~EMT~~ or higher certification has expired but is currently enrolled in an RTE ~~EMT~~ or higher refresher course shall have 90 days from the expiration of his RTE ~~EMT~~ or higher certification to receive his new certification before he loses his driving privileges.
3. ~~Any member properly certified per Article I section 3b of the By-Laws who is a First Aider and currently enrolled in an EMT class may apply for the driver training program. This member shall remain a probationary driver until he completes the class and receives his certification. If the member fails to complete the EMT certification he will be removed from driving. This exception may be exercised only once within a two-year period.~~

His duties shall be to transport the crew and vehicle to the scene of the emergency safely. He will remain with the emergency vehicle at the scene, unless directed otherwise by the Crewleader or officer in charge. He will safely transport the injured to the place he is directed.

Drivers, when returning to headquarters, or when not on emergency call, shall observe posted speed limits and all traffic regulations.

Proposers

John Palmieri #499 /s/

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/

Mark Cappola #1087 /s/

Readings

First Reading Date: December 10, 2012

Second Reading Date: January 14, 2013

Vote

Yes: 35

No: 40

Secretary Signature: Robert Franz

Date: January 14, 2013

Ballot vote results: 75 votes cast. Yes -35 votes, No -40 votes. **Amendment Did Not Pass** (2/3 Majority of all eligible voting members present needed or 50 yes votes).

**Proposed SOP Change
01-2013**

Proposal:

To add the Emergency Incident Rehabilitation policy to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

Rehab is a vital part of any major incident where extreme exertion is exercised and/or extreme temperatures exist to protect those involved.

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

Section 5 – Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Policy

A. Purpose

To ensure that the physical and mental condition of firefighters operating at the scene of an emergency or a training exercise does not deteriorate to a point that affects the safety of the individuals or that jeopardizes the safety and integrity of the operation.

B. Scope

This procedure shall apply to all emergency operations and training exercises where strenuous physical activity or exposure to heat or cold exists.

C. Responsibilities

I. Incident Commander

The Incident Commander shall consider the circumstances of each incident and make adequate provisions early in the incident for the rest and rehabilitation for all members operating at the scene. These provisions shall include: medical evaluation, treatment and monitoring; food and fluid replenishment; mental rest; and relief from extreme climatic conditions and the other environmental parameters of the incident. The rehabilitation shall include the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the Basic Life Support (BLS) level or higher.

II. Officers

All officers shall maintain an awareness of the condition of each fire fighter operating within their span of control and ensure that adequate steps are taken to provide for each member's safety and health. The Incident Command structure shall be utilized to request relief and the reassignment of fatigued crews.

III. Emergency Personnel

During any emergency incident or training evolution, all personnel shall advise their officer when they believe that their level of fatigue or exposure to heat or cold is approaching a level that could affect themselves, their crew, or the operation in which they are involved. Members shall also remain aware of the health and safety of other members of their crew.

D. Establishment of Rehabilitation Sector

I. Responsibility

The Incident Commander will establish a Rehabilitation Sector when conditions indicate that rest and rehabilitation is needed for personnel operating at an incident

scene or training evolution. An EMT will be placed in charge of the sector and shall be known as the Rehab Officer. The Rehab Officer will typically report to the Incident Commander or Logistics Officer (when assigned) in the framework of the incident management system.

II. Location

The Incident Commander will normally designate the location for the Rehabilitation Area. If a specific location has not been designated, the Rehab Officer shall select an appropriate location based on the site characteristics and designations below.

III. Site Characteristics

- a. It should be in a location that will provide physical rest by allowing firefighters to recuperate from the demands and hazards of the emergency operation or training evolution.
- b. It should be far enough away from the scene that members may safely remove their turnout gear and SCBA and be afforded mental rest from the stress and pressure of the emergency operation or training evolution.
- c. It should provide suitable protection from the prevailing environmental conditions. During hot weather, it should be in a cool, shaded area. During cold weather, it should be in a warm, dry area.
- d. It should enable members to be free of exhaust fumes from apparatus, vehicles, or equipment (including those involved in the Rehabilitation Sector operations).
- e. It should be large enough to accommodate multiple crews, based on the size of the incident.
- f. It should be easily accessible by EMS units.
- g. It should allow prompt reentry back into the emergency operation upon complete recuperation.

IV. Site Designation

- a. A nearby garage, building lobby, or other structure, if available.
- b. A school bus, municipal bus, or bookmobile.
- c. Fire apparatus, ambulance, or other emergency vehicles at the scene or called to the scene.
- d. An open area in which a Rehab Area can be created using tarps, fans, etc.

V. Resource

The Rehab Officer shall secure all necessary resources required to adequately staff and supply the Rehabilitation Area. The supplies may include but are not limited to the items listed below:

- a. Fluids - water, activity beverage, oral electrolyte solutions and ice.
- b. Food - soup, broth, or stew in hot/cold cups.
- c. Medical - blood pressure cuffs stethoscopes, oxygen administration devices, cardiac monitors, intravenous solutions and thermometers.
- d. Other - awnings, fans, tarps, smoke ejectors, heaters, dry clothing, extra equipment, floodlights, blankets and towels, traffic cones and fire line tape (to identify the entrance and exit of the Rehabilitation Area).

E. Guidelines

I. Rehabilitation Sector Establishment

Rehabilitation should be considered by line officers during the initial planning stages of an emergency response. However, the climatic or environmental conditions of the emergency scene should not be the sole justification for establishing a Rehabilitation Area. Additionally any activity/incident that is large in size, long in durations, and/or labor intensive will rapidly deplete the energy and strength of personnel and therefore merits consideration for rehabilitation.

Climatic or environmental conditions that indicate the need to establish a Rehabilitation Area are a heat stress index above 90 F (see F below) or wind-chill index below 10F (see H below)

II. Hydration

A critical factor in the prevention of heat injury is the maintenance of water and electrolytes. Water must be replaced during exercise periods and at emergency incidents. **During heat stress, the member should consume at least one quart of water per hour.** The rehydration solution should be a 50/50 mixture of water and Gatorade and administered at about 40 F. Rehydration is important even during cold weather operations where, despite the outside temperature, heat stress may occur during firefighting or other strenuous activity when protective equipment is worn. Caffeine and Carbonated beverages should be avoided before and during heat stress because both interfere with the body's water conservation mechanisms.

III. Nourishment

The department shall provide food at the scene of an extended incident when units are engaged for three or more hours. A cup of soup, broth, or stew is highly recommended because it is digested much faster than sandwiches and fast-food products. In addition, foods such as apples, oranges, and bananas provide supplemental forms of energy replacement. (Fatty and/or salty foods should be avoided).

IV. Rest

Forty-five (45) minutes of work time is recommended as an acceptable level prior to mandatory rehabilitation. Members shall rehydrate (at least eight ounces) while SCBA cylinders are being changed. *Firefighters having worked for two full thirty (30) minute rated bottles, or forty-five (45) minutes, shall be immediately placed in the Rehabilitation Area for rest and evaluation.* In all cases, the objective evaluation of a member's fatigue level shall be the criteria for rehab time. *Rest shall not be less than ten (10) minutes and may exceed an hour as determined by the Rehab Officer.* Fresh crews, or crews released from the Rehabilitation Sector, shall be available in the Staging Area to ensure that fatigued members are not required to return to duty before they are rested, evaluated, and released by the Rehab Officer.

V. Recovery

Members in the Rehabilitation Area should maintain a high level of hydration. Members should not be moved from a hot environment directly into an air conditioned area because the body's cooling system can shut down in response to the external cooling. An air-conditioned environment is acceptable after a cool-down period at ambient temperature with sufficient air movement. Certain drugs impair the body's ability to sweat and extreme caution must be exercised if the member has taken antihistamines, such as Actifed or Benadryl, or has taken diuretics or stimulants.

VI. Medical Evaluation

Suffolk County EMS Appendix II, Oral (PO) Body Temperature Measurement Protocol
The physical and mental demands associated with firefighting and other emergency operations in hazardous situations, coupled with environmental dangers of extreme heat and humidity or extreme cold create conditions that may have an adverse impact on the safety and health of emergency response personnel. Adequate rest and rehydration activities and routine medical monitoring of emergency response personnel has become commonplace in the out-of-hospital setting. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration have issued Emergency Incident Rehabilitation SOPs that designate a Rehabilitation Sector (Rehab) as a sector within the EMS operations component of the Incident Command System (ICS).

Routine medical monitoring and evaluation in the Rehab Sector consists of the measurement of heart rate and body temperature as primary vital signs associated with the assessment for medical problems that may result from working in extreme weather conditions. Firefighters, hazardous materials technicians and other emergency responders are routinely required to wear personal protective ensembles that inhibit the natural cooling process, thereby placing emergency responders at greater risk for succumbing to heat related emergencies.

Obtaining an oral body temperature measurement is a skill that can be performed by any certified EMS provider when engaged in emergency incident rehabilitation activities at the scene of an incident. This protocol is for the routine medical monitoring of otherwise healthy emergency response personnel and is not intended for use on patients who present to EMS with an acute onset illness or injury. Oral body temperature shall be obtained as part of the routine medical monitoring or medical evaluation of emergency response personnel engaged in activities requiring the use of personal protective equipment that inhibits the natural cooling process, placing emergency responders at greater risk for succumbing to heat related emergencies.

- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding the application of a single-patient use thermometer. Oral temperature should be obtained as early in the rest phase as possible and in accordance with the FEMA/USFA Rehabilitation guidelines. The oral temperature measurement must be taken *prior to* the administration of fluids by mouth for rehydration.
 1. Follow the event recording and disposition guidelines of the FEMA/USFA Rehabilitation SOPs or your agency's emergency incident rehabilitation plan. When performing Rehab as part of routine medical monitoring, a PCR IS NOT necessary. An Emergency Incident Rehab Log Sheet should be used to record all activity in the rehab sector and should be retained with the agency's alarm records.
- An emergency responder becomes a patient when he / she verbalizes a chief complaint. When this occurs, all applicable policies and protocols should be adhered to. A PCR IS NOW REQUIRED.

Contraindication: This protocol does not allow for the routine use of oral body temperature measurement when dealing with patients who access emergency medical services personnel following sudden onset of illness or injury

- a. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Rehab Area should be provided and staffed by the most highly trained and qualified EMT personnel on the scene (at a minimum of BLS level). They shall evaluate vital signs, examine members, and make proper disposition (return to duty, continued rehabilitation, or medical treatment and transport to medical facility). Continued rehabilitation should consist of additional monitoring of vital signs, providing rest, and providing fluids for rehydration. Medical treatment, for individual's whose signs and/or symptoms indicate potential problems, should be provided in accordance with local medical control procedures. EMT personnel shall be assertive in an effort to find potential medical problems early.
- b. Heart Rate and Temperature - The heart rate should be measured for 30 seconds as early as possible in the rest period. If a member's heart rate exceeds 110 beats per minute, an oral temperature should be taken. If the member's temperature exceeds 100.6F, he/she should not be permitted to wear protective equipment. If it is below 100.6 F and the heart rate remains above 110 beats per minute, rehabilitation time should be increased. If the heart rate is less than 110 beats per minute, the chance of heat stress is negligible. Elevated temperature, noted by touch or measured, should alert the rehabilitation manager or EMS personnel to the possibility of heat-related illness. However, given the problem of measuring devices underestimating core body temperature, it is essential that a measured temperature in the normal range not be used to exclude the possibility of heat-related problems.
- c. Heart rate (pulse) - Heart rate (pulse) is another critical measure used to assess health status. Normal resting heart rates range from 60 to 100 beats per minute. Under stress and exertion, the pulse rate can, and should, increase, frequently above 100 beats per minute. The level of increase depends on the amount of stress and the individual's physical conditioning. As members report to rehabilitation after expending a significant amount of energy in stressful conditions, a pulse rate that is up to 70 percent of maximum heart rate $[(220 \text{ minus age}) \times (0.7)]$ is frequently encountered. After resting in rehabilitation, the member's heart rate should return to near normal resting rates. A fire fighter who has not achieved a heart rate of less than 100 beats per minute by the end of 20 minutes should not be released from rehabilitation, but should be further monitored, and, if warranted, sent for further medical evaluation. (Part of additional monitoring should include orthostatic pulse and blood pressure).
- d. Respiratory rate - Respiratory rate is a vital indicator used to assess health status and stress, as well as a possible indicator of exposure to other hazards. Normal respiratory rate is 12 to 20 breaths per minute. By the end of the rehabilitation period, the fire fighter should have a respiratory rate within these parameters.
- e. Documentation - All medical evaluations shall be recorded on standard forms along with the member's name and complaints and must be signed, dated and timed by the Rehab Officer or his/ her designee.

VII. Accountability

The Rehabilitation Areas activity shall be documented by the Rehab Officer or his designee on the Department Check-In/Out Sheet. Crews shall not leave the Rehabilitation Area until authorized to do so by the Rehab Officer.

F. Heat Stress Index

		Relative								
		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
Temperature F	104	98	104	110	120	132				
	102	97	101	108	117	125				
	100	95	99	105	110	120	132			
	98	93	97	101	106	110	125			
	96	91	95	98	104	108	120	128		
	94	89	93	95	100	105	111	122		
	92	87	90	92	96	100	106	115	122	
	90	85	88	90	92	96	100	106	114	122
	88	82	86	87	89	93	95	100	106	115
	86	80	84	85	87	90	92	96	100	109
	84	78	81	83	85	86	89	91	95	99
	82	77	79	80	81	84	86	89	91	95
	80	75	77	78	79	81	83	85	86	89
	78	72	75	77	78	79	80	81	83	85
	76	70	72	75	76	77	77	77	78	79
	74	68	70	73	74	75	75	75	76	77

NOTE: Add 10 F when protective clothing is worn and add 10 F when in direct sunlight.
Example: If the Temperature is 98 and the Humidity is 30% it actually feels like 101 degrees.

G. Humidity Index

Humiture F	Danger	Injury Threat
Category		
Below 60	None	Little or no danger under normal circumstances.
80 – 90	Caution	Fatigue possible if exposure is prolonged and there is physical activity.
90 - 105	Extreme Caution	Heat cramps and exhaustion are possible if exposure is prolonged and there is physical activity.
105 - 130	Danger	Heat cramps and exhaustion are possible if exposure is prolonged and there is physical activity.
Above 130	Extreme Danger	Heat stroke imminent!

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		Temperature F												
		45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15
Windspeed (mph)	5	43	37	32	27	22	16	11	6	0	-5	-10	-15	-21
	10	34	28	22	16	10	3	-3	-9	-15	-22	-27	-34	-40
	15	29	23	16	9	2	-5	-11	-18	-25	-31	-38	-45	-51
	20	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-39	-46	-53	-60
	25	23	16	8	1	-7	-15	-22	-29	-36	-44	-51	-59	-66
	30	21	13	6	-2	-10	-18	-25	-33	-41	-49	-56	-64	-71
	35	20	12	4	-4	-12	-20	-27	-35	-43	-52	-58	-67	-75
	40	19	11	3	-5	-13	-21	-29	-37	-45	-53	-60	-69	-76
	45	18	10	2	-6	-14	-22	-30	-38	-46	-54	-62	-70	-78

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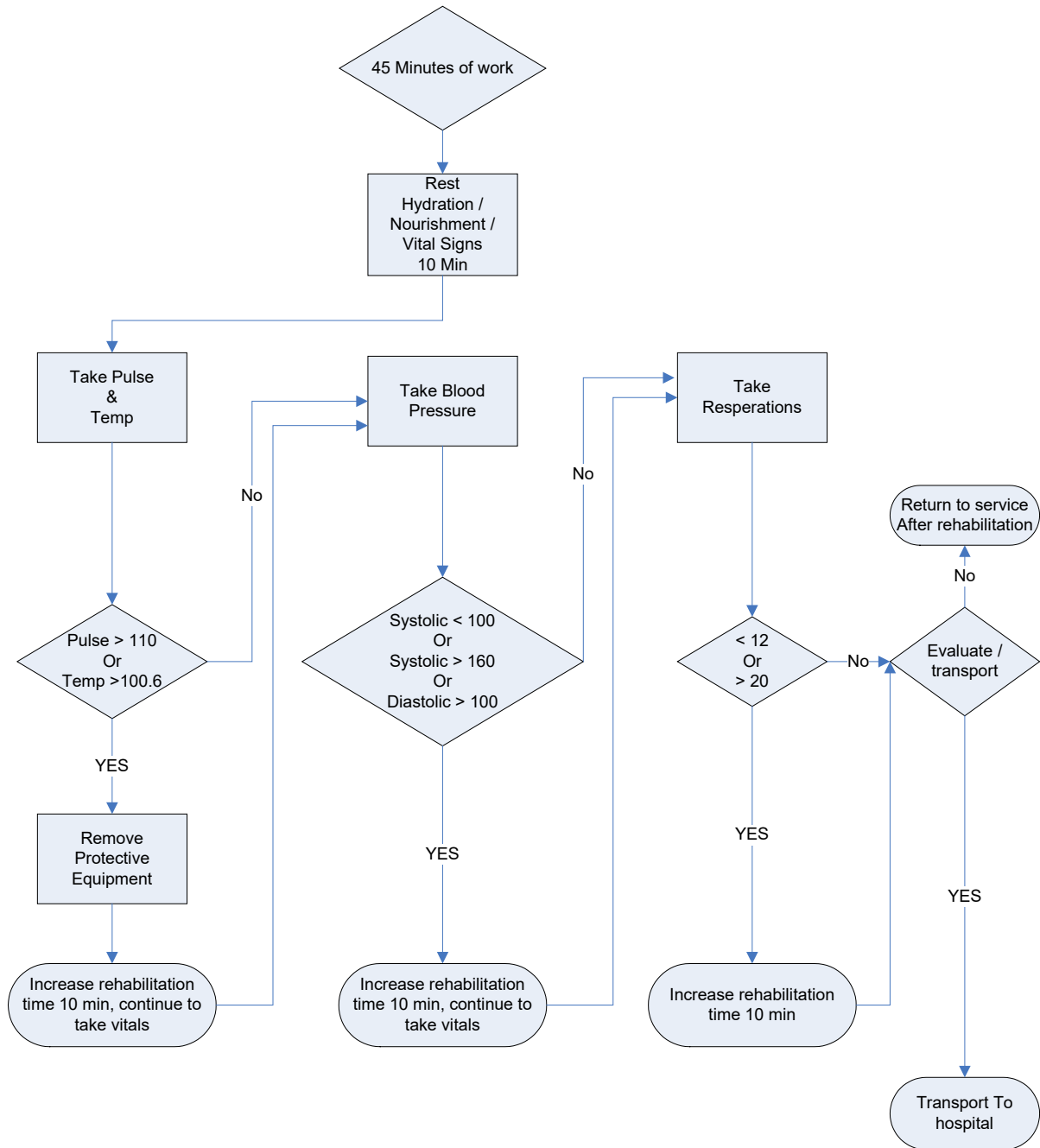
849 I. Wind Chill Danger Levels

Wind Chill Temperature F		Danger
A	Above -25 F	Low Danger
B	-25 F / -75	Increased danger, flesh may freeze
C	Below -75 F	Great danger, flesh may freeze within 30 seconds

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852 J. EMS Rehab Procedure



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857 K. Rehab Check In/Check Out Sheet

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859 REHAB SECTOR COMPANY CHECK-IN/OUT SHEET

860 Crews Operating On the Scene:

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Unit #	Name	Time In	Time Out

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864 L. Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Report

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Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Report										
Incident: _____										
Date: _____										
Name	Time	Time/# Bottles	BP	Pulse	Resp	Temp	Skin	Taken By	Complains Condition	Transport ?

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting – Informational Meeting
Date: February 11, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O’Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O’Neill	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is not present in the room - 46 members present.

President Roger Winter stated that since there is no quorum, this will be an informational meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm’s way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Donna Trainor

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of:

- James O’Neill father of Director Jeff O’Neill # 1299
- Michael O’Brien father of “Life Member” Hugh O’Brien # 853

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- Alfred Cappola father of Captain Mark Cappola # 1087 and Grandfather of former member Matt Cappola.
- Founding & “Life Member” Arlette Stanecker

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings:

- George Reeder # 1328 and wife Marissa on the birth of their first baby, Sarah Grace
- Robin Smiles # 937, she is a new grandmother to Samantha Ryleigh Smiles
- Associate Member Kevin Brenner engaged to Katlin Daniels

Longevity Awards – President Winter & Chief Martha Brenner (Chief will announce on her report (5-15 years)).

- Krystal Cruz # 2111 – 5 years
- Caroline Masten – 5 years
- Peter Nakelski # 681 – 30 years of service

30 Years

Peter (Pete) Nakelski # 681

“Life Member”

Administrative Member

“Life Membership Committee Chairman 2001, 2002

Fund Drive 30 years

Fund Drive Co-Chair with Mary Brenner

Board of Director - 1985, 1986, 1993, 1994

Vice President Board of Directors – 1987, 1988

Committee Chair to find an alternate location while they built the 2 Railroad Street Headquarters.

Assisted many committees in any time of need, he is a true asset to HCFAS

Thank you for your 30 years of service.

Secretary’s Report

Robert Franz

No changes were reported on the January 14, 2013 General Membership Meeting minutes.

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Members & family members: The Cappola Family; CA Beach Family; Hirasawa Family; Chris Roulo; Other: Cow Harbor Warriors.

Presidents Report

Roger Winter

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

Board Actions as of January 24, 2013

- Agreement between the Huntington Community Ambulance District Town of Huntington and the Huntington Community First Aid Squad 2013.
- Disc Jockey Installation & Inspection dinner 2013
- Photographer for the Installation & Inspection Dinner 2013
- EMS TODAY JEM Conference, Washington, DC 2013

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

TOPIC=EQUIPMENT

- Power stretcher
- O2/BLS bag
- Extrication Equipment
- Any other items you wish to bring up!

Service Awards for February 2013:

Pete Nakelski 30
Crystal Cruz 5
Carol Masten 5

- ❖ REMINDER WE DO NOT TRANSPORT TO THE VA HOSPITAL PER SCEMS
- ❖ EMS WEEK IS 5/19-5/25
- ❖ SCM: CAPTAINS ARE CAREFULLY REVIEWING FINGER IN/OUT. IF YOU FORGET EITHER PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE FOR YOUR DAY CAPTAIN.
- ❖ NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CHECK-OUTS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM, THESE SHEETS WILL NOW BE CENTRALLY REVIEWED AND COLATED AND CAPTAINS WILL BE IN CONACT WITH THOSE NEGLECTING THIS VERY IMPORTANT CHORE
- ❖ THE COMMITTEE LIST HAS BEEN POSTED, THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CORRECTED/UPDATED WITH NEW VERSIONS POSTED AS NEEDED. PLEASE EMAIL ME CHANGES. I CAN'T JUST ASSUME SOMETHING WRITTEN IN IS CORRECT.
- ❖ AS COMPANY 8 IS REVIEWED QUARTERLY FOR HOURS VERIFICATION THE OFFICERS WILL BE REVIEWING HOURS FOR ALL MEMBERS HOURS QUARTERLY AS WELL
- ❖ SADDLY I HAVE LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF MEMBER #12 ARLETTE (ARP) STANECKER
- ❖ REVIEW TRAINING WILL BE GOING 100% ELECTRONIC WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS
- ❖ PLECTRON DETAILS STILL PENDING, MORE AT THE NEXT MEETING
- ❖ NEMO BLIZZARD 2013 see attached member listing

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Nemo may have been a major force but the members of HCFAS meet the challenge. From an officers meeting on Thursday night, to multiple emails and contacts with other departments the officers and members were ready when the weather turned.

From 0700 Friday 2/8 until 0700 Saturday 2/9 23 alarms were handled with no 24's

From 0700 Saturday 2/9 until 0700 Sunday 2/10 18 alarms were handled with no 24's

75 members including officers were on-duty during some part of the blizzard. Members took advantage of rides so the parking lot was kept as free as possible. Those who brought cars went outside every few hours to move them so the plows could get things clean.

2nd DC Dominick Heavey did an outstanding job of keeping the crews organized, the rigs assigned and people generally looked after. Friday Captain Kyle Rudden had trial by fire being in office for 36 days before the worst blizzard in 35 years hit on a Friday. Kyle handled the day as if he had years of experience behind him. Saturday Captain Mark Cappola may have a year of captaincy under his belt but who could really be ready. Mark was outstanding at keeping things going through the end of the storm and the beginning of the dig out! 3rd DC Vito Reciniello did not turn his cell phone off in spite of the huge number of calls he fielded!

There was a lot to learn as there is from every disaster. The 2012 officers had Sandy and now this year's officers have Nemo to look back on. In the end the calls were answered and the people of our community received the service they have learned to expect. But, not one of those patients will ever know how much work and dedication went into making things run!

Thank you all!

NEMO Staff:

Sally Staszak
Sheryl Burke
Tom Hogan
Mike Barker
Joe Denimarck
Anne Gabriel
Nancy Barker
Orlando Salcedo
Tom Romano
Mary Sissini
Fernando Rivadeneira
Taha Aiman
Keith Davis
Krystal Kruz
Ken Manning
Rod Gabriel
Matt Valley
Lenise Booth
Tyler Gibbs

Dominick Heavey
Tom Lemp
Carmen Schlieben
Chris Fischer
Fritz Barreau
Jim Mallilo
Mark Cappola
Oscar Gomez
Karen Martin
Rich Gierbolini
Jeff Brenner
Tiffany White
John Connors
Brian Quinn
Kathy Castillo
Kyle Rudden
Liz Mohr
Juan Flores
Jeff O'Neill

Lorrie Stone
Keith Rubenstein
Pam Brenner
Kurt Vetter
Patty Salajka
Donna Gurtowski
Stefanie Mirabelli
Tim Ebert
Patty Tufo
Tom O'Leary
Phil Schmidt
Terrence Cheang
Kelly Murphy
John Vasquez
George Reeder
Andrew Taylor
Steeven Jean
Kristin Van Benschoten
Rich Cortes

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Claudia Femminella
Kristin Schwartz-Perkins
Loreley Villamide-Herrera

Carolyn Corkett
Nat Bruskin
Meagan Pereira

Reina Gomez
Laurie Hoffmann

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Matt Valle

First Deputy Chief’s Report – Tim Ebert

ePCR – The Toughbooks have arrived and have been sent to county to have the software installed. Once we receive the toughbooks two will be put in the ready room so that you may familiarize yourself to the units and the Zoll software. Keep an eye out for training sessions and please let me know if you are interested in becoming a trainer. Thanks to those of you who have reached out to help. I will keep you posted on future train the trainer sessions.

Social eligibility – A list has been put together and Bernard Pool will be contacting members who are not eligible to go to the Installation dinner. Please see me if you have any questions.

Fingering in and out – At our last officers meeting we spoke about the problems we have had in the past with fingering in and out for shifts. The officers will be doing their best to make sure that a member is corrected in the system but they need your help. Please remember to finger in and out, put in a full four hour shift, and if you are unable to or forget to finger in or out please let your day captain know either by putting a note in their mail box or sending them an e-mail. Thanks to everyone who helped out during the storm. Job well done by everyone especially our Friday and Saturday day captains. Thanks to Dominick Heavy for making sure all the vehicles where full of fuel before the storm hit.

Second Deputy Chief’s Report – Dominic Heavey

NEMO 2013

Well it all started Thursday Feb, 7 2013 when we started to get the building ready for NEMO. Getting vehicles’ fueled, Meeting with Chief’s and Captain Kyle and Capitan Mark. Making sure everyone was on the same page. The Chief Officers were only there to help out when needed and Kyle and Mark ran their days. It all started 7am Friday morning and then we had the fire stand by with 3 firemen treated and one transport to HH. Chief Brenner and Captain Kyle then went shopping for food, while we all settled down for a long day and evening. I was proud of how everyone worked together. Collecting members and brining them back home. Well done to all.

AED

We should have the New AED up and running in the next week or so, we are just waiting for the Soft ware.

RE-VIEW TRANING

The Captains will be in touch with members that are missing 2 or more review training during the year. If you are contacted by your Captain to do a review training you must do so before you can ride. The review training Report will be posted by the 5th of the following month; this means if you do NOT have the prior month done it will not show up. Just as a reminder

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April review training will be Blood Bourn Paterson's and all members will be have it done by 1st May 2013.

BLS NARCAN PIOLT PROJECT UPDATE

The Pilot Demonstration Project has proven to be very successful, and this past week in Albany, at SEMAC and SEMSCO Meetings, NY State DOH reported that the pilot program will remain active for the foreseeable future.

Ambulance Orientation

Here is an up to date list of all members in the Ambulance Orientation Program, If there is any information mission or wrong or your Name is not on the list please see your Day Captain. If you want to get into the program then see one of the Committee members list in the ready room.

F-Name	L-Name	Mem:#	Start Date	Exam Date	P-F	Co. #	Shift
Terence	Cheay	1308				2	15/19
Melissa	Anastas	1309	3/6/2011			6	23/7
Sleeven	Jean	1349	3/23/2012				
Carol	Nucc	1324	3/29/2011			3	15/11
Venel	Gnimuclen	1259	4/12/2011			6	19/23
Rafal	Reyes Jr	1350	4/24/2012			3	23/7
Nathanie	Watts	1316	6/14/2011			2	15/19
Alex	Klotsche	1363	8/26/2012	9/9/2012	P	1	
Ralph	Murphy	1372	9/2/2012			3	
Kristen	Przybylski	1373	1/3/2013	1/4/2013	P	5	15/19
Nathan	Bruskin	1380				6	
Vikoria	Del Rosso	1382					
Kathryn	Blecher	1379				1	19/23
Candace	Sobina-Mills	1362	2/6/2013	2/6/2013	P	4	15/19
Patrick	Stanton	1365		2/6/2013		4	23/07
Michael	Petronella	1386		2/6/2013		4	23/07
Matthew	Geershuny	1367					

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If the information is wrong on this list please see your Day Captain.

Member			Co. # of	
F-Name	L-Name	#	Date Start	# Calls
Jeff	O' Neill	1299	6/13/211	6
Laurie	Hoffmann	1243	10/26/2010	8
Audin	Delva	1185	5/20/2010	2

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Carolyn	Niceforo	1223	9/21/2010	5	
Mindy	Scalzeth	1255	6/15/2010	7	
Andrew	Campagnola	1352	12/18/2012	1	
Dennis	Vangroski	1274	12/26/2011	3	
Tim	Quiegley	1261	1/26/2012	1	
Gina	Angevine	1073	1/10/2012	4	
Rodriguens	Gabriel	1224	2/2/2013	2	
Carolyn	Corkett	1374	2/7/2013	5	

If anyone has any ideas or would like to see NEW equipment please leave me a note in my mail box with your name and email.
Thank You

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Vito Reciniello

- 2-15-16 is back in service and assigned as first due until 2/11/13. My intent is to run the ambulance as often as possible to assure the repairs done at Ford resolved the issue. Thank you for your patience and input regarding this issue.
- 2-15-18 involved in another minor MVA (vs. stationary object). The driver has been referred to the driver training committee by the 1st Deputy. Repairs are pending quote from Proliner.
- 2-15-80 has a new push bar to replace the one damaged during Super Storm Sandy.
- I have received a few quotes regarding repair/upgrades to the garage doors. Unfortunately the prices and scope of repair vary from vendor to vendor. I am working on clarifying the matter.
- 2-15-19 had an issue with the driver's door coming loose. This caused minor damage to the front fender well. The ambulance has been repaired at the auto body shop. Please let me know if you notice any additional issues with the doors on any of the ambulances, especially the Fords. Apparently the problem is somewhat a common one with the Ford van chassis.
- Met again with the cleaning contractor. If anyone notices anything not being cleaned, maintained or otherwise overseen, please let me know.
- Chief Heavey and I are still waiting on a clarification regarding removing ALS supplies, equipment and medications when the vehicles are going to our mechanic (ACE AUTO).
- A contractor has been awarded the job of repairing the ceiling tiles and other issues from the heating coil break last year. JJJJ Italiano is the contractor and many of you may know Jack. If you have any questions or comments regarding the work being done please call me. I am trying to avoid the contractors from being bombarded by many 'well meaning' members confusing the contractor from doing the work as it has been laid out me. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING!

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- 258 • The calendar for 2-15-88 and 2-15-89 in the dispatch office seems to be working well.
259 Please let me know if you have any suggestions or comments.
- 260 • Please note that at times there will be changes to the ambulance rotation. If there is a
261 note on the dry erase (white) board with the ambulance rotations; stating a change to
262 rotation or a note not to change the rotation, notated by an officer, please don't change
263 until you have contacted that officer or me. Thank you.
- 264 • Tyler Gibbs and Dale Bartolomeo have presented an updated version of the driver
265 checkout. It is being sent to the driver training committee and officers for comment and
266 evaluation.
- 267 • BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE! Please be sure the garage doors are closed as soon as
268 possible.
- 269 • I am looking for suggestions and help to coordinate the cleaning of the ambulances.
270 Although it is cold out, there have been several days that the temperature has been well
271 over freezing and the ambulances could have been cleaned. We all need to take pride in
272 the equipment we use. The ambulances are not only the means of transporting the sick
273 and injured, they are HUGE billboards. The message we are sending by driving dirty
274 unkempt ambulances is not a very nice one
- 275 • The table holding the video game in the ready room has broken twice. Luckily, no one
276 was hurt and the video game was not damaged. I am looking for a replacement.
- 277 • 2-15-89 had the stripping replaced on the passenger's side front quarter panel. It also had
278 some minor work done to the front suspension.
- 279 • Please be aware that there is salt and a spreader in the maintenance closet. I am trying to
280 keep the spreader full and at least 1-2 bags outside the closet for use by anyone who
281 notices a slippery area, including but not limited to the front ramp and walkways. If the
282 plowing contractor fails to show up or does not do an adequate job, please call me as
283 soon as possible.
- 284 • When responding to calls during poor weather, please use extra caution and watch out for
285 each other. **We all need to come back safe and uninjured.**
- 286 • Somehow too many of us have gotten away from the practice of having someone guide
287 the ambulance when backing. Please note:
 - 288 ○ Whenever possible have a crew member or police officer or firefighter guide you
289 while backing.
 - 290 ○ Physically check around the vehicle 360 degrees for possible obstacles and
291 hazards.
 - 292 ○ People backing the ambulance please be aware, if you can't see the mirrors the
293 driver can't see you. Too often the 'backer' is moving around and becomes
294 another hazard that the driver is worrying about.
 - 295 ■ Drivers please discuss and explain this to the people backing you up.
- 296 • Many of the complaints regarding the security cameras have been corrected. Most
297 without any further input. Most of the issues brought to my attention were premature as

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the work was still in progress. If anyone has comments, complaints or suggestions please let me know.

- I have noticed several members riding with the off-duty black jacket issued by the squad. We need to stress that these jackets are not uniform and not to be worn on the ambulance, except perhaps during a backup call.

Thank you for your continued comments, suggestions and support.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

Greetings to everyone from the “Dispatcher’s Corner”. First, let me start by saying a big thank you to Jim Mallilo, Rich Stone, Mike Barker Mary Brenner, and Nancy Courtemanche for all of their hard work and for making this transition for me as easy as possible. Next, I would like to congratulate Member Christopher Amaya, # 1375, for passing the Dispatch Training!

For the month of January, we answered 508 alarms (an increase of 28 calls from last January), with only 13 signal 24’s (a decrease of 3). Our 2 to 21 time (actual arrival on scene) was clocked in at 7 minutes and 45 seconds (an increase of 31 seconds). Suffolk County wants this time to be less than 9 minutes.

Most recently, we had a Nor’easter named “Nemo” to contend with. From Friday, February 8 at 0700 hrs. until Sunday February 10 at 0700 hrs. , we answered 41 calls, including a fully involved fire in which 3 people were treated and 1 transported. During this difficult 48 hour period, we did not give away a single call! Nada one, nope. So how are we doing? We are doing great! Everyone should be commended for a job well done, with special thanks to all those that were able to answer back-up calls.

I have not forgotten those of you that have requested pagers and radios. They will be assigned and distributed in the coming weeks.

Dispatchers, please be reminded that a PCR is required for the following scenarios, and that you should make sure that you get them from the Crew Leaders, as they sometimes are running from call to call:

1. Patient transported.
2. Patient refuses transport. (RMA FORM IS REQUIRED, please note RMA in the signal notes, as well as next to the Patient’s name.)
3. Call cancelled by Med-Com, or a Disregard by SCPD on scene. (If the ambulance has left the building, the on-duty crew will do the PCR. If the call was cancelled BEFORE the ambulance has left the building, the Dispatcher will do the PCR. Please note in the body of the report, as well as in the signal notes, that the call was cancelled)
4. Duplicate call. (The Dispatcher will do the PCR for the “Duplicate Alarm.” Please note ‘duplicate’ in the signal notes.)
5. All Stand-bys.
6. Signal 3/16.

A PCR is not required for a signal 24. However, the Dispatcher on duty is responsible for filling out the 'Signal 24' paperwork.

- In process of updating list of pagers and radios
- All 24's and RMAs with PCRs require the proper paperwork
- In process of forming a dispatch committee

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

I wanna start off by saying a great job was done by our members and officers that stood by during nemo. Also be safe there is still ice out so walk with your hands out of your pockets and remember the ice melt and speedy dry. Everyone remain safe and warm

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Okay, so apparently I need to learn not to open my mouth.....whenever I say we are off to a good start and we are covering calls, it comes back to bite me. Unfortunately we had to 24 a call on 1/28 and 5 calls on 2/4. It certainly was not due to lack of effort. On 2/4 we had a total of 28 calls for the day and at times we had 3 rigs on the road. The calls just came in on top of each other.

Thank you to all my crews that came in for their shifts and also those that came in for back up. Your help is always appreciated. Thanks to Tom O'Leary, Jeff O'Neill, Jeffrey Brenner, Joe Gander, Joe Grant, Tim Quigley and many others I may have forgotten. Please accept my apologize if I missed you.

Congratulations to JJ Gander #1329..... at our officers meeting it was recommended for JJ to be advanced to Crew Leader. We are just awaiting BOD approval. Good luck to you JJ

More happy news.....Congratulations to Robin Smiles #937 on becoming a Grandmother to Samantha Ryleigh Smiles 8 Lbs. 1oz. and to George Reeder #1328 on the arrival of his daughter Sarah Grace 5 Lbs. 7oz.!!!! Everyone is home and doing well....

Please make sure you finger in and out for your shifts. If you for any reason do not, hey...it happens, please make sure you let me know. Either write it down and put it in my mailbox or text or email me. If I have the documentation then I can make the appropriate adjustments.

All members, please make sure you keep up on all your review trainings. If you are unable to get onto the members website to do your trainings contact David Mohr #748

Our call volume is already above last year's records. With all these calls I understand it is difficult to keep up on the check outs of our rigs. Please make every effort to complete your check outs to ensure you have all the equipment you need for your calls. It can be rather frustrating and embarrassing not to have what you need on a call.

Also, please check the dates on your certifications and get that information to me. There are many classes coming up so please sign up if needed.

Again, thank you to everyone for being there on Mondays. I couldn't do it without all of you. If you ever have some spare time to listen up it is always appreciated. If you would rather respond from home then just give our dispatchers a call and give them a number you can be reached.

Be safe out there.....

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390 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr**

391 First six weeks have been going well; we have done about sixty calls with 2 24s, again on my
392 0700 shift. Chris Amaya and Douglas Mayer are scheduled to take their dispatch tests soon-
393 Good Luck!
394 Looking for a 2nd full duty crew on my 0700 shift and also a couple of First Aiders on the 1100
395 shift.
396 Please remember to keep up to date on your review trainings and to do your ambulance and
397 driver check outs – both are very important.
398 Getting replacements isn't always easy but at least make an effort - your crew will appreciate it.
399 It's good to see Liz Steenson back dispatching – you were missed. Get well wishes go out to
400 Mary Winter, Tom D'Antonio and Meagan Meyer- we look forward to seeing you all back soon.

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402 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo**

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404 WELCOME BACK TO GERARDO VASQUEZ FROM HIS RECENT LOA

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406 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY
407 COME OFF THEIR PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND ARE FULL MEMBERS:

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ANGELA WALLACE

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CANDICE SOBINA-MILLS

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PATRICK STANTON

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412 WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO COMPANY 4- MIKE PETRONELLA WHO
413 IS ON THE OVERNIGHT , CURRENTLY HOLDS CERTIFICATION AND HAS
414 RECENTLY PASSED HIS DISPATCH TEST. CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!

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416 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ANSWERED BACK UP CALLS AND
417 COMPANY 8 PERSONNEL COMING IN AND FILLING VACANCIES.

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419 OPEN VACANCIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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CL AND FA 11-3PM

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FA 1500-1900

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CL 1900-230

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ALS PERSONNEL WELCOME ON ALL SHIFTS

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425 **Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo**

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427 Still need help on Thursday, especially 1500-1900. Company 8 is welcome to come help out.

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429 Please make sure you are all doing your checkouts.

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431 Carolyn Corkette passed ambulance orientation and will begin to ACL.

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Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

Nemo:

Thank you to everyone who helped during the blizzard. Although Nemo packed twice the punch as was expected, and each call was more grueling than on a typical day, we handled all of Friday's 23 alarms professionally and safely for crew and patient.

It's always a team effort and I generally thank people equally and in alphabetical order but a special Nemo-related thanks to Martha Brenner, Tim Ebert, Dominic Heavey, Vito Reciniello, and Mark Cappola. Together we held a storm preparation meeting on Thursday night to establish procedures and procure needed supplies; without question, this contributed to a smooth response to a major blizzard.

Furthermore Martha, Tim, and Dom – all present and hands-on during the storm – provided invaluable guidance and support but ultimately left the day's decisions and operations to me with the explicit goals of education and experience. This kind of fostering approach, at all levels of any organization, is paramount to the future of that organization.

Thank you to Friday duty crews for getting in despite the obvious difficulties, and in many cases for coming in early and/or staying late, as well as to all non-Company 6 backup personnel (as determined by the finger reader): Jeff Brenner, Martha Brenner, Pam Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Terrence Cheang, Carolyn Corkett, Richard Cortes, Keith Davis, Joey Denimarck, Tim Ebert, Chris Fischer, Rodriguens Gabriel, Tyler Gibbs, Dominic Heavey, Laurie Hoffman, Patricia Salajka, Orlando Salcedo, Phil Schmidt (who kept us stocked with O2), Sally Staszak, Andrew Taylor, and Tiffany White.

Last but not least, thanks to Huntington Manor Fire Department for being on standby – and responding immediately for us a couple of times – with a plow and other resources.

Congratulations:

- Kristin Schwartz-Perkins (1500) passed Ambulance Orientation and is enrolled in an EMT-B course
- John Vasquez (#1327) received his EMT-B certification and will soon start driver training

Help Needed:

At a bare minimum Friday could use the following help on a regular basis:

- ALS 0700
- Crewleader (second crew) 1100
- Crewleader (second crew) 1500

All members of any status wishing to do extra shifts – to accelerate advancement, log Company 8 hours, or just generally help out – are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is most needed.

Miscellaneous:

Squad-wide changes are being implemented that will: 1) affect what corrections a day captain can make to the finger reader records, and 2) more formally track and audit ambulance checkouts. Friday crews have generally been diligent with both but still, please remember to finger in and out, and document checkouts as per the roster with the checkout form.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

I want to first thank everyone for their kind wishes and condolences during the past few weeks. I likewise want to say thank you to the Squad for the delicious fruit basket sent to us. I hope to be able to acknowledge each person very soon.

The following members have been advanced to First Aiders as of February 6,
Claudia Femminella, #1364 James Ganley, #1371
Congratulations to both of them.

We continue to look for help to cover calls.

We can use ALS and a 2nd Crew Leader on the 0700 shift.

We lost CL Jeff Daniels to the Sunday 1100 shift so are now in need of a Full Crew for 2nd Due.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Judy Hogan on our 1500 shift who has gone from Riding to Associate Membership.

Ona Mastrainni has moved from the 1500 shift to the 1900 shift.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has come out to do extra shifts on Saturday and done backup calls.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

Next Meeting will be held at. N. Amityville Fire Co. on Tuesday, Feb. 19th

Exec Board Meeting will be held Saturday Feb. 16th in Albany

Main topic of discussion will be the Governor's budget which will reintroduce the Article 30 issue. This is the issue that the State Association successfully fought and it was pulled from last year's budget. The focus of Article 30 is many folds but the condensing of the REMSCOs across the state is of major concern.

|Public Relations – Andrea Golinsky

I was contacted by Jordan Gibbons of the Times Beacon Record Newspapers for information on HCFAS. He also wanted to talk to a long time member and a newer member to get their reasons for joining HCFAS and remaining a member. As a result of the information given to him, HCFAS was named the Times of Huntington "2012 Volunteers of the Year."
I would like to thank Mary Winter and Jeannette Russell for their input.

Other meetings – Bob Franz

SCACA – Wednesday 2/20 at South Country Ambulance 7:30PM

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The 2012 Service Awards LOSAP State Report for Points posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. You must have at least 50 points in the total column and a Yes in the Pass

column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2012. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

LOSAP Participants Collecting Benefits in 2012 – Bob Franz

Just a reminder that each participant will be receiving two 1099-Misc. tax forms for the 2012 tax year. One form will represent your payments received from January 1 to November 30, 2012 and the other will represent payments received during December 2012. Both forms will be mailed in one envelope and must be added together when reporting your total payments received on your 2012 income tax return.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2012 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2012 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.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline with the Town of Huntington Assessor is March 1, 2013 for property tax year 12/01/13 to 11/30/14. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be recertified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2013, 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 3/1/13 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/13), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 15, 2013. To be eligible, your name must be on the property deed, 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, 2013. For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2013, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County.

Scholarships or Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Information on available scholarships or tuition assistance programs sponsored by various entities will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the dispatch office or emailed as information is received or the Squad is made aware of a program.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

Planning for an ice skating outing.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty

Installation Dinner is February 23rd. Table arrangements must be in by Friday. If you did not send in your response – you do not attend.

569 **ALS – Alyssa Axelrod**

- 570 • Effective 2/12, Ativan will be removed from all rigs. Several weeks ago, NYSDOH
571 issued a statement to all EMS agencies that they have found no data to support an
572 acceptable period of time that injectable Ativan can be stored outside of refrigeration. As
573 a result, effective February 15, they have mandated that all stock must be kept in a
574 refrigerated environment of 2-8 degrees Celsius until it is administered to a patient. As
575 this falls out of the range of acceptable temperatures for the rest of our medications, and
576 Versed (midazolam) has been added to the upcoming ALS protocol update, Michele
577 Miller is working on securing the documentation needed to make that change to our
578 formulary. Updates will be forthcoming before any new medication is added to our stock.
- 579 • The national medication shortage continues to be a problem and is now affecting our
580 stock of several medications. Our order of Atropine, D25, and D50 has been delayed and
581 the hospital has been unable to fill our stock requests due to their limited supply. Please
582 continue to update med compartments during your checkouts, pulling the current month
583 plus the next two months of expirations on all other medications. In cases where there is
584 no replacement stock, you may leave all non-expired medications in the compartments
585 and continue to make notes in tape on the top of med boxes. In cases where there is stock
586 missing, please note that also on the top of the box. Also, remember that if you use a
587 medication on a call, please do your best to restock that medication at the hospital after
588 the call.
- 589 • The recent PEPP/PALS class was well-attended with 14 ALS providers receiving dual
590 certification. We are looking into holding an ACLS Recert + Capnography class in house
591 in March/April.
- 592 • The Lifepaks from 16 ans 81 are in recent need of service. The Physio rep is scheduled to
593 come in Tuesday morning to work on the machines.
- 594 • Our next ALS peer review session with our Agency Medical Director is scheduled for
595 Friday, February 15th. We will be reviewing PCRs where an ALS provider attended the
596 call, and we will focus on cardiac, respiratory, and AMS assessments and interventions.
597 All ALS providers are welcome to attend and participate.
- 598 • Please continue to complete your checkouts on every shift. If you ride consecutive shifts,
599 only 1 checkout form needs to be completed. Please remember to reseal compartments
600 after use. Officers continue to receive monthly reports of ALS checkouts completed.

601 **Pulse – Patty Salajka**

602 Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net). No more mailings of the
603 PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org.

604 **Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy** – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

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Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

The 2013 budget has been submitted to the Board.

Old business:

New business:

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Andrew Taylor. Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Wachauer Gold – Marillenschnaps (Roger Winter) – Lori Stone
2. Gran Centenario Azul Tequila (Roger Winter) – Caroline Corkett
3. Flower arrangement – Mark Cappola
4. Flower Arrangement – Jeff O'Neill
5. Russell Stover Chocolate Heart – Mary Brenner
6. Russell Stover Chocolate Heart – Todd Atkin
7. Beringer White Zinfandel – Carmen Schleiben
8. Beringer Merlot – Andrew Taylor

The information only meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2030 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: March 1, 2013

No approval required – there was no quorum present for this meeting - Minutes are informational only.

Proposed By-Law Change 01-2013 and Proposed SOP Change 02-2013 included in February Pulse were not presented since there was no quorum at the meeting. They will be presented at the March meeting.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: March 11, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	ABSENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Vice President Richard Stone that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (60 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

▪ **Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events (if needed):**

- Meghan (Meyer) Salzone #1244 & Lou Salzone on the birth of their baby boy Louis Joseph.
- Congratulations to the New Grandmother Sue Sibel #752.
- Congratulations to Pam Brenner #1157 and Keith Davis # 1208 on their engagement.
- Congratulations to Associate Member Kevin Brenner engaged to Catlin Daniels.

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- Congratulations to Sara Manning #1345 on the birth of her first child, a baby girl Abigail Elizabeth. Baby, Mom and father Chris are doing just fine.
- Congratulations to 1st time Grandmother Sue Manning #666
- Congratulations to 1st time Grandfather Ken Manning #1236
- Congratulations to 1st time Aunt Amanda Manning #1322.
- Congratulations to Pat Brumm # 1117 Eaton's Neck Fire Department's "Medic of the Year"

Presidents Report

VP Richard Stone for President Roger Winter

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

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

- Christopher Evers # 1216 – 5 years
- Melissa Flores #1213 – 5 years
- Spencer Newman #1082 – 10 years
- Eileen Burns #767 – 25 years

25 Years

Eileen Burns

"Life Member"

Crewleader

Driver

Former EMT-CC

First Aid Supply

Building Improvement

Social

Membership

Ambulance Orientation

First Aid Instructor

Prospective New Member Interview

OA/QI

One of three members who have 2 permanent shifts

12 year Day Captain

Second Deputy Chief

Thank you for your 25 years of dedicated service.

30 Years

Pete was unable to attend the February 2013 meeting.

Peter (Pete) Nakelski #681

Life Member"

Administrative Member

"Life Membership Committee Chairman 2001, 2002

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Fund Drive 30 years
Fund Drive Co-Chair with Mary Brenner
Board of Director - 1985, 1986, 1993, 1994
Vice President Board of Directors – 1987, 1988
Committee Chair to find an alternate location while they built the 2 Railroad Street
Headquarters.
Assisted many committees in any time of need, he is a true asset to HCFAS
Thank you for your 30 years of service.

Motion by Richard Stone and seconded by Brian Canty to change the order of the meeting for the first reading of the proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2013 and the reading and discussion of the proposed SOP amendment 02-2013.
Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2013 was read by Bob Franz. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would allow the on duty crews to vote on proposed By-Laws changes.

The proposed SOP amendment 02-2013 was read by Bob Franz. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. Amendment would create equality in the number of hours volunteered by Administrative and Operational Members.
Consensus membership vote: Yes 19 No 19 Abstain 10

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Dominic Heavey and seconded by Tom O'Leary to accept the January 14, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Unanimous

Bob asked if anyone had changes for the February 11, 2013 Informational General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted. No changes were noted. No vote is needed for an informal meeting where no quorum is present.

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.
Incoming: Thank you letters: Patient's family: Josephine Edwards; Other: Alzheimer's Association – donation in memory of inactive life member Arlette Stanecker.

Proposed SOP 03-2012 Patient Confidentiality

The Proposed SOP was amended and approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to the membership via email and posted on the bulletin board.

136 **President's Report** **VP Richard Stone for Pres. Roger Winter (Continued)**

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Board Actions as of February 28, 2013

- Fund Drive Budget – Tabled
- SOP Change 01-2013 Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Policy - Tabled
- Patient Confidentiality Policy
- Fire, Rescue & EMS MEGA SHOW 2013 at the Nassau Coliseum
- O² Room Single Opening Public Education Youth Locker (Rack)
- Repair of 12/6/12 Water Damage via e-mail 1/31/13
- Ambulance Bay Space Hydronic Control Energy Conservation Measure (ECM) –
Table
- Explorer Post 215 Field Trip to Dave & Buster's
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt 2013
- Untable Patient Confidentiality
- Patient Confidentiality Policy

152 **Treasurers Report - Brian Canty**

153 No report.

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155 **Officers Report's**

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157 **Chief's Report – Martha Brenner**

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159 Congratulations to the 2012 award winners: All well deserved.

160 Snow, snow and more snow. Kyle Rudden has really gotten off to a big start with two major
161 storms on Fridays; he is keeping things going well!

162 Initiative updates:

163 1-You said you wanted separate BLS and o2 bags last month, this month the 2nd DC is showing
164 them to you! Way to go Chief Heavey!

165 2-A proposal for a second power stretcher will be before the board soon. Another item the
166 members are largely in favor of.

167 3-Check outs are being monitored and any crew not in compliance can expect to hear from the
168 Captain. The February results will be distributed at the March Officer's meeting and an overview
169 at the April GMM.

170 4-Plectron bid still in process

171 5-Uniforms should be the topic next month, specifically new winter gear. Watch for emails on
172 this. Thanks to Director Denmark for doing the research.

173 6-Please bring your concerns to the Chief Officers. We meet once a month to discuss topics that
174 have been brought up and initiatives we are working on. If you have a topic that you believe
175 needs to be addressed please let one of us know.

176 7- LOSAP: This is your responsibility. Check your numbers on the posted print out or on the
177 website.

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179 **Topic of the month:**

Committees: Committees. Too Many? Not Enough? How Do I Join? How do I start one?

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Christopher Evers # 1216 – 5 years
- Melissa Flores #1213 – 5 years
- Spencer Neuman #1082 – 10 years
- Eileen Burns #767 – 25 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Israel Cortes

First Deputy Chief’s Report – Tim Ebert via Martha Brenner

A couple of weeks ago after answering several backup calls I noticed a patient and a family member watching me from bed “A” as I wiped down the stretcher with alcohol wipes. It was a typical day for us at HCFAS, the on-duty crew along with two backup crews were running multiple calls. The family member came up to me and said, “We have been sitting here for hours watching Huntington come in and out of this emergency room. Every crew comes in acting professional and compassionate and every time you leave the stretcher is wiped down. If I ever call for an ambulance I hope it’s it you guys that pick me up. “We certainly don’t hear this enough for the work that we do. Great Job Everyone!

Patient Confidentiality Agreement

The Patient Confidentiality Agreement was approved by the BOD on 2/28/13. I will be sending out the approved version for everyone to read and sign. Please put in the First Deputy mailbox.

Notable call:

On February 11, 2013 at 1940 the Monday 1900 crew received a call for a cardiac arrest at St. Anthony’s Gym. Before the crew could leave the building a follow-up call was received confirming the arrest and that CPR was in progress and that they needed an AED. The on duty crew of DR Captain Karen Martin, CL Stephanie Caracciolo, FA Paul Nathan and ALS Ann Maloney were dispatched by Jill Decker. ALS Paul Mori and Captain Allison Russo responded in 2-15-80 as well as the second crew of DR David Mohr, CL George Reeder, FA Dan Kelly and FA Joel Paul. Upon arrival the crew found an adult male lying on the track not breathing on his own. It was reported that the man fell and had no pulse or breaths. CPR was started and an AED was applied. Initially, no shock was indicated, but on the second assessment a shock was indicated and administered. The patient was transported to the hospital with a pulse and breathing. Nice job by all involved. Please keep me posted on future Notable calls.

Second Deputy Chief’s Report – Dominic Heavey

Happy St. Patrick’s Week to all and I hope everyone has a good day on March 17th. On behalf of myself and the 1st Dep Tim I would like to thank all the members who turned out for the Parade yesterday, it was a good day after all. Big thanks go out to Brian and the Kitchen Staff for the food, to Tom and Matt for helping out getting the Rigs ready, for the Honor Guard and Gerry for

setting this up, to the Post Members everyone looked great. Big thanks go out to Mark and the Not so Irish Band great Music. Thanks to Captain Keith for running the day and keeping everyone in line.

New Equipment:

02 Bag and BLS Bag:

The New 02 bag and BLS bag are here for you to look at. They are a MERET Bag, after looking at many bags I have come up with the best I could find. The bags come in Black only. If anything should break and the company cannot fix it they will replace the bag. The New thing about the 02 bag is that the BLS Meds: will be sealed inside a small bag to the side of the bag. I have also put a BP Cuff and a Stethoscope in this bag along with a Shears. I have also added the New Bags to the Check out form for you to look at. The two bags along with all the new equipment in them weight 3 oz less than the Blue bag.

Talking about the Blue bag it will now be moved to second due bag and it will now be a Part 800 bag and sealed. (Working on this).

CO METER'S:

The CO Meter comes from the same supplier and will be placed on the 02 bag with a seal. The 02 bag will be the first due bag on all calls. The only thing about this meter is that it is good for 24 months from when it is switched on. When it beeps or the lights flash the Crew should get out of there. More to follow on this if we get them.

ALCARE PLUS:

Antiseptic Hand rub is now on all Ambulances inside the side door to you Left of the door. Please remember if you should use and kind of a hand rub you should wash your hands in regular water when you get the chance.

AED's:

Well the New AED's are now on all the vehicles'. The only thing you have to do now when checking the AED is look in the window to see of the letter's OK appear if so you are ready to go. You should check that the Pads are in date. We have also placed New AED throughout the building.

March review Training:

The review training is out and is Hands on Training you MUST have it done by the 31st of March then all the training supplies will be removed.

CME:

It is important that you keep up on all your CME's and that you give Pam a copy of all your CME's. Pam anything to add.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Vito Reciniello

2013 has been a long year already with an increase in call volume and heavy wear and tear on our ambulances. I look forward to the delivery of our newest ambulance very soon!

PLEASE, if you have an issue with an ambulance be it an accident or any other damage or failure, call me. We are finding more and more unreported damage to the ambulances and other equipment. Do not assume that you will be automatically removed from driving. All accidents and or mishaps are reviewed on a case by case basis and our goal is to get the drivers back on the horse as soon as possible.

When responding to calls during poor weather, please use extra caution and watch out for each other. **We all need to come back safe and uninjured!**

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- 272
- 273 • Somehow too many of us have gotten away from the practice of having someone guide
- 274 the ambulance when backing. Please note:
 - 275 ○ Whenever possible have a crew member or police officer or firefighter guide you
 - 276 while backing.
 - 277 ○ Physically check around the vehicle 360 degrees for possible obstacles and
 - 278 hazards.
 - 279 ○ People backing the ambulance please be aware, if you can't see the mirrors the
 - 280 driver can't see you. Too often the 'backer' is moving around and becomes
 - 281 another hazard that the driver is worrying about.
 - 282 ○ Drivers please discuss and explain this to the people backing you up.
- 283 • 2-15-18 involved in another minor MVA (vs. stationary object). This is the 3rd accident
- 284 to the same part of the vehicle in the past 6 months. The ambulance is at Proliner for
- 285 body work.
- 286 • 2-15-80 has a new push bar to replace the one damaged during Super Storm Sandy.
- 287 • I have received a few quotes regarding repair/upgrades to the garage doors.
- 288 Unfortunately the prices and scope of repair vary from vendor to vendor. I am working
- 289 on clarifying the matter.
- 290 • 2-15-19 had an issue with the driver's door coming loose. This caused minor damage to
- 291 the front fender well. The ambulance has been repaired at the auto body shop. Please let
- 292 me know if you notice any additional issues with the doors on any of the ambulances,
- 293 especially the Fords. Apparently the problem is somewhat a common one with the Ford
- 294 van chassis.
- 295 • Many of the complaints regarding the security cameras have been corrected. Most
- 296 without any further input. Most of the issues brought to my attention were premature as
- 297 the work was still in progress. If anyone has comments, complaints or suggestions please
- 298 let me know.
- 299 • Please be aware that there is salt and a spreader in the maintenance closet. I am trying to
- 300 keep the spreader full and at least 1-2 bags outside the closet for use by anyone who
- 301 notices a slippery area, including but not limited to the front ramp and walkways. If the
- 302 plowing contractor fails to show up or does not do an adequate job, please call me as
- 303 soon as possible.
- 304 • 2-15-16 is back at ford again, for a breaking issue this time. I hope to have it back by
- 305 Tuesday the 26th.
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- 307 • Met again with the cleaning contractor. If anyone notices anything not being cleaned,
- 308 maintained or otherwise overseen, please let me know.
- 309 • The ceiling tiles and other damages have been repaired following last year's heating coil
- 310 break. There are a few small items still outstanding, and I expect the project to be
- 311 completed soon.

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- Please note that at times there will be changes to the ambulance rotation. If there is a note on the dry erase (white) board with the ambulance rotations; stating a change to rotation or a note not to change the rotation, notated by an officer, please don't change until you have contacted that officer or me. Thank you.
- I am looking for suggestions and help to coordinate the cleaning of the ambulances. Although it is cold out, there have been several days that the temperature has been well over freezing and the ambulances could have been cleaned. We all need to take pride in the equipment we use. The ambulances are not only the means of transporting the sick and injured, they are HUGE billboards. The message we are sending by driving dirty unkempt ambulances is not a very nice one
- The table holding the video game in the ready room has broken twice. Luckily, no one was hurt and the video game was not damaged. I am looking for a replacement.
- BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE! Please be sure the garage doors are closed as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued comments, suggestions and support.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

- Three members passed dispatch training.
- February had 428 calls, 18 more than February 2012
- Average response 7 min 45 sec.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

I need a driver on the 0700 shifts and the 1100 shift anyone that can help out please contact me.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

I hope everyone that attended the Installation Dinner had a great time....a night to kick back and enjoy with good friends, good food and a lot of dancing. Congratulations to all who received their well-deserved awards, especially Andrew Taylor #1338 Probationary Member of the Year and William 'Mike' Barker # 862 for Dispatcher of the Year. Although Mike is not a member of the Monday crews, he was the backbone for our crews when Super Storm Sandy hit on a Monday.

Congratulations to JJ Gander #1329..... He has been advanced to Crew Leader. Good luck to you JJ!! Unfortunately JJ has to change his shift to a different day because of a conflict with school but I wish him the best of luck.

Abigail Elizabeth 8 lbs 5 oz and 20 inches arrived on 2/28/13 at 0843.... Mom (Sara Manning #1345), Dad and baby doing well

Congratulations goes out to George Reeder #1328 on the passing of his driver's test. Be safe out there.

I would like to welcome our newest member to the Monday overnight, Matthew Moran #1391. Good luck to you Matt and we look forward to working with you.

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Our call volume is already above last year's records. With all these calls I understand it is difficult to keep up on the check outs of our rigs. Please make every effort to complete your check outs to ensure you have all the equipment you need for your calls. This includes our drivers, make sure everything is in working order before you go out on that first call. It can be rather frustrating and embarrassing not to have what you need on a call. Also after you complete your call make sure the ambulance is fully stocked. If you need to run home or to work at least try to let the next crew know what needs to be replaced.

All members please make sure you keep up on all your review trainings. If you are unable to get onto the members website to do your trainings contact David Mohr #748 @
davidmohr@yahoo.com

Also, please check the dates on your certifications and get that information to me. There are many classes coming up so please sign up if needed.

Again, thank you to everyone for being there on Mondays. I couldn't do it without all of you. If you ever have some spare time to listen up it is always appreciated. If you would rather respond from home then just give our dispatchers a call and give them a number you can be reached.

Be safe out there.....

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Congratulations to Meaghan Meyer on the birth of her baby boy in February. Douglas Mayer just passed his dispatch test and is in ambulance orientation. Chris Amaya is almost thru ambulance orientation.

Always looking for a second duty crew on Tuesday 0700 dr. and cl. Also looking for a dispatcher on the 1100 and 1500 shifts and a first aider on the 1500.

On the 1900 shift good to have Liz back, Mary W. and Tom D. will be back riding soon good news. Please remember to do your check outs and review trainings it's important. Thanks to all the members doing back up calls.

Calls it is greatly appreciated. Happy St. Pats Day and Happy Easter warm weather is coming yeah!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Welcome Christopher Daddura to the 3-7 shift.

Congratulations goes out to our newest EMT, Fiona Witkowski. Great job, you will be great! There is still a vacancy for a CL on the 11-3pm. And ALS providers are welcome throughout the day and overnight.

Everyone in our company is doing a great job so far, so keep it up! Wishing everyone a happy St party's day.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

No Report

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

Since the last GMM report all Fridays have gone relatively smoothly (owing in part to some quite days and no major blizzards). We had our first Signal 24 in a *long* time this past Friday. It was during the snowy 0700, two calls were running, and two more came in. We handled the third alarm but mutual aided an MVA to Halesite.

Thank you to Friday's duty crews and backup personnel (Sheryl Burke, Miki Borg, Andrew Campagnola, Mark Cappola, Carolyn Corkett, Richard Cortes, Chris Evers, Chris Fischer, Tyler Gibbs, Dominic Heavey, Laurie Hoffmann, Tom O'Leary, Vito Reciniello, Sheryl Roach, Keith Rubenstein, Rich Rudolph, Patricia Salajka, Sally Staszak, Al Szigethy, and Andrew Taylor). My apologies if I missed anyone.

Welcome:

- New member Joseph Kaempf (#1389) to the Friday 1100 shift

Help Needed:

Friday could use the following weekly help at a minimum:

- Friday 0700 – ALS
- Friday 1100 – Full crew including FA(s) (second due)
- Friday 1500 – CL or DR and FA(s) (second due)
- Friday 2300 – ALS

If anyone of any status is interested in joining the Friday overnight shift, please contact me. Technically, this often-busy and interesting shift has only one bare bones crew of three people: a CL, and CL/DR, and Disp/FA/soon-to-be ACL. Fortunately we have had very consistent and long-term (in most cases measured in years) backup help – Kathy Castillo (Co. 6 1900), Chris Fischer (Co. 8), Laurie Hoffmann (Co. 8), and myself (Co. 4) – that on most weeks affords us a full second crew and ALS. I don't anticipate this changing but I'd be remiss in not seeking a higher level of crew permanence.

In general, all members wishing to do extra shifts – to accelerate advancement, log Company 8 hours, or just generally help out – are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Well, the month of February was certainly one to cast a positive light Saturday crews!!

- > We had NO 24s for the month of February!
- > We not only survived NEMO but we handled every call that came in that day with a lot of extra help.
- > Our main man **Mike Barker** was honored as "Dispatcher of the Year" for all his hard work and outstanding service during the blizzard.
- > Once again congrats to **Pam** and **Keith** who were engaged in Feb.
- > **Claudia Femminella** and **Jim Ganley** advanced to FA in Feb.

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442 > Welcome **Terrance Cheang** to the 1100 shift.

443 > Almost everyone is up to date on their Review Trainings.

444 **Not too shabby!**

445 Happy birthday wishes go out to **Kristin** ("quackers") **VanBenshotten** on March 13
446 and **Claudia Femminella** on March 26.

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448 We continue to look for help to cover calls.

449 We can use ALS and a 2nd Crew Leader on the 0700 shift.

450 We are saying good bye to Rachel Zarhan who is leaving Saturdays to go the Wed 1900 shift.

451 Finally, thank you to everyone who has come out to do extra shifts on Saturday and helped on
452 backup calls.

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454 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

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456 **NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea**
457 **Golinsky**

458 Since early last month President Mike Mastrianni, Directors, Chairpersons and Delegates of the
459 New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association have taken part in a campaign to
460 get the proposal known as Article 30 out of Governor Cuomo's budget. President Mastrianni has
461 also been attending meetings in Albany with members of both the Senate and the Assembly in
462 addition to members of the Health Committee. In fact he had 5 meetings scheduled for today.

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464 Although it is revenue neutral (it would have no tax impact if passed). Article 30 would make
465 changes to EMS, as we know it. The Regional EMS Councils, REMSCOs, across the state would
466 be reduced from 18 to 10. Consolidation may impact the protocols we now operate under as per
467 Suffolk County REMSCO. The budget would remove all authoritative power from the local
468 REMSCO units and would allow them to only make recommendations to the Commissioner of
469 Health. The Certificate of Need policy now in place would be removed altogether.

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471 Member squads and the Districts of NYSVA&RA across New York State had been asked to
472 send letters to local Legislators asking that Article 30 be removed from the budget.

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474 Bob Franz and I attended meetings with Assembly Andrew Raia, who served on the Assembly
475 Health Committee and Chad Lupinacci's Chief of Staff, Gregory Atherton to ask for their
476 support in our quest to have Article 30 removed.

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478 I would like to thank District 7 Chairperson Bob Franz and HCFAS President Roger Winter who
479 spent many hours to collectively send over 100 emails and letters to New York State Legislators
480 and to Governor Cuomo expressing our objections to that portion of the budget.

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482 I received a phone call earlier today from President Mastianni who informed me that "at this time
483 the Article 30 portion has been removed from both the Senate budget bill and the Assembly

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budget bill". It appears that we may have succeeded in our mission however it could still be reinserted by the Governor for a vote. We have to keep close watch on this until the final budget is passed before we can declare a victory.

The next District 7 meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19th at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips.

The New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Legislative Day is scheduled for May 6th. We will be going up the day before to get the agenda for discussion. I will soon be making our appointments with our local legislators. Upon Board approval, I will post a sign up sheet for those wishing to attend.

The EMS Memorial Ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 21st. Once again a sign up sheet will be posted after BOD approval.

Other meetings – Bob Franz:

SC Ambulance Chiefs Association – Wednesday March 20th at Riverhead VAC at 7:30PM

Suffolk REMSCO – Tuesday March 12th at SCEMS in Yaphank at 7PM

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The 2012 Service Awards LOSAP State Report for Points is posted on the bulletin board. You must have at least 50 points in the total column and a Yes in the Pass column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2012. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2012 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2012 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**.

Scholarships or Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Information on available scholarships or tuition assistance programs sponsored by various entities will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the dispatch office or emailed as information is received or the Squad is made aware of a program

Suffolk Educational Program for Recruitment & Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) Scholarship

The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2013 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall & spring semesters** (SERVES is not applicable for the summer semester). See the Administrative Guide on the bulletin board or visit their website for the Guide, application form and other information (go to www.suffolksbravest.com/benefits – and click on SERVES Administrative Guide or call Ryan Murphy at FRES 631 852-4885). (If you have already earned 80 college credit hours then you are not eligible for this program).

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530 **Post 215- Sheryl Roach**

531 - Are planning an outing at Dave & Busters.

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533 **Special Events Committee - Brian Canty**

534 Easter Egg Hunt March 30, 2013 at Jefferson School (10AM) and at the Squad for light
535 refreshments (10:45AM).

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537 **Pulse – Patty Salajka**

538 Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net). No more mailings of the
539 PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org.

540 **Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy** – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

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542 **Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski**

543 No report.

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545 **Old business:**

546 None

547 **New business:**

548 Fund Drive Solicitation Materials for 2013 tabled motion

549 Display Sign messages and committee

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551 **Closing:**

552 Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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554 **Thank you to those who have helped:** Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr,
555 Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci, Mary
556 Winter.

557 Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

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559 **Raffles - Various Gifts**

560 1. Orchid – Diane Tanko

561 2. Orchid – Mark Cappola

562 3. Shorty Bottles Baileys Irish Cream – Kelly Murphy

563 4. 3 Shorty Bottles Baileys Irish Cream – Chris Roulo

564 5. Bottle of Baileys Irish Cream – Carolyn Corkette

565 6. Bottle of Baileys Irish Cream – Andrea Golinsky

566 Motion by Ferd Neumann and seconded by Lori Stone to adjourn the meeting at 2130 hours.

567 Unanimous.

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570 Respectfully Submitted,

571 *Robert Franz*

572 Secretary

Draft posted: March 29, 2013

Approved: April 8, 2013

Proposed By-Law Change 01-2013

Proposal:

To amend the By-Laws to allow the on duty crews to vote on proposed By-Law changes.

Background/Justification:

With the increasing number of calls we are handling, many times the on duty crew is on a call when it comes time for a critical vote such as amending the By-Laws. This unfairly denies them a say on major decisions of the organization. Article X, Section 4 allows for the use of absentee ballots for the on duty crews during special elections. This was obviously meant to give a say to members who have shown up for the meeting, but had to go on a call. This will provide the same provision to amendment votes for the By-Laws.

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

ARTICLE XII - SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted to the By-Laws Committee, and signed by at least three eligible voting members. Motions for proposed amendments to the By-laws shall be presented to the membership by the By-laws Committee in writing for one meeting preceding the vote on that motion. An affirmative vote by secret ballot of two-thirds majority of all eligible voting members present shall constitute its acceptance.

Absentee ballots will not be permitted for By-Law amendment votes with the following exception: the on-duty crew and a back-up crew designated by the Chief may be given absentee ballot envelopes at the start of the General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment vote is to occur. They may indicate on a ballot provided by the Secretary their vote on the amendment(s). They must seal and sign the envelope in accordance with the procedure indicated in Article X, Section 4. The Secretary will secure the ballots until the vote, when, after verifying that those members are not present, the absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the rest of the ballots.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236	<u>/s/</u>	Daniel Kelly #1096	<u>/s/</u>
Karen Martin #1118	<u>/s/</u>	Paul Nathan #1235	<u>/s/</u>
David Mohr #748	<u>/s/</u>	Paul Mori #934	<u>/s/</u>

Stephanie Caracciolo #1171 /s/

Jill Decker #908 /s/

Nancy Barker #930

Joel Paul #1068

George Reeder #1328 /s/

Ann Maloney #921 /s/

First Reading – March 11, 2013

Proposed SOP Change 02-2013

Proposal:

To create equality in the number of hours volunteered by Administrative Members and Operational Members.

Background/Justification:

Administrative Members have only been required to perform ten (10) hours of service on a committee. The SOP does not indicate over what period of time these ten (10) hours are to be performed, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually. Traditionally, the ten (10) hours have been performed over a monthly basis. Operational Members are required to perform one regularly scheduled four (4) hour shift per week. On a quarterly basis this equates to Administrative Members performing thirty (30) hours of volunteer service, while Operational Members are required to perform fifty-two (52) hours of volunteer service. The average four (4) hour shift handles over two and a half (2.5) calls, add the requirements of vehicle and equipment checkouts and the average shift is busy during the entire four (4) hour shift.

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

Section 4 - General Paperwork:

4. Administrative Activity Report - The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for maintaining the administrative personnel records. Members on administrative status are required to put in a minimum of four (4) 10 hours service on committees per week. ~~The activity report must be filled out quarterly by the member and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher. A copy of the report goes to the Chief. The Chief Dispatcher will submit a report. This report must be submitted~~ no later than the 10th day of the month following the end of the quarter (quarters end March, June, September and December), to the Chief, and report to the Operational Officers, on the number of hours each administrative member has completed. The Board of Directors will be notified quarterly of any administrative member who is not meeting his obligation by the Chief.

~~The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for maintaining the administrative personnel records. He will report this information to the Operational Officers following the completion of a calendar quarter (reports: January, April, July and October). The Board of Directors will be notified quarterly of any administrative member who is not meeting his obligation.~~

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: April 8, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (78 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Get Well Wishes to Ex. Chief Andrea Golinsky #315 she was hospitalized recently. Andrea is home recuperating.
- Eileen Burns was hospitalized recently. Eileen is recuperating and back on duty.

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events:

Congratulations to: Krystal Cruz # 1211 on her engagement to John Collins on March 20, 2013. Father Tony Cruz # 1043 and former member mother Minnie are excited and happy for both of them.

Presidents Report - President Roger Winter

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

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

- Richard Fernandez #1217 - 5 years.
- Richard Rudolph #1083 - 10 years
- Mary Woznick #769 - 25 years
- Roger Winter #496 - 35 years

25 Years

Mary Jane Woznick #769

“Life Member”

Active since 1988

Dispatcher

Food supply committee

Dispatch Training

Social Committee Co-Chairperson 7 years

Social Committee

Member of the New Building Ribbon cutting for this building

Transport Committee Chair

CPR Instructor

Thank you for your dedicated 25 years of service

35 Years

Roger Winter # 496 – Presentation made by Vice President Richard Stone

Roger was an EMT-B, Crewleader and Driver until a LOD injury forced him to be an Administrative Member.

He is a Life Member since 1993.

He was 3rd Deputy Chief in 1986 & 1987 and from August 1991 until December 1993.

He was First Deputy Chief in 1988 and became Chief on August 1988 and was Chief again in 2005 & 2006.

He served on the Board of Directors from 1994 to 1997 and again from 2002 to 2004 when he left to become Chief. He was elected to the Board in 2008 and continues to serve to this date and has been the President of the Squad since 2009. Roger was also Treasurer in 1995 and is Board

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Liaison to Explorer Post 215, Fund Drive, Pulse and chairs the ID & Accountability Card committee.
Roger served on various committees over the years such as Building Maintenance, Driver Training & Memorial Plaque for our deceased members.
As the story goes, Roger became a member because he wanted to hang around with Mary and Mary was always at the Squad.
He is the best damn chauffeur this side of Morgan Freeman.
On a personal note, Roger is the Best outlaw (in law) a person could want.
He is my Friend.

Congratulations Roger on your 35 years of volunteer service to HCFAS.

Ex-Chief John Palmieri also made some comments congratulating Roger on his 35 years with HCFAS and the years that John rode with Roger.

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Brian Canty to change the order of the meeting for the second reading, discussion and vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2013. Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2013 was read by David Mohr. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment. Published in the March and April Pulse.

Amendment would allow the on duty crews to vote on proposed By-Laws changes.

Secretary Franz conducted a roll call and ballots were distributed.

Ballot vote results: 61 votes cast. Yes -50 votes, No - 11 votes.

Amendment Passed (2/3 Majority Vote needed or 41 yes votes).

Motion by Sally Staszak and seconded by Jeff Brenner to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

See the end of the minutes for By-Laws Amendment 01-2013.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Sally Staszak and seconded by Mark Cappola to accept the March 11, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Patient's family: Anthony Azzara; Bernard Beal; Bobby Fitzgerald; Beverly Adkins; Squad Donation: St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church Outreach program; Donation Received: St. Anthony's High School; Stand By thank you: Community Ambulance Company of Sayville.

Proposed SOP 02-2013 Administrative Activity Report

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The Proposed SOP was amended and approved by the Board of Directors on March 28, 2013 and distributed to the membership via email and posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report Roger Winter (Continued)

Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Eileen Burns to donate 1 dollar per member to the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. campaign. The total donation is not to exceed \$250.00. As voted on by the membership at the April 8, 2013 General Membership Meeting.

HCFAS funds.

Unanimous.

ID Cards have been distributed; they are in your mail folders

Board Actions as of March 28, 2013

- Physio- Control, Inc. Technical Service Support Agreement
- Fund Drive
- Accept Working Budget for 2013
- Town of Huntington Earth Day Event- Touch-A-Truck
- Non-Payment of Dues 2013
- Purchase of New Vehicle (Ambulance 2-15-17)
- Ambulance Bay Space Hydronic Control Energy Conservation Measure (ECM)
- Installation of Ecobee Web based Energy Management System Thermostats
- Video Project request by Carlos Suarez's (# 1103) daughter
- NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany New York on Tuesday May 21, 2013
- Transportation to NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany, New –**Did not pass**
- York on Monday & Tuesday May 20-21, 2013
- NYSVA&RA Legislative Day on Sunday May 5 & 6, 2013
- Disposal Order for AED Model 3011-790-1131 14 Total
- Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. 30th Anniversary Gala – **Did not pass**
- Annual Squad Scholarship
- VSS Security
- Laptop Computer Purchase – **Tabled**
- Hurricane Sandy Pin 2012
- Driver Improvement Classes (aka Defensive Driving)
- Authorizing Cell Phone for PIO
- Definitive Marketing & Communications

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

Topic check outs:

- Alarm worksheet boxes have been closed. The CAD (computer aided dispatch) keeps the records.
- This has opened up 7 additional mailboxes. If you have a committee that needs a mailbox please see the Chief Dispatcher
- As requested by many there will be a shredder placed in the dispatch office.
- Captains will be presenting attendance reports to the 1st DC for the first quarter over the next few weeks. The social eligibility policy has not been changed. 75% attendance is required for social events/rewards. Your Captain will be in contact with you if you are below.
- A new committee to teach Hands Free CPR has been formed, co-chairs Carolyn Corkett and Andrew Taylor. Please contact either of these two if you are interested in helping.
- A new committee member has been added to the monument/front sign committee. Diane Tanko will be setting up a system for requests to be made for a sign announcement. Watch PULSE for an update.
- DO NOT LEAVE NOTES WITHOUT DATES AND SIGNATURES. If you think something is important enough to leave a note put your name on it so you can be contacted with questions.
- Plectron still in the works. Proposal has been received and review will occur this month.
- EMS WEEK IS 5/19-5/25 Give aways yes or no? 50/50.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Richard Fernandez #1217 - 5 years.
- Richard Rudolph #1083 - 10 years
- Mary Woznick #769 - 25 years
- Roger Winter #496 - 35 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Richard Cortes

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Any Crew leaders and ALS providers that are interested in driving the 80 cars only please leave a note in my box with your driver's license.

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An AAA defensive driving class will be held on Monday April 15th and Wednesday April 17th at 6:30PM. Sign up in the ready room. There are still seats available. You must attend both classes to receive your certificate.

Thank you to Lori Bennett for helping out with the Filing and Data entry.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for or has already done a standby - Dominick Heavey, Dave Mohr, Karen Martin, Stephanie Caracciolo, Keith Rubinstein & Mickey Borg.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

REVIEW TRAINING:

The review training is now out for April 2013. This month review training is on Bloodborne Pathogens and all members must have it completed by April 30th 2013.

Last month's review training was on the New AED and CPR, if you still have NOT had a chance to do it you must contact your Day Captain on this matter.

NEW BAGS:

The new bags will be on all the vehicles' over the next few days, please keep filling out your checkout sheets, and if you would like to see something changed on the check out sheet please drop me a email or leave a note in my mail box.

Second 02 bag/blue bag:

We are working on this bag at the moment and hope to have it finished before the next GMM.

SEALS/BLS Med:

As you can see we have moved the BLS Medication around, so please take time to see where it is on the vehicle. The 02 Bag has a pouch on the side of it that has the Sr. and Jr. Epi-pen in it along with the Narcan. This pouch will be sealed. If the seal is Green then everything should be OK, if it is Red or there is no seal on it then you must check it out. The Aspirin and the albuterol are now kept in side of the 02 bag itself for easy access.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Vito Reciniello via Martha Brenner

Ice Machine replacement is in process. Vito is trying to find a machine that will fit in the current space.

Scabies call – thank you to Ferd Neumann and Jerry Giacomini for sanitizing the rig after the call.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

Here are some dispatching and call statistics from the month of March:

Total number of calls were 420, up 8 calls from the previous month. There were 7 Signal 24's.

The average Signal 2 time was 2:27, and the average Signal 21 time (on scene) was 8:35. This is an increase of 55 seconds.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

As the weather gets warmer remember to watch out for motorcycles and also that brings the challenge of motorcycle involved motor vehicle accidents. Also remember to keep hydrated and start thinking about heat related and sport related injuries. Everyone does a great job in keeping HCFAS going so keep up the good work.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin (as posted)

Thanks to all our dedicated members on Mondays and those that respond for backup we are covering the calls. We did have to 24 two calls on 3/18 but we had 3 rigs on the road at the time. We are in need of a driver for the 1100 shift , due to work schedules I am losing a driver. Anyone that can listen up during the day would be very much appreciated. Mondays would like to welcome Abigail Elizabeth 8 lbs 5 oz and 20 inches arrived on 2/28/13 at 0843.... Mom (Sara Manning #1345), Dad and baby doing well. We look forward to meeting her. We want to wish Paul Nathan # 1235 a speedy recovery after his procedure on 3/25. Heal quickly and hurry back! Continued good luck to Rodriguens Gabriel #1224 with the ACL program Our call volume is already above last year's records. With all these calls I understand it is difficult to keep up on the check outs of our rigs. Please make every effort to complete your check outs to ensure you have all the equipment you need for your calls. This includes our drivers, make sure everything is in working order before you go out on that first call. It can be rather frustrating and embarrassing not to have what you need on a call. Also after you complete your call make sure the ambulance is fully stocked. If you need to run home or to work at least try to let the next crew know what needs to be replaced. All members, please make sure you keep up on all your review trainings. Members cannot ride if they are missing 2 or more review trainings. If you are unable to get onto the members website to do your trainings contact David Mohr #748 Thank you to the ALS providers that come in on Mondays and continue to do your checkouts. Keep up the great work! Please make sure we are doing our checkouts.....they are being reviewed on a weekly basis and thus far Mondays have the best record for completion!!! Mondays will always welcome anyone that is willing to listen up or come in for back up. Let me know because I will make sure that you get the credit that is due. Again thank you to everyone for all the help and get out there and enjoy the spring weather!!!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (as posted)

The Tuesday 0700 shift is always in need of a second due shift. This seems to be my major problem for most of my 24s.

Congratulations to members Chris Amaya and Douglas Mayer on passing ambulance orientation. Looking forward to having both Meaghan Meyer and Tom D'Antonio back on the 1900 hour

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shift within the next two weeks. Again thanks to Sally Staszak, Kurt Vetter, and Tom O'Leary for continuing to come in on Tuesdays.

Please continue to do your check outs each and every shift.

When getting replacements please make the phone calls don't just send out a mass e-mail I find you get a better result and yes not everyone calls back.

Can always use a dispatcher on the 1100 and 1500 shifts drop me an e-mail or better yet call me! Anyone doing Driver Training I'm usually available most afternoons after 2:30 pm.

Thanks to the members who come in every week, do their check outs and try to get replacements, I will make sure your bonus checks go out first.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo (as posted)

Welcome back Annette Hershkowitz we missed you.

Keep up the good work as we have. Very low mutual aid rate. Plz remember if you miss a shift you still need to make up the four hours. Vacancies are available 11-3 CL and ALS. That's all for now.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo (as posted)

Marty LoCascio came off probation on March 14, 2013.

Joe Gander, Jr. welcome to Thursday 1500 – 1900 hour shift.

Thomas Schirripa #1392 welcome to Thursday 1500-1900 hour shift.

David Kaufman and Louis Dell welcome to Thursday 2300-0700 shift.

Special thanks to all who came in for a shift or back up call – zero 24s for the month of March. Matt Valle, John Vasquez, Liz Mohr, Dominic Heavey and Tim Ebert came in and did shifts every week or answer up – Thank you.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report– Kyle Rudden – (as posted)

As always thank you to Friday duty crews for doing a great job every week, including extra hours and shifts, as well as to various other members for their backup support this month: Elizabeth Beach (1377), Sheryl Burke (827), Carolyn Corkett (1374), Chris Fischer (996), Tyler Gibbs (1252), Dominic Heavey (973), Laurie Hoffmann (1243), Martin LoCascio (1368), Tom O'Leary (1187), Keith Rubenstein (1154), Rich Rudolph (1083), Sally Staszak (397), Al Szigethy (724), Andrew Taylor (1338), and Matt Valle (1238). My apologies if I missed anyone.

Congratulations and Welcomes:

- Nathan Bruskin (#1380, 1100) advanced to Aide from Observer
- Krystal Cruz (#1211, 0700) got engaged to fiancé John Collins
- Venel Grimadeau (#1298, 1900) refreshed his CPR/AED and RTE certifications
- We welcome Chris Mallilo (#1234) to Company 6 and the 1500 shift
- Kristin Schwartz-Perkins (#1369, 1500) is off probation and advanced to First Aider from Aide
- Welcome Paul Terenzi (#1094) to Company 6 and the 0700 shift
- Loreley Villamide-Herrera (#1370, 2300) advanced to ACL from First Aider
- Several Company 6 members passed their EMT-B refresher:
 - Joe Grant (#1304, 2300)
 - Frank Guariglia (#1115, 1900)
 - Phil Orlando (#706, 1900)
 - Tommy Romano (#939, 1900)
 - Loreley Villamide-Herrera (#1370, 2300)

Help Needed:

Friday could use the following regular weekly help:

- Friday 1100 – CL (second due)
- Friday 1500 – CL or DR (second due)
- Friday 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and full crew (second due)

In general, all members wishing to do extra shifts – to accelerate advancement, log Company 8 time, or just generally help out – are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Miscellaneous:

Review Training

Remember to do Review Training. It's always important, and required as per the SOPs (I am happy to report that all Company 6 members not on a LOA are in compliance through March!), but April's – the annual Bloodborne Pathogens update – is absolutely mandatory and must be done this month. This is the "you're not allowed in the building if you don't do it" review training. If you haven't already done so please complete it as soon as possible.

Checkouts

Thank you for your concerted efforts re: ambulance and driver checkouts. Friday's completion percentages have increased significantly. But there's still room for improvement. Yes, checkouts can be a pain (the operational officers are considering ways to improve the process). However, they are *very* important. First and foremost they are a key component to our preparedness and quality of patient care. But we are also required by New York State to inspect (and document that inspection) all in-service ambulances and first responder vehicles, on a daily basis, and to retain the checkout forms for three years. Even if you can't finish a checkout (e.g., due to high

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call volume), please submit the incomplete checkout form and make a note on it regarding the extenuating circumstances. We need to have something on file.
Awesome job everyone. Thank you again, and keep up the great work.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola (as posted)

Congratulations to **James Ganley**, #1371 who is off probation effective March 14.

Congratulations to the 1500 crew for the outstanding efforts on March 16. Personnel consisting of Dispatcher **Andrew Taylor**, CL **Chelsea Miller**, DR **Debbie Rudilosso**, and ALS providers, **Donna Gurtowski** and **Tom Hogan**. In back-to-back calls they assisted PD who successfully administered Narcan to a teenaged overdose patient and then had a successful save on an elderly patient who went into cardiac arrest during transport. Nice going!

We continue to look for help to cover calls. We are in need of a dispatcher on the 1100 and 1900 shifts. IF anyone is available to come down on those days, please e-mail me.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has come out to do extra shifts on Saturday and done backup calls.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

Article 30 of the PHL was not in the 2013 budget signed by Governor Cuomo. For the second year in a row NYSVA&RA has been able to defeat this portion of the budget. I would like to once again thank President Winter and District 7 Chairman Bob Franz for all the letters and emails that was sent to New York State legislators in opposition to this bill. Parts of Article 30 do need to be addressed and updated so now the task remains to try to get the members of the State Health Committee to form a task force of the EMS providers that would be affected. NYSVA&RA is working to get such a task force and/or committee formed.

At the last Board of Directors meeting it was approved to send up to 8 members to Albany to take part in the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association's Legislative Day which will take place Monday, May 6th. We will be getting the agenda at the Executive Board meeting on Sunday May 5th. A signup sheet will be posted for those interested in taking part. The BOD also approved a contingent to participate in the EMS Memorial to be held in Albany on Tuesday, May 21st. A signup sheet will also be posted on the board.

The next District 7 meeting will be held in Riverhead on Tuesday April 16th.

Other meetings – Bob Franz:

SC Ambulance Chiefs Association – Wednesday April 18th at WWHAC at 7:30PM.
Suffolk REMSCO – Tuesday May 14th at SCEMS in Yaphank at 7PM.

Administrative Activity Report – Secretary Bob Franz

SOP Change 02-2013 as amended was approved by the Board of Directors on February 28, 2013.

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2012 Service Awards LOSAP Point Listing has been sent to the Town of Huntington for Town Board Approval. The approved listing will be returned to the Squad and must be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2012 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2012 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Form IT-245.

Suffolk Educational Program for Recruitment & Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) Scholarship – Bob Franz

The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program. **The application deadline is May 1, 2013 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall & spring semesters** (SERVES is not applicable for the summer semester). See the Administrative Guide on the bulletin board or visit their website for the Guide, application form and other information (go to www.suffolksbravest.com/benefits – and click on SERVES Administrative Guide or call Ryan Murphy at FRES 631 852-4885). (If you have already earned 80 college credit hours then you are not eligible for this program).

2013 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline June 1, 2013 – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to four (4) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as a member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the June 2013 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of June 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are members or family members of members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2012 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2013 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in the Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website.

CME – Pam Brenner – On Sunday April 21 at HCFAS SC EMS will present “Active Shooter Training for First Responders”.

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net).
Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

The first wave has been printed and will go out shortly.

Old business:

No status report on new ambulance delivery.

John Palmieri suggests that riding members get losap credit for back up calls.

New business:

- Anne Maloney and her committee ran an outstanding Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party. Brian Canty made a special treat for the children. Lorraine Maier played Easter Bunny.
- Open House, I am in need of a chairperson. Andrea Golinsky PIO, is not available.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci, Mary Winter.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Black Swan Moscato – Eileen Burns
2. Dancing Bull Zinfandel – Annette Hershkowitz
3. Pansy planter – Carol Nucci
4. Pansy Planter – Clara Elliott
5. Tulip Planter – Lehti Laas
6. Tulip Planter – Mary Winter
7. Tulip Planter – Crystal Muller
8. Tulip Planter – Christy Stiles
9. Tulip Planter – Mary Brenner
10. Tulip Planter – Jerry Giacomini

Motion by Pam Brenner and seconded by Ferd Neumann to adjourn the meeting at 2115 hours.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: April 18, 2013

Approved: June 10, 2013

**Proposed By-Law Change
01-2013**

Proposal:

To amend the By-Laws to allow the on duty crews to vote on proposed By-Law changes.

Background/Justification:

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With the increasing number of calls we are handling, many times the on duty crew is on a call when it comes time for a critical vote such as amending the By-Laws. This unfairly denies them a say on major decisions of the organization. Article X, Section 4 allows for the use of absentee ballots for the on duty crews during special elections. This was obviously meant to give a say to members who have shown up for the meeting, but had to go on a call. This will provide the same provision to amendment votes for the By-Laws.

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

ARTICLE XII - SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted to the By-Laws Committee, and signed by at least three eligible voting members. Motions for proposed amendments to the By-laws shall be presented to the membership by the By-laws Committee in writing for one meeting preceding the vote on that motion. An affirmative vote by secret ballot of two-thirds majority of all eligible voting members present shall constitute its acceptance.

Absentee ballots will not be permitted for By-Law amendment votes with the following exception: the on-duty crew and a back-up crew designated by the Chief may be given absentee ballot envelopes at the start of the General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment vote is to occur. They may indicate on a ballot provided by the Secretary their vote on the amendment(s). They must seal and sign the envelope in accordance with the procedure indicated in Article X, Section 4. The Secretary will secure the ballots until the vote, when, after verifying that those members are not present, the absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the rest of the ballots.

Proposers

Martha Brenner #236	<u>/s/</u>	Daniel Kelly #1096	<u>/s/</u>
Karen Martin #1118	<u>/s/</u>	Paul Nathan #1235	<u>/s/</u>
David Mohr #748	<u>/s/</u>	Paul Mori #934	
Stephanie Caracciolo #1171	<u>/s/</u>	Jill Decker #908	<u>/s/</u>
Nancy Barker #930		Joel Paul #1068	
George Reeder #1328	<u>/s/</u>	Ann Maloney #921	<u>/s/</u>

First Reading – March 11, 2013

Second Reading – April 8, 2013

Vote: 50 Yes 11 No

By- Laws Amendment Approved by 2/3 vote.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: May 13, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration

Hands Free CPR 6:30 p.m.

Physio Control Lucas 2 – Diane Delapava Presenter

Thank you, 2nd Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is not present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (49 eligible members).

President Roger Winter stated that since there is no quorum, this will be an informational meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.
President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Trish Reciniello #740 was hospitalized recently. She is home and about and recovering. Get well wishes are welcomed.
- Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello #659, mother has been hospitalized Prayers and get well wishes are welcomed.
- Paul Nathan # 1235 was hospitalized for a short period of time. He is recovering. Get well wishes are welcomed.
- Paul Kelly #634 spent the afternoon in the hospital. He is home and back riding again. Give him a get well message.
- Barry Maltese husband of Donna Maltese #1151 was hospitalized for a short period of time. Get well wishes are welcomed.
- Christy Stiles # 1024 took a short trip to the hospital for an unknown presenting condition. She was quickly released later that day. She is back on duty, cheery as ever. Get well wishes are welcomed.
- Founding and Life Member Margaret Cornelius was hospitalized last week. She is being released to a rehabilitation center on Pinelawn road in Melville today for several weeks of rehabilitation. Get well wishes, calls and prayers are welcomed.

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events:

- Congratulation to Life Member Ex. Chief Mark Brenner # 449, and wife Sarah and Ella on the birth of their second child, John Michael, born May7, 8 lbs. 7 oz. Grandmother "Life Member" Mary Brenner, Son, Associate Member Kevin, Daughter Pam, Son Jeff are all very happy.

Presidents Report - President Roger Winter

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

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

- Erica Alicea #1222 – 5 years
- Rodriguens Gabriel #1224 – 5 years
- Carolyn Niceforo #1223 – 5 years
- Cecilia Renderos #1220 – 5 years
- Dina Kutcher #950 – 15 years
- John Palmieri #449 – 35 years

Length of Service “Longevity Awards” Presentation

35 Years

John Palmieri #499

Point of interest, John’s Father, Dr. Joseph Palmieri was our first Medical Director. Dr. Palmieri was also the head of the emergency room at Huntington Hospital.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad, history for Ex. Chief John Palmieri.

Current Status:

Driver

Crewleader

Dispatcher when absolutely in dire need

Offices held:

Captain CO.7

Director

Treasurer

Chief 2011, 2012

Committees:

New Site selection of the new building

New Building committee

LED Sign Administrator - to take care of all the past paperwork on the sign and get the building permit for the sign.

Parliamentarian to the Board of Directors

New York State Emergency Medical Technician for over 34 years

Suffolk County Emergency Medical Service

John was an Instructor and Certified Instructor Coordinator for Suffolk County for over 31 years.

John taught the first class in the “New HCFAS Building” before we even opened the facility for ambulance service. John was also recognized by the New York State Voluntary Ambulance and Rescue Association as “Educator of the Year”

John’s classes are known for their outstanding performance on the practical exam and the high scores on the New York State EMT exams. John has taught around 1,200 students in his teaching career. John is one of a very special group of EMTs in the county and in NYS to score a perfect 100% on that exam.

Shift(s)

Started on Sunday 1900-2300 hour (7-11 PM) shift for 1 1/2 years.

Moved to the Tuesday 1900-2300 hour shift for the next 32 1/2 years. That shift has the distinction of being the fastest crew out of the building, less than 60 seconds, and because it has a few older members on the crew, they are known as “Seniors on the Run”

Commentary:

A short Story: House behind the mall.

John performed admirably as Chief of the Department. He served with pride and dedication. John consistently demonstrated his passion for the members of the organization by always being available to listen and take action to further educate the members and grow as future leaders of HCFAS.

Another great quality is John's ability to remain calm in any situation regardless of the severity of the call or the heat in a heated argument at a meeting.

It's that impish smirk that is on John's face that says it all.

Thank you, John for your 35 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Councilman Mark Cuthbertson – Spring Eggstravaganza 3/27 standby; Patient's family: Melville FD Ex-Rescue Captain Tom Pesce and Mary Ann Burke

President's Report Roger Winter (Continued)

- Diane Tanko has made a lot of progress on the LED sign in the front of the building. She went through 8 hours of training and another 12 hours or so of development work. Thank you Diane.
- Ann Donegan and Jody Kavanagh are co-chairs of the open house. Help is needed. They have many activities are planned. Open house is Sunday, May 19, 2013 1-4 p.m. See Ann or Jody for more information.
- M.C. Alliance our Energy Group has completed two energy savings projects. The consolidation of thermostats in the Truck room and a more central location of each. Also the installation of the Ecobee Web based Energy Management System Thermostats throughout the second floor. We expect to see an energy saving from these installations.

Board Actions as of May 9, 2013

- 2012 Financial Statements for HCFAS and HCAD prepared by the FUOCO Group have been accepted as amended. Approved
- Open House - Approved
- Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. - Approved
- ACLS Recertification & Capnography for ALS Providers - Approved
- Annual Inspection & Dinner Dance 2014 - Approved
- Traditional Air Conditioning Systems & Service Annual Agreement 2013 - Approved
- American Alternative Insurance Corporation Hubbinette Cowell Associates, Inc. Insurance portfolio.- Approved

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- May Day Communications Annual Maintenance – Motorola MC5500. – Approved
- Mets EMS Night Baseball Game. - Approved
- Annual Squad Picnic for 2013 – Approved
- Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemorative Breakfast. – Approved
- Landscaping Contract with Crocco Landscaping. – Approved
- Imprinted Flashlight for EMS Week. – Approved
- Cash Advance for Captains for EMS Week. Approved
- Amend EMS Today JEMS Conference, Washington, D.C. 2013 on the original motion of 1/24/2013. Approved
- Revision of Duty Uniform Request Form 118, 04/20/2013. Approved
- Huntington Township Fire Chiefs Council Annual Dues. Approved
- Car Sticker for EMS Week. Approved
- Laptop Computer Purchase. Approved
- Purchase and Installation of File Cabinets for the Secretary/Treasurers office. Approved
- Engage the services of an architectural Services firm for the purpose of redesigning the bunk room, sitting room and TV area. Approved

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

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Treasurers Report

Financial Review of 1st Qtr 2013

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Income - \$ 914,217

Expenses - \$ 244,268

Major Expenses

EMS Supplies	\$	21,620.44
Vehicles		13,777.92
Building		12,672.37
Utilities		27,140.14
Communications		13,822.56
Professional Fee's		16,852.00
Insurance		35,005.18
Office		8,529.05
Uniforms		2,122.00
Member Inspection		39,138.55
Training		8,674.36
Public Relations		0.00
Bond Interest		40,232.50
Other Expenditures		4,680.44

Totals-Expenses

\$ 244,267.51

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HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$0 and Misc Donations/Interest \$19,359 = \$19,359

Expenses \$10,613.07

Expenses-

Insurance - Life	\$	2,252.48
Events		46.86
Goods & Welfare		1,160.00
Member Services		<u>7,153.73</u>

Totals-Expenses **\$ 10,613.07**

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

- ❖ CHECK OUT FORMS HAVE BEEN REVISED BASED ON UPDATED BLS AND O2 BAGS.
- ❖ PLECTRON DETAILS STILL PENDING, MORE AT THE NEXT MEETING
- ❖ SEVERAL VENDORS ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED FOR NEW NARCOTIC SAFES
- ❖ A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW POWER STRETCHER WILL BE FORTHCOMING. AS PER THE MEMBERS AT THE GMM THERE IS OVERWELMING SUPPORT FOR THIS
- ❖ A "HELP WANTED" POST WAS IN THE MAY PULSE TO PULL TOGETHER SOME MEMBERS TO HELP UPDATE THE CODE. PLEASE SEE LIAISON JOEY DENIMARCK OR ME IF INTERESTED
- ❖ THE JUNE MEETING WILL HAVE A WINTER JACKET FOR ALL TO REVIEW
- ❖ AT THE REQUEST OF HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL WE ANTICIPATE HOLDING A DRILL ON SUNDAY JUNE 9 WITH THE POST MEETING HELD AT OUR BUILDING
- ❖ THE CHIEF OFFICERS ARE MEETING WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL THURSDAY 5/23 DETAILS WILL FOLLOW
- ❖ THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE OF THE WEBSITE REVIEW TRAININGS GOING INTO THE SCM. CAPTAIN KYLY RUDDEN HAS AGREED TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM WITH THE 2ND DC AND CURRENT COMPUTER COMMITTEE.
- ❖ I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ON THE BEACH STICKERS FOR THIS YEAR. THE INFORMATION THEY REQUESTED WAS SENT TO THEM ON 5/8/2013
- ❖ CAPTAINS HAVE COMPANY LISTS FOR STIPEND AND EMS GIFT DISTRIBUTION FOR EMS WEEK
- ❖ JOHN MAIER IS HANDLING PRE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE REFRESHMENTS. SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED SOON.

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- ❖ CAPTAINS ARE PREPARING FIRST QUARTER BELOW 75% ON DUTY TO SPEAK WITH MEMBERS BEFORE WE GET TO THE SOCIAL ELIGIBILITY POLICY FOR THE PICNIC ATTENDANCE
- ❖ NOTES: IF IT IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO PUT UP A NOTE PLEASE, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE NOTE SO THERE IS A CONTACT IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS
- ❖ RENISSANCE DOWNTOWN HAS PUT OUT A PRELIMINARY 8-10 YEAR PLAN THAT WOULD REPLACE THE COMUTER LOT TO OUR WEST WITH A HOTEL. PRESIDENT WINTER AND I HAVE A MEETING WITH THEM THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS
- ❖ REMINDER EMS WEEK IS 5/19-5/25
- ❖

FYI: this was sent to me, and it is a very important topic. Every journal, EMS World, JEMS has an article on this almost every month. Something to think about!

- ❖ LAUDERDALE COUNTY, Ala. — Folks in Lauderdale County will soon have a new ambulance provider.
- ❖ Shoals Ambulance Service will take over coverage for all areas in Lauderdale County, including the city of Florence, at midnight.
- ❖ Both the city and county accepted a bid to adopt their services earlier this year.
- ❖ The switch ends Lauderdale County's partnership with LEMS.
- ❖ Not only is CEO Bryan Gibson ensuring the best services to the community; he's taking the extra step to help protect his employees on the job - requiring them to wear helmets.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Erica Alicea #1222 – 5 years
- Rodriguens Gabriel #1224 – 5 years
- Carolyn Niceforo #1223 – 5 years
- Cecilia Renderos #1220 – 5 years
- Dina Kutcher #950 – 15 years
- John Palmieri #449 – 35 years

“Outback EMS Provider” for the month – Presented by Jose from Outback Restaurant to Sally Staszak

Upcoming Parades

Huntington Manor FD – July 17

East Northport FD – August 7

Huntington Fire Chief's Council Scholarship winner – Dylan Angevine

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Every month we would like to draw attention to all the exceptional work we do. If your crew was on call or you know of an incident that you think is noteworthy please let me know, firstdeputy.hcfas@gmail.com

April was a great month for Monday's with two confirmed SAVES. Nice job for everyone involved!

On Monday 4/1/13, a call was received at 2209 and dispatched by Jill Decker #908 for an adult male in cardiac arrest. The first responding crew consisted of DR/Captain-Karen Martin #1118; CL- George Reeder #1328 and Captain Mark Cappola #1087 with a backup crew of DR-David Mohr #748; CL- Stephanie Caracciolo #1171; FA-Dan Kelly #1096 and FA- Joel Paul #1068. Upon arrival, a 65 y.o. male was found on the front lawn of his home with CPR in progress by a family member. The crew confirmed that the patient had no pulse and was not breathing. CPR was continued by the crew members, an OPA was inserted and the AED was applied which indicated several "no shocks advised". Transport was initiated and CPR continued enroute. Approximately 2 minutes from Huntington Hospital the patient began to reject the OPA which was then removed and a weak pulse was detected. The patient's responsiveness began to increase and supportive BLS care continued.

Prior to arrival at the hospital the patient's vital signs continued to improve and care was transferred to the hospital staff. Before the crew left the hospital the patient was verbal and asking questions in regards to what had occurred. Great job Crew!!!

On Monday 4/15/13 we received a call dispatched by Mary Brenner #487 for an adult female choking. The crew consisted of DR/Second Deputy Chief -D. Heavy #973; CL- Jeff Brenner #1135; Crystal Mueller #1092 and Natt Watts #1316. Jeff Brenner and HMFD arrived to scene at 1548 and found an unresponsive female with positive apnea, positive radial pulses and positive airway obstruction.

Suffolk County PD was attempting to provide respirations. Jeff Brenner began patient assessment and initiated BLS unconscious choking protocols. With some time and effort the patient's airway was partially cleared. The crew packaged the patient and moved quickly to the ambulance. Enroute to the Emergency Room the patient's airway was fully cleared the crew assisted the patient ventilations for a minute or so until the patient began to breath well on her own again. Her color and vital signs began to come back to normal. The patient was transferred to Huntington Hospital where the emergency room staff sat the patient up, the patient looked at the crew members and smiled.

With hard work, direct applications of the protocols and skills and amazing team work amongst the crew, department, Suffolk County PD, Huntington Manor FD, and Huntington hospital staff the patient had a successful outcome.

ePCR – 6 Out of the 8 Toughbooks have had the ePCR software downloaded. The final Two will be done this week and we should start the train the trainer sessions next week.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

New and Old:

Diane Delapava, MT (ASCP) Senior Sales Rep from Physio Control will (gave) a Demo on the Lucas 2 Thumper (mechanical CPR) before the GMM.

HCFAS Ambulance Checklist:

The Chief will be talking about the New Ambulance Checklist tonight please have a look at it before the meeting. Is there any changes if NOT then it goes into work as of tonight. I will now be working on the Checklist for the Responders Cars. Remember YOU must do a Check Out during your tour.

New Equipment:

1. Barf Bags
2. Sam Splint
3. Cover for Stretcher's

02 Bags/BLS Bags:

We have placed the New 02 Bag/BLS Bag on all the Ambulances. The ONLY MED that are kept inside the Sealed Pocket will be the Jr. and Sr. EpiPen along with the Naloxone. This Pocket will be Sealed; If the Pocket is sealed with a Green Seal then YOU DO NOT have to open it. If there is NO Seal on the Pocket you MUST check it.

All the New BLS Bags, 02 Bags and AED have being labeled in the event we leave them behind, thanks to Rodger.

Sign Up Sheets:

1. Work Detail
2. Open House May 19th 2013, 1pm to 4pm
3. 911 HCFAS Visit May 25th 2013
4. EMS Mass St Hug's May 26th 2013
5. June 2, 2013 First Responder Education Day Nassau County.

Please remember any time you attend a CME Class to bring your paper work with you.

Upcoming Drill:

June 9th 2013:

More information to follow. Meeting with Huntington Hospital and Huntington FD this Thursday.

June 22nd 2013:

Drill with Exchange Ambulance Corporation of the Islips.

Re View Training:

Let me start by saying how sorry I am about this month re-view training, thank you Brian for your help.

As all members know April Review training was on BBP and everyone should have it done by now. I will be running a report for the Chief this Wed. If you DO NOT have it done you must do so before Wednesday, if NOT your key will be turned OFF. (No access to the building).

CME:

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Active Shooter, we had a very good turn out and everyone was happy. Thank you Pam for putting this together. Look out for more everyone. If there is a class you see and would like to have at HCFAS please let me know.

While I am on CME's remember everyone June 2014 is fast approaching Yes it is a Year away but we all know how fast that arrives. All members MUST have the Supplementary Class done by that date, if you have any questions please see Pam.

ALS Up-Dates:

All ALS Providers should read the up-dates on the Suffolk web site. Classes will be held for these up-dates. You will be kept up to date on this. These updates might/can change before they are put into effect.

New for HCFAS:

Hands only CPR for HCFAS will go into Operation on May 19th, 2013 at our Open House. Well done to the Committee and to the Chairs Andrew and Carolyn.

New EMT for HCFAS:

Well done to all who passed there EMT Course in the past few weeks. Everyone look out for that New CL that will need your help in the upcoming weeks. To the Instructors' job well done.

I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who has helped me in the 1st Quarter. Too many to mention.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – Vito Reciniello

May is upon us and early out of the gate we have been hit with several hurdles. I humbly ask you all for your patience and cooperation as we work through our challenges.

- 2-15-16 is out of service again. It is at Ford with more engine problems. There is question about whether or not the repairs are covered by the warrantee. Treasurer Canty has provided some insight and assistance. I will keep you updated.
- 2-15-21 is out of service for a transmission related issue. The vehicle will be out of service for at least 2 weeks. It will be going to Chevrolet soon, but I am told that there are several ambulances ahead of us on the transmission list at the dealer doing the repair. There seems to be an issue with this transmission. She died on the LIE at exit 60 while returning from a Huntington Fire Department standby. Thank you to Captain Martin and Ex-Deputy Chief Mohr for your help in limping her back to ACE Thursday night.
- 2-15-18 was in another accident, and yes, again to the same body part on the ambulance (rear wheel well). This accident may have been prevented if someone had been backing the ambulance. PLEASE remember when backing have someone work as a spotter (either the Crew Leader, First Aider, Police Officer or Firefighter).
 - The driver has been in serviced.
- 2-15-21 was in an accident whereas a car apparently did not stop for a stop sign and hit the ambulance while responding to an Echo call. A police report was made. And since you are wondering... yes the hit was on the same body part (rear wheel well)!

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- I am aware of the rear bumper issue on 2-15-18 and when we have the wheel well repaired we will have it fixed also.
- We are down to 3 ambulances. 2-15-17 has been traded in, and as reported above 16 & 21 will be out for a bit. Please, please, please be gentle with these trucks. Kindly report any damage or issues to me ASAP.
- I need to re-state this
 - NO member is to do any repair or service on any squad vehicle or any squad equipment (building or grounds) without my direct (case by case) approval. Repairs do not include refilling or replacing oxygen, or wiper fluid. Prohibited repairs would include repairs such as:
 - Changing tires
 - Altering wiring system
 - Repairing overhead grab rail
 - Repairs or alterations to equipment must be done keeping in mind the liability implications and safety of all. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- The ice maker has been replaced in the ready room.
- John Maier is working on obtaining prices for revamping the garage doors. At this time south 2 is still out of service and 2-15-25 is located there facing north. I expect a bid recommendation shortly.

Thank you for your continued comments, suggestions and support.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

Happy Mother's Day!! Here are some dispatching and call statistics from the month of April:

Total number of calls were 407, down 13 calls from the previous month. There were 5 Signal 24's. The average Signal 2 time was 2:07, and the average Signal 21 time (on scene) was 10:19. This is an increase of 1 minute and 44 seconds.

Congratulations on the following personnel for passing their Dispatch Training:

Elizabeth Beach #1377 on 04/25/2013

David Kaufman # 1390 on 04/25/2013

Joseph Kaempfer # 1389 on 05/02/2013

Well done!

The shredder has arrived in the Dispatch Office, for the shredding of clear reports and alarm worksheets. Please take care of it and treat it as if it were your own.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

If you are not able to make your shift, please contact me and let me know who will be covering your shift. Your crew members depend on you being there as well as the community we serve.

I want to congratulate Matt Gershuny #1367 on the passing of his ambulance test. Great job!! Enjoy getting out there and be safe.

Kelly Murphy #1325 has begun her driver's training.....thank goodness because we really need a driver for the 1100 shift. Good luck to Audin Delva #1185 on the Sunday overnight, unfortunately he had to change shifts due to a work schedule change. You will be missed and are always welcome to stop by on a Monday and drive.

I always want to extend my thanks to those who come in for back up when needed; your help is always appreciated. Company 8 people and anyone that wants to stop by or listen up are always welcome.

As mentioned in the last GMM, Mondays have the highest compliance with the completion of checkouts. I want to thank all of you for always doing your best when you come in for your shift. As I always say "Mondays Rock"!!! Please continue to complete your checkouts. If you have a busy shift, which does often happen, and you are not able to complete the checkout, please just note that on the checkout sheet you began.

Be safe out there!!!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr (as posted)

Looking for dispatcher on 0700 shift on Tuesday. 5/14 and also a full second crew on same shift. Carol Nucci is moving to the 0700 shift on Tuesday. It's a great crew you will learn alot.

Please remember to keep up with your review trainings if you have not done Aprils do it now! Also, checkouts - they may not be fun but they are important they don't take that long and nobody wants to get on scene ask for a piece of equipment and its missing.

Kurt, Sally, Tom and Kyle thanks for your continuing help. Had one 24in the past three weeks with two rigs already.

Congratulations to #1293 Juan Flores on his becoming an AEMT- good luck. Can use a dispatcher on the 1100 shift and also FA, on the 1500 a FA on second due is always needed.

Thanks and have a nice day.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

No report.

Friday Co. 5 Captain's Report– Kyle Rudden – (as posted)

The last two Fridays – 5/3 and 5/10 – put us to the test; a test that we passed with flying colors and that highlighted the passion and commitment of our *volunteer* members. I doubt we would have seen the same level of teamwork and going above and beyond if we were all punching time cards in a paid environment. There is something truly special about HCFAS. We all know that, but occasionally we are reminded of it in a profound way. The last two Fridays are a case in point.

They were two busy days to be sure, with 21 and 18 alarms respectively, but daily call volume is only part of the story, and more importantly the basis for the real story.

What still amazes me, but no longer surprises me, is how everyone involved in these days –

Company 6 and others – came together under pressure (particularly during several crazy shifts) to: 1) get calls covered, and 2) do so while selflessly help each other.

Despite a two day total of 39 alarms and four shifts with over five each, we handled all but one (a 5/3 2300 shift 24 to GFD, only our second 24 this year) thanks to the tireless effort of many Company 6 members staying late, coming in early, and/or doing extra shifts, as well as other members signing up for backup shifts and answering Signal 3s.

We had one 24, 5/4/13 on 2300 shift at 0256. First due with ALS was on a 6-E-1 when we received a 6-C-1 and then a 17-D-3. We received a partial response (CL/DR and FA) to a Signal 3 and mutual aided the 6-C-1 to GFD. First due did a quick turnaround covered the 17-D-3. See below for the proverbial silver lining associated with this 24.

In the midst of all this are a few representative, though by no means exhaustive, stories of performance and altruism that are worth sharing.

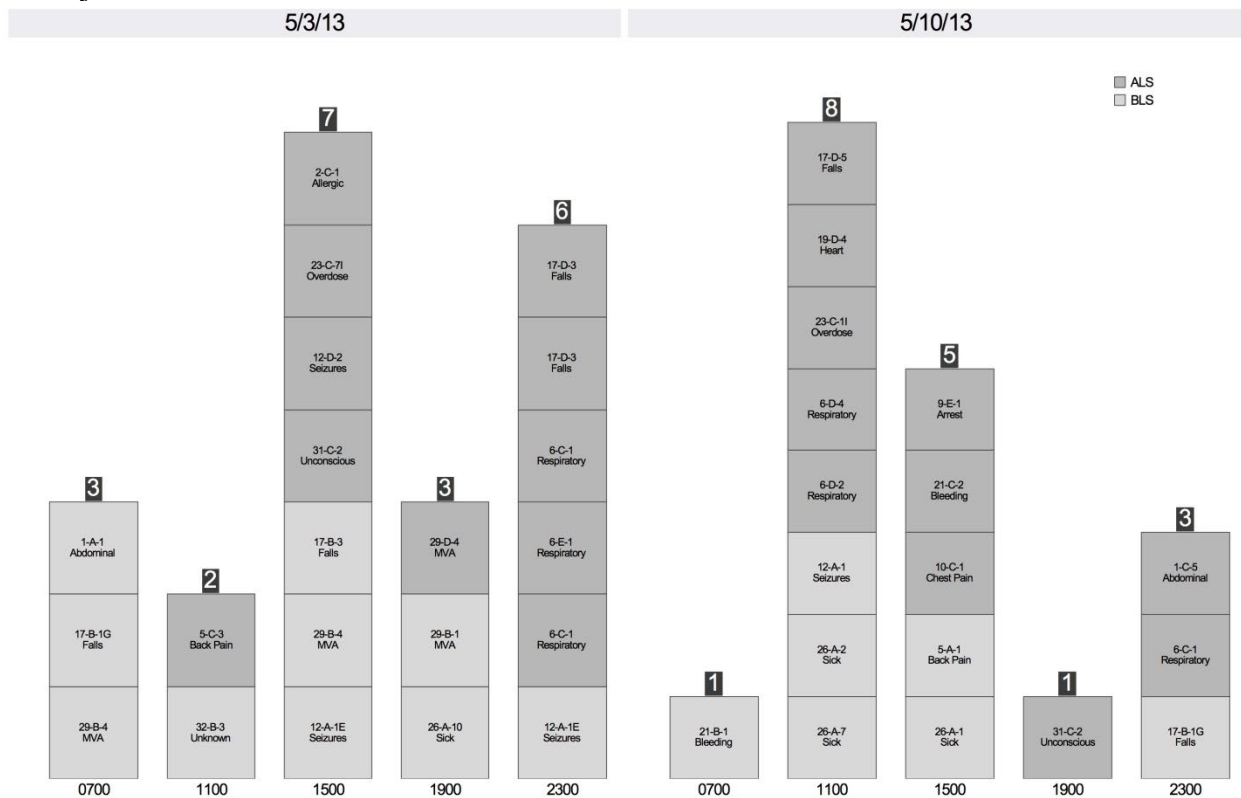
- Quite a number of people put in substantial extra time: Taha Aiman, Jeff Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Mark Cappola, Kathy Castillo, Israel Cortes, Richard Cortes, Maxine Epstein, Chris Evers, Juan Flores, Tyler Gibbs, Dominic Heavey, Laurie Hoffmann, Ken Manning, Tom O'Leary, Jeff O'Neill, Phil Orlando, Keith Rubenstein, Sally Staszak, Lorrie Stone, Andrew Taylor, Patty Tufo, Kurt Vetter, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera. My apologies if I missed anyone.
- Both Kristin Schwartz-Perkins and Loreley Villamide-Herrera (usually FAing and ACLing respectively) did a phenomenal job dispatching, Kristin for seven calls on the 5/3 1500 and Loreley for nine calls on both the 5/3 1900 and 2300 shifts.
- Similarly Joseph Kaempf (who passed his dispatch test the week before) and Mary Sisinni dispatched eight calls on the 5/10 1100.
- While dispatching two other calls on the 5/3 2300, Loreley translated for me via telephone on a charlie respiratory and suspected MI call. This was our 24. I was on scene assessing/stabilizing while awaiting GFD. Richard Cortes (FA, Company 1) answered a late night Signal 3 and was instrumental in translating for GFD en route to the hospital.

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- Loreley volunteered to dispatch two shifts (one backup 1900 and her 2300) rather than ACL so that Taha Aiman, who just refreshed his EMT-B, could ACL a number of calls in order to be re-instated as a CL as quickly as possible. He was re-instated as a CL on 5/8.
- In turn, Taha (1900) has offered to dispatch on some overnights so that Loreley can continue ACLing. The Friday overnight is light on personnel and she often dispatches rather than ACL. Thanks to their collective selflessness, we have a CL again on the 1900 and will soon have another on the 2300.

This is the story of two recent Fridays, but it can be considered a microcosm for the Squad as a whole. This concerted effort to help patients and fellow members could have happened on any day.

Great job!



Congratulations:

- Congratulations to Joseph Kaempf (#1389, 1100) for passing his dispatch test and beginning Ambulance Orientation
- Congratulations to Taha Aiman and Kathy Castillo for passing their EMT-B refresher test

Help Needed:

Friday could use the following regular weekly help:

- Friday 1100 – CL (second due)
- Friday 1500 – CL or DR (second due)

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- Friday 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and full crew (second due)

In general, all members wishing to do extra shifts – to accelerate advancement, log Company 8 time, or just generally help out – are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Since the last report things have remained rather constant, which is a good thing. Call volume has fluctuated from a very busy Saturday on May 4 (19 calls) to a rather routine day of 11 calls. Nonetheless, the crews continue to come in and handle these calls with professionalism. We continue to look for help to cover calls. We are in need of a dispatcher on the 1100 and 1900 shifts.

Welcome back to **Harvey Lapidus**, **Suzie Biagi** and **Howard Loewenthal** from their LOA's.

If anyone is available to come down on those days, please e-mail me.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has come out to do extra shifts on Saturday and done backup calls. Special thanks to **Melissa Anastos** and **Jim Lupo** for coming in to cover Saturday mornings on a number of occasions. Their help is always appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

Legislative Day in Albany attended by Andrea Golinsky, Bob Franz and Pete Nakelski

Monday May 6th beginning at 9:30 AM meetings were held with the following legislators:

4th Senatorial District Senator Phil Boyle (Babylon)

**4th Assembly District Assemblyman Steven Englebright (East Setauket)

2nd. Senatorial District Carl Mills (Special Counsel for Senator John Flanagan) (Smithtown)

**1st Assembly District Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. (Bridgehampton)

|**3rd Assembly District Assemblyman Edward Hennessy (Medford)

5th Senatorial District Carl L. Marcellino (Huntington/Oyster Bay)

**10th Assembly District Chad Lupinacci (Huntington Station)

###7th Senatorial District Jack Martins (Garden City Park) Nassau

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**6th Assembly District Assemblyman Philip R. Ramos (Brentwood)

**###11th Assembly District Robert K. Sweeney (Lindenhurst)

**12th Assembly District Andrew P. Raia (Northport)

** Sent letters of opposition to PHL Article 30 bill.

Sponsors of the rear facing blue light law for volunteer ambulance companies.

NYSVA&RA this year advocated for the following:

Direct Insurance Reimbursement- Senate bill # S3542 (Seward) needs Assembly sponsor
Provides for insurance companies to reimburse EMS providers directly rather than patients.

Dual Signature payments- Senate bill # 3541 (Seward) / Assembly bill # A3707 (Pretlow)
Provides for insurance companies to issue checks requiring endorsements of both the EMS
provider and the patient.

Workers Compensation /VAWBL Reform- needs Senate and Assembly sponsors
Would change method of charges for agencies that have both volunteer and paid members.

Omnibus Emergency Services Volunteer Incentive Act- Senate bill # S3297 (O'Mara)/
Assembly bill # A4781 (Palmesano)
Would provide various benefits for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers
Including reinstating the Volunteer Recruitment Service Scholarships, increasing the number
from one to three per department and to create a volunteer recruitment service college loan
forgiveness program.

Permit Attorneys to Receive CLE Credit for Providing Uncompensated Legal Service to
Volunteers and Veterans. Senate bill # S3647 (Maziarz) / Assembly bill # A5469 (Zebrowski)
Directs the CLE board to adopt regulations permitting attorneys to earn continuing education
credits for uncompensated legal services to veterans and volunteer emergency responders

Councilwoman Susan A. Berland, the Huntington Town Board and the Department of the
Handicapped Services present the Red Dot Health Information Program for Seniors, Parents and
Children. Participants in the program fill out a form with their health and/or their children's
information and place it in the glove compartment of their vehicle. A round red sticker is then
placed on the rear corner of the driver's side back window. EMS personal responding to an
MVA where the driver cannot provide their information should look for the red dot and can then
find important information in the glove compartment.

Be advised that there are other programs that are similar to this one. The New York State
Troopers use a Yellow Dot in the same way.

In addition the WHALE program which stands for We Have A Little Emergency uses a sticker
for the window to alert EMS to a sticker which can be found on an infant seat or a child's booster
seat with the child's health information on it.

Other meetings – Bob Franz:

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Suffolk REMSCO – Tuesday May 14th at SCEMS in Yaphank at 7PM.

SC Ambulance Chiefs Association – Wednesday May 15 at Islip Exchange at 7:30PM.

LOSAP 2012 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2012 Service Awards LOSAP Point Listing has been sent to the Town of Huntington for Town Board Approval. In compliance with General Municipal Law, this approved listing will be returned to the Squad and must be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

2013 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline June 1, 2013 – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to four (4) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as a member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the June 2013 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of June 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are members or family members of members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2012 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2013 scholarship drawing. The application form is posted on the bulletin board and website.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment – Bob Franz Secretary

The proposed By-Laws amendment 01-2013 to allow the on duty crews to vote on proposed By-Laws amendments was approved at the April 8th general membership meeting.

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net).
Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

- –\$30, 000 + on the 1st mailing.

Special Events

Annual Picnic – Saturday July 13th at Crestwood Day Camp (new location for 2013)

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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702 **Thank you to those who have helped:** Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr,
703 Samantha Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Andrew Taylor,
704 Carol Nucci, Mary Winter.
705 Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty
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707 **Raffles - Various Gifts**

- 708 1. Moscato & Peach Wine – Laurie Stone
709 2. Moscato & Mango Wine – Keith Davis
710 3. Yellow Tail Cabernet Sauvignon – Tyler Gibbs
711 4. 12” Premium Planter – Peter Nakelski
712 5. 12” Premium Planter – John Palmieri
713 6. Zonal Geranium Hanging Basket – Carol Nucci
714 7. Zonal Geranium Hanging Basket – Christine Roulo
715 8. All Purpose Tote (Sheryl Roach) – Lisa Mohr
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717 **The informational only meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2030 hours.**
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719 Respectfully Submitted,

720 *Robert Franz*

721 Secretary

722 Draft posted: June 7, 2013

723 **No approval required – there was no quorum present for this meeting -Minutes are**
724 **informational only.**

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: June 10, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration (If needed)

Hands Free CPR 6:30 p.m.

Zoll Auto Pulse (Automatic CPR)

Thank you, 2nd Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Present Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (61/66 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Eileen Burns is now home from her treatment in Cleveland, OH, (not Chicago). Calls and get well wishes and prayers are welcomed.
- Tom Romano was hospitalized, he is home recovering.
- Mary Jane Woznick was hospitalized; she is now in Glen cove Hospital Rehabilitation Center.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of:

- Edward J. Franz nephew of Secretary and Life Member Robert Franz
- Frederick Raynes, father of member Suzie Biagi #1251 (Sat 0700) passed away this past weekend in Florida.
- Charter/Associate Member Ronald D. (Ron) Shields #33 passed away Monday, June 3, 2013 at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. He was 70. Donations may be made in Ron's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Congratulation Recent Associate Nursing Degree Graduates:

- Congratulation to the following three members who have graduated from Suffolk County Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing; Paul Nathan, Carlos Suarez and Patty Salajka.

Presidents Report

President Roger Winter

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

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

- Brian Milliken #1085 – 10 years
- Allison Lau #1226 – 5 years

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Todd Atkin to change the order of the meeting for the first reading of the proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2013 and the reading and discussion of the proposed SOP amendment 03-2013.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2013 was read by David Mohr. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would update the Squad's mission statement in the By-Laws.

The proposed SOP amendment 03-2013 was read by David Mohr. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. Amendment would create eligibility criteria for a green light use authorization.

Consensus membership vote: 11/37

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Sally Staszak and seconded by Jeff O'Neill to accept the April 8, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Bob asked if anyone had changes for the May 13, 2013 Informational General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted. No changes were noted. No approval vote is required for informal meeting minutes since there was no quorum present at the meeting.

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Patient's family: Mac; Chris Evers; Mary & Matt Sisinni; Stand-by: St. Anthony's High School; Members: Expression of Sympathy: Bob Franz; Good & Welfare: Mark Brenner; Trish Reciniello; PR fund raiser: Kristin VanBenschoten; TOH Fire Chiefs' Council Scholarship Winner: Dylan Angevine.

HCFAS Scholarship Drawing: Winners: Chloe Rubel, Dylan Angevine, Steeven Jean*, Sean Quinn. If an anonymous donor makes a donation for additional scholarships, they will be awarded as follows: Victoria Gander, Linden Rudolph, Vito Reciniello, Casey Orr*, Nicole Calderone*, Alexander Klotsche*, Allison Lau *, Melissa Anastos *, Candace Stiles, Kristin Tiersch* and Daniel Roach. *denotes squad member.

Hubbinette & Cowell July 10th Golf Outing Raffle Drawing: Foursome winners: Donna Mastropietro, Al Szigethy, Jim Lupo and Jeff O'Neill.

Alternates: Tom Lemp, Mark Cappola, Kevin DeFriest, John Palmieri and Joe Gander, Sr.

President's Report President Roger Winter (Continued)

- Thank you to Ann Donegan and Jodi Kavanagh for organizing the HCFAS "Open House" during EMS Week.
- Thank you to Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey for taking Members and Explorer Post 215 Members to the 9/11 Memorial, Ground Zero.
- Thank you Second Deputy Chief for going to Albany for the EMS Memorial with a group from the squad.
- I would like to thank (Retired Army Captain) Paul Kelly #634 for his speech given at the Town Of Huntington Wreath Day Ceremony on Sunday May 26, 2013.

Board Actions as of May 23, 2013

- Annual Town of Huntington Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony
- Annual Squad Picnic to be held at the Crestwood Day Camp.
- Renewal and Extension of Executive Cleaning Services, three year Contract.
- Granting Robert Emergency General Membership Meeting usage.
(The Franz Family did not use the room)

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

- ❖ PLECTRON DETAILS STILL PENDING, CAPTAIN RUBINSTEIN AND BRIAN MILLIKEN HAVE JOINED THE COMMITTEE.
- ❖ A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW POWER STRETCHER WILL BE FORTHCOMING. AS PER THE MEMBERS AT THE GMM THERE IS OVERWELMING SUPPORT FOR THIS
- ❖ A NEW COMMITTEE IS BEING ORGANIZED TO REWORK THE UNIFORM CODE.
- ❖ AT THE REQUEST OF HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL WE CO-HOSTED A DRILL ON SUNDAY 6/9
I COMMENT AND THANK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND POST MEMBERS WHO CAME OUT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILL. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE WITH THESE EVENTS A GREAT DEAL WAS LEARNED BY ALL PRESENT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO 2ND DC HEAVEY FOR ALL THE WORK TO BRING THIS OFF AND, TO 1ST DC EBERT FOR BEING THE WILLING IC. BASED ON WHAT WE LEARNED A REVIEW TRAINING ON MCI'S WILL BE OUT IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO.
THE CHIEF OFFICERS MET WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL AT A SEMI ANNUAL MEETING. WE BROUGHT THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS:
AMBULANCE WORK STATION IS ALMOST ALWAYS BLOCKED,
EQUIPMENT IS BEING PUT OUTSIDE BY THE LOCKERS DIRTY, TURN AROUND TIME
- ❖ BEACH STICKERS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED. THE CHIEF OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TO EACH CREW AT LEAST ONCE. THEY ARE AVAILABLE TONIGHT. AFTER THIS YOU WILL NEED TO ARRANGE TO PICK YOUR UP FROM A CHIEF OFFICER OR PRESIDENT WINTER
- ❖ CAPTAINS ARE PREPARING FIRST QUARTER BELOW 75% ON DUTY TO SPEAK WITH MEMBERS BEFORE WE GET TO THE SOCIAL ELIGIBILITY POLICY FOR THE PICNIC ATTENDANCE
- ❖ PRESIDENT WINTER AND I MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF RENISSANCE DOWNTOWN. WE HELD THE MEETING HERE IN OUR BUILDING SO WE COULD SHOW THEM THE IMPACT LOSING THE COMMUTER LOT WOULD HAVE ON US. WE WERE ASSURED THEY WILL NOT ELIMINATE OUR PARKING. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH TOWN REPRESENTATIVES.
- ❖ SPECIAL MENTION TO DIANE TANKO FOR HER QUICK RESPONSE SUNDAY TO A PATIENT IN CARDIAC ARREST IN KING KULLEN. DIANE BEGAN CPR WITHIN A MINUTE OR TWO OF THE PATIENT'S COLLAPSE.

PARADE SEASON:

Thur. July 4 Eaton's Neck

Wed. July 17 Huntington Manor

Wed. August 7 East Northport

Thurs. August 29 Greenlawn

Sign- up sheets have been posted. Refreshments will be served prior to each parade except Eatons Neck. The Eatons Neck parade includes a picnic following the parade for all participants and their families.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- Brian Milliken #1085 – 10 years
- Allison Lau #1226 – 5 years

Outback EMS Provider of the Month: Juan Flores

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

We are seeing our 24 rate stay in the 2% range. We'd like to get that down as much as possible. Any help you can give is always appreciated. Remember to make sure your name go's into the Outback provider of the month book located in the dispatch room. Every time you do a backup call your name should go into the book. Once a month a provider is picked from the book and is given a 25\$ gift card to the Outback.

Jeff Brenner is now the Co-Chair of the Driver training committee. Please contact Jeff if you are looking for a Driver training sit-down.

ePCR Toughbooks are hear and train the trainer sessions begin in July.

All Captains have reported to the Chief each member's hours for the first quarter. If you have any questions about your hours, please contact your Captain or myself. I bring this up because the social eligibility policy has not changes and the HCFAS Picnic is in on July 13th. I want to see as many of you there as possible so if you have any question about your shifts please let an officer know. (See Special Events below for criteria).

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

DRILL:

The Drill held on Sunday June 9th, 2013 went very well as a Training Exercise. Were there mistakes made "YES" there were and that is why they are called Drills. Can we as an Agency learn from this "YES" we can and "YES" we will?

I would like to start by thanking 215 POST Members for being there as Patients for us along with the juniors from all the other Agencies from the Town of Huntington. To all the members who showed up for the Drill from HCFAS well done and if you have suggestions on how we can improve our task please e-mail me or drop me a note and sign it.

We had a total of 44 Patients of which 42 were transported to HH and we had 25 walk-in as well from the Incident. We also had an L&D bought mother and Baby Girl doing well done Cathy.

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If you wish to receive CME for the DRILL on Sunday please see me and make sure you signed the sign up sheet.

HART THUMPER DEMO:

Tonight Demo was from ZOLL and thanks to Brian Strope from ZOLL.

2-15-17:

2-15-17 should be on line sometime Tuesday or Thursday as soon as I meet with Brian S. from NYS/DOH.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

The Bio Hoop Bag and the New Fitted Sheets will be placed on the Rigs by Wednesday evening. The (6) Bio Hoop Bag will be alongside the (2) Emesis Containers *Note these Bags will **NOT** replace the emesis Containers. The change will be made to the check out form as well.

The Fitted sheet is Blue in color and will be placed in the cabinet alongside the sheets. These sheets do NOT need to be changed after every patient, but should be changed at least once a week. More to follow on this.

*If there is something you see out there in New Equipment and you would like to see it on our rigs please drop me an e-mail with the information.

HCFAS AMBULANCE CHECKLIST:

The New Checkout List has being out there for about a month now- how is it and are we happy with it.

EQUIPMENT PROBLEM:

We seem to be having a problem with our Suction Units on the Ambulances. It might be a battery issue. I will address this and we will get the hand held suction Pumps placed back on the rigs until this problem is solved. * Remember if something is NOT working or it is BROKEN please let myself or one of the Officers know.

POWER STRETCHER:

No I have NOT forgotten, I am looking into getting another Power Stretcher for the Squad. It is just taking a little longer time to do. With that said is there anyone out there that would like to take on this project, if so see me and I will give you the information I have already. Taking about Power Stretchers we just got a NEW Charger and Battery that will be placed in the NEW 2-15-17 when it goes on line. If it works then we are looking to put ONE of these charges in each rig.

RE-VIEW TRAINING:

I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO ALL MEMBERS Yes I am very late with this month's re-view training. It should be out in the next few days- keep an eye on your e-mail for this. While on the topic of re-view training please NOTE that when you do it from now on and receive a pass you will be locked out from trying to get a higher grade. If you take the test more than three times you will be also locked out at which time you will have to see me or another Officer.

Tough Book:

We have received the Tough Book's back from county and we will have a train the trainer soon. We hope to have one of these left down in the ready room for everyone to play with "for a better word".

Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

May was a very challenging month, with ambulance break-downs and building mishaps. Thank you all for your help in keeping what ambulances we had online.

- 2-15-16 was at Ford for an extended visit again, and we hope that the problems have been resolved.
- 2-15-21 is at Chevy/GMC for a transmission repair. She is ready for pick-up and should be back in service by Friday or Saturday.
- 2-15-17 should be online soon! YEA!!!!
- I have asked Phil Schmidt to work on outlining and listing problems and deviations from spec on 2-15-17. I hope to have these issues addressed ASAP
- 17 is not online as of yet, but... she already has a mechanical issue. It was reported to me on Wednesday that while parked in bay 5 without keys or having run in over a week, the engine cover/hood was VERY warm. I have no explanation as to this phenomenon as of now and will report back when I do.
- We are experiencing problems with the icemakers.
 - The new ice maker in the ready room is under warrantee and we are awaiting repair or replacement shortly
 - The large icemaker on the 2nd floor is broken and the service company has started repair. We are waiting on parts.
 - The walk in refrigerator in the kitchen is broken and the service company has responded and the problem seems to have been resolved, but there is no service ticket and the vendor has no record of a repair made. They are looking into the issue, but at this time we are proceeding cautiously and not stocking up in the walk-in.
- I am aware of the issue(s) of our little unwelcome visitors. We are actively addressing this and working on resolving the issue long term.
 - Exterminator has presented a plan and bid for long term treatment as well as insect control.

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- 308 ○ Exterminator has recommended removal of Ivy around the building. I am
309 following up with our landscaper who is also in agreement that the heavy cover is
310 adding to our issues.
- 311 ○ So far the count stands Vito 10 Visitors 0
- 312 ○ I have removed most if not all of the food from the countertops and open
313 containers and boxes of open food from the cabinets. Please do not store any food
314 where our visitors can get at it. We will return the food when the issue has been
315 resolved and so advised by the exterminator that it is wise and safe to do so.
- 316 • There is an issue with the 2nd floor cooling. I have had the AC contractor in, and he has
317 determined that the problem is with the new thermostat system we are using. I contacted
318 that vendor and I am awaiting reply as of Wednesday the 5th.
- 319 • We have had a couple of minor accidents.
- 320 ○ PLEASE use caution when making turns and backing. Again, if you have crew
321 members, firefighters or police who are able to back you, ask them.
- 322 ○ When backing into the building you must have a crew member back you into the
323 building.
- 324 ○ If you have an accident, please call me. I need to be advised of all damage so I
325 can have the proper repairs made.
- 326 • There are several vehicle repairs which have been on hold due to other vehicles breaking
327 down and being out of service. As the fleet returns, and issues settle down, I will be
328 sending out the more minor problems. That said, thank you all for your continued reports
329 and reminders. They do help!
- 330 • We are a commercial building and business. We are only required to recycle corrugated
331 cardboard. Please place such corrugated cardboard in the blue container located in the
332 truck room.

333 Thank you for your continued comments, suggestions and support.
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336 **Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo** 337

338 SUMMER has arrived!!! Remember, to stay in the shade and drink plenty of fluids. It's going to
339 be a hot one! And now, for those dispatching and call statistics from the months of April and
340 May:
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APRIL

Alarms.....407
Signal 24's.....5
Average response time.....6:37

MAY

Alarms.....531 (an increase of 124 calls from April!)
Signal 24's.....18
Average response time.....7:18

Our year to date number of Alarms currently shows an increase of 80 calls. Again, a big thank you to our Dispatchers and Response teams for their ongoing commitment to excellence!

A job well done by Day Captain, Keith Rubenstein, who came in and dispatched the MCI Drill, that was held on June 9th! And a big shout out to Jim Mallilo, who came in to handle a dispatch computer malfunction, after being home for only several hours, from a Caribbean Cruise! Thank you Jim.

Congratulations are in order for the following members, for passing their Dispatch training exam:

Post Member - Riki Ishikawa
David Kaufman # 1390
Elizabeth Beach # 1377
Joseph Kaempf # 1389
Matt Moran # 1391
Patrick Donegan # 1383

Again, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at "Chiefdispatcher.hcfas@gmail.com " or simply leave a note in the Chief Dispatcher's mailbox, and I will be sure to respond.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

Thank you to everyone that participated in yesterday's drill. Remember that all drivers should have a back up person when available. Keep an eye out for motorcycles on the road as it is starting to get warmer. Make sure all crews are keeping hydrated as the weather gets warmer. Welcome to Michael Roff. Have a good evening everyone

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Thank you for everyone's efforts to cover as many calls as they could on our recent busy Mondays. I cannot go without saying thank you to those that came in for back up.....Tom O'Leary(who didn't leave for hours), Chief Dominic Heavey, Bobby Loysch, Matty Lupinacci, Matt Valle, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Patrick Stanton, Al Szigethy, Joe Grant, and John Maier. I apologize if I missed anyone.

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I understand we have very busy lives, we have family events, classes, work events and other things come up, but I need every one to please get coverage for themselves if they cannot make their shift. Your crew and our community are depending on you. Many members are willing to come in; they just need to be asked. We have given calls away because members did not get coverage for themselves.

Congratulations to Kristen Tiersch #1333 for making the Dean's list for the 4th semester in a row and also to Paul Nathan #1235 on his graduation from Nursing School

Speedy recovery wishes to Don Roulo who has been suffering from some back pain.

I want to welcome new member Connie Degrassi #1395 to the 1100 shift.

Also congratulations to Matt Moran for passing his dispatch test as well as those that have passed the EMT practical....way to go !!!!

Please continue to keep up to date on your review trainings and keep your certifications current, Mondays continue to have good reports. Thank you to everyone.....

Mondays will always welcome anyone that is willing to listen up or come in for back up. Let me know because I will make sure that you get the credit that is due. Just put a note in my mailbox or email me.

Still in need of a driver on alternating Mondays 1100

Stay safe out there.....

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

No Report.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

I would like to start off expressing my appreciation to my crews on Wednesday for reporting for your shifts and fulfilling our obligations to our agency. We have almost a NO mutual aid percentage because of everyone's dedication.

Congratulations to our newest crewleader on the overnight Mr. Mike Petronella. We also have had the pleasure of advancing both Angela Wallace and Patrick Stanton to first aiders, good luck guys!

Keep your eyes out for our newest ACL members Fiona Witkowski and Meredith Borg.

Now that the summer is upon us I'm expecting members to take vacation so ill reiterate to attempt to get a replacement if you know you'll be out and remember to make up any hrs your missing as our summer picnic is next month and your hours count.

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There is still a CL VACANCY on the 11-3 shift with great people and they can use the company. Company 8 members are always welcome!!!
That's all for now so I'll wish you all a Happy 4th of July in advance.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

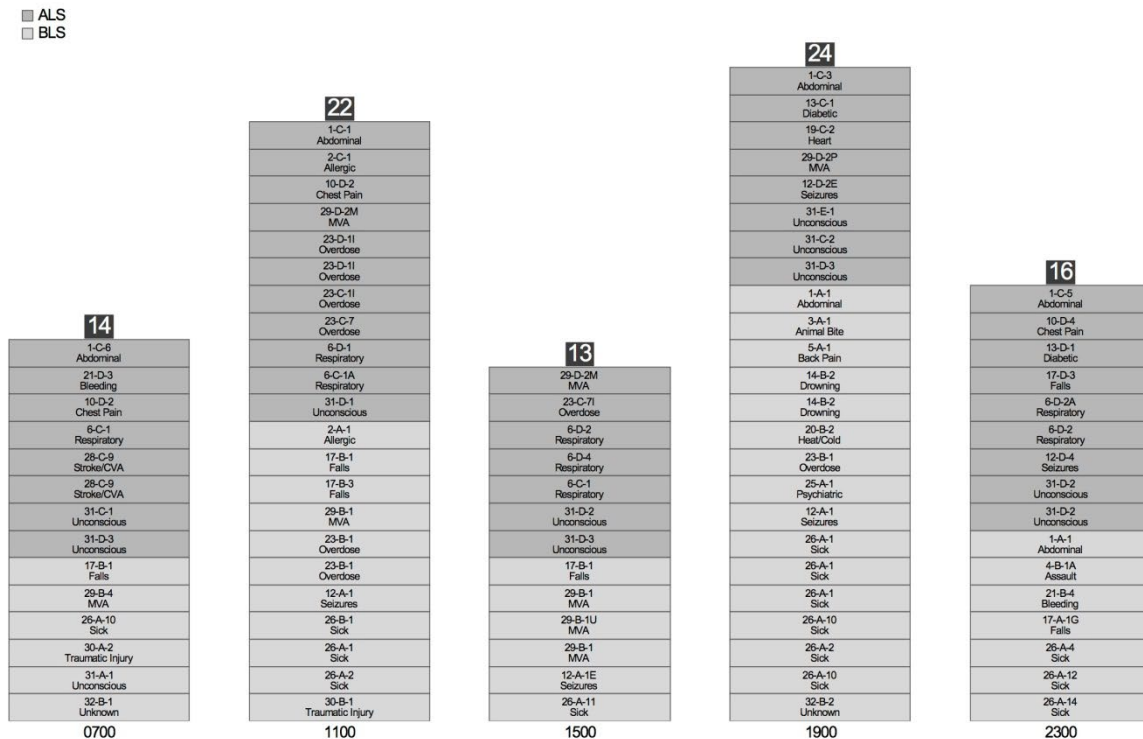
No Report.

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

We've had a busy month since the last GMM, with a total of 89 alarms over the last four Fridays: twenty-one calls on 5/17, twenty-four on 5/24, twenty on 5/31, and twenty-four on 6/7. What made some of these days even more challenging was the extremely skewed distribution of calls within the day, some examples include:

- 5/24 0700 had three calls within 37 minutes (total of six for the shift)
- 5/24 1100 had nine calls within 57 minutes (total of nine)
- 5/24 1900 had three calls within eleven minutes (total of five)
- 5/24 2300 had three calls in just over an hour (total of three)
- 6/7 1100 had seven calls within three hours (total of seven)
- 6/7 1500/1900 had ten difficult storm related calls within six hours (total of eleven)

Total 5/17/13 to 6/7/13 = 89



Tropical Storm Andrea

And yet another significant storm on a Friday. Last week (6/7) Tropical Storm Andrea dumped some rain on us. We were expecting to get wet, but not the concentrated (within about six hours)

deluge and severe flooding that we saw. It brought ten alarms from late 1500 shift until just before midnight, ranging from a delta pedestrian struck to a couple of bravo “drowning” calls (i.e., wet and frightened motorists who underestimated the depth and flow of flooded areas). Tyler Gibbs did a phenomenal job of keeping track of multiple major road closings and dispatching our rigs around various hazards and safely to scenes via some necessarily atypical routes.

I also want to specifically thank the 1500 and 1900 duty crews – all of whom stayed late to varying degrees – and backup personnel who braved the wet, and at times dangerous conditions during the height of the rain: Sheryl Burke, Kathy Castillo, Israel Cortes, Seth Fischer, Tyler Gibbs, Venel Grimadeau, Frank Guariglia, Laurie Hoffmann, Phil Orlando, Casey Orr, Kristin Schwartz-Perkins, Keith Tetrault, Kristin Tiersch, Patty Tufo, Kristin VanBenschoten, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

A thank you is also due to Huntington Manor Fire Department, which assisted on several calls by either fishing patients out of the floodwater and bringing them to us, or getting our crews to scenes and patients.

Mutual Aid

We had one 24 last Friday 6/7 during the 1100 shift. First due (the only crew on the 1100) was on a call when a second alarm came in seven minutes later. There was a CL in the building and we paged out for a driver. We mutual aided the call but then took it back when a driver responded (thank you Bobby Loysch). So, we handled the call but technically chalked up our third 24 of 2013. At 397 alarms so far this year, that’s a 24 rate of only 0.8%.

Thank You...

... to Friday’s duty crews and the many non-Company 6 members who helped out this month: Melissa Anastos, Gina Angevine, Dale Bartolomeo, Jeff Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Mark Cappola, Richard Cortes, Keith Davis, Tim Ebert, Maxine Epstein, Chris Evers, Seth Fischer, Juan Flores, Millie Gabriel, Tyler Gibbs, Dominic Heavey, Laurie Hoffmann, Bobby Loysch, Michele Miller, Kelly Murphy, Tom O’Leary, Casey Orr, Brian Quinn, Keith Rubenstein, Rich Rudolph, Sally Staszak, Golan Stern, Andrew Taylor, Kristin Tiersch, and Kristin VanBenschoten. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Congratulations and Welcome:

- Congratulations to Joseph Kaempf (#1389, 1100) for completing his Ambulance Orientation and advancing to Observer
- Congratulations to Loreley Villamide-Herrera (#1370, 2300) for advancing to Crew Leader
- Congratulations to John Vasquez (#1327, 0700) for his acceptance into Stony Brook’s Physician Assistant Program (his ELOA starts in a couple of weeks); good luck!
- Congratulation to Steeven Jean (#1349, 1100) for passing his EMT-B practical
- Welcome back Rich Gierbolini (#1124, 0700) from a MLOA
- Welcome new member Michael Campanelli (#1396, 2300) to HCFAS and Company 6

Help Needed:

Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

- 1100 – Full crew (second due)

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- 1500 – CL or DR (second due)
- 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and full crew (second due)

All members wishing to do extra shifts – to accelerate advancement, log Company 8 time, or just generally help out – are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Summer is here and with it comes the usual flurry of family and other obligations that will compel us to miss our shift now and then. Because all of us are so busy this time of year, it will be even more difficult to find a replacement. Yet, it is also the busiest time of year for the Squad and call volume goes dramatically higher. So, I ask all of you to make an extra effort to find a replacement as early as possible.

Welcome to our newest member to Company 7: Lauren Aviles, # 1397 who is on the 0700 shift.

Special thanks go to Kelly Murphy, Andrew Taylor, and Carolyn Corkett who were the first arriving crew on May 18 for a very tragic call complicated by a number of difficult circumstances. They handled themselves professionally and followed the first rule of EMS, personnel safety, while accomplishing the task of getting their patient to the hospital as quickly as possible. Thanks as well to the on-duty crew of Tom Hogan, Donna Gurtowski and Debbie Rudilosso for a quick turn-around to provide vital backup, to Captain Kyle Rudden and everyone else who assisted at the scene.

Special thanks to all those who attended the EMS Mass at St. Hugh's on May 26. I know the turnout was smaller than in years past but the impact we have on the community is not diminished. I thought I'd share with you an Email I got from St. Hugh's. *"Hi, Mark, I think we had eight members from the squad. During Mass some left on a call which was really a powerful testimony to service. Fr. Michael Marigliano referred to that in his blessing - lots of applause and appreciation for the HCFAS. Hopefully, next year won't be a holiday weekend! Peace, Gene [Poller]"*.

Saturday is in need of a dispatcher for the 1500 shift. Anyone who would like to fill in or possibly join the shift should contact me at saturdaycaptain.HCFAS@gmail.com.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

Meeting will be at Wyandanch Wheatley Heights Ambulance 6/18 at 8PM.

Other meetings – Bob Franz:

SC Ambulance Chiefs Association – Wednesday June 19 at HCFAS at 7:30PM

LOSAP List 2012 – Bob Franz

The 2012 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on May 7, 2013. In compliance with General Municipal Law, this approved listing will be returned to the Squad and must be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained. Please also verify that your legal name and address is properly indicated.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty

The Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the Crestwood Day Camp, 313 Round Swamp Road, Melville, NY. Pl

Please remember that the Annual Picnic is covered by the Eligibility Criteria Guidelines of the Standard Operating Procedures. The Six month period is December 13, 2012 – June 13, 2013.

1. Eligibility Criteria - For a member to attend any social event, excluding parades, as described below they must meet the following eligibility criteria:

A. One (1) month prior to each event, the member must be a member in good standing, as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the following exceptions: a) member does not have to be off probation and b) the required duty tours or hourly commitment is defined in paragraph (C) and (D) below. **(Must have 4 review trainings complete for 2013)**

B. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the six (6) month period preceding the event.

C. One (1) month prior to each event, Operational members must have completed eighteen (18) four (4) hour duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or nine (9) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status during the prior six Months **(Dec 13, 2012 – June 13, 2013)**. Duty tours include both weekly shifts and each four (4) hour standby. Probationary members will be prorated based on their acceptance date.

D. One (1) month prior to each event, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of forty-one (41) hours of duty time during the prior six months. Probationary members will be prorated based on their acceptance date.

E. The Chief will provide the Board of Directors and the Event Committee Chairperson a listing of members not eligible to attend one month prior to the event. Members not eligible to attend will be notified by the Chief.

F. Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors

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Pulse – Patty Salajka

Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

The next mailing will be July 9, 2013.

Old business:

Garbage cans – recycling. We are a commercial building therefore the only item recycled is corrugated cardboard.

Cones to be placed to reserve parking spaces for Monday 1900 crew.

Signup sheet for the 60th Anniversary commemorative Korean War Breakfast on 7/26.

New business:

Display Sign messages – great job by Diane Tanko.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas. Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Yellow Tail Merlot – Phil Orlando
2. Dancing Bull Zinfandel – Keith Davis
3. Yankee Game Raffle Winner #1, (2 tickets July 5,2013) – Robert Franz
4. Yankee Game Raffle Winner #2, (2 tickets July 5,2013) – Mark Cappola
5. Subway Gift Card (\$15.00) – Pete Nakelski
6. Subway Gift Card (\$15.00) – Patty Tufo

Member Give-A-Ways

- Code 3 Deckblaster Green Light (Mike Bolz) –
- Whelen CR212 Green Light (Mike Bolz) –
- My other Car is an Ambulance License Plate Holder (A. Hershkowitz) –
- I support HCFAS Tee Shirt (A. Hershkowitz) –

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Tony Cruz to adjourn the meeting at 2100 hours.
Unanimous.

Members in Attendance: 69

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: June 28, 2013

Approved: July 8, 2013

Proposed By-Law Change 02-2013

Proposal:

Update the mission statement of the Squad

Background/Justification:

With the evolution of EMS, recent events, and our current practice, it is imperative that our mission statement be clear that, not only will we respond to calls within our district, but as need and as available, we will respond to any call for help, not just within the Township of Huntington and its immediate surroundings.

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

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 - ~~OBJECT~~ MISSION OF THE CORPORATION

The ~~object~~ mission of the Corporation will be to provide ~~first aid and/or emergency ambulance transportation~~ Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to ~~hospitals for~~ victims of injury, illness, sudden disablement or disaster. These services will be rendered without charge to anyone regardless of race, sex, religion and national origin.

The Corporation will provide ~~service~~ EMS principally in the areas defined by the boundaries of the Huntington Community Ambulance District. Service will also be rendered on a mutual aid basis to any Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, ~~or~~ Volunteer Ambulance Squad or authorized agency within the Township of Huntington and its environs.

Proposers

Mark Cappola #1087 /s/ _____

Karen Martin #1118 /s/ _____

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/ _____

First Reading June 10, 2013

Second Reading & Vote at the July 8th Meeting

Proposed SOP Change 03-2013

Proposal:

Green light authorization

Background/Justification:

The current SOP refers to green light authorization only in that a form must be signed. There are no rules. As we do not allow members under 231 to drive our vehicles a majority of the officers are in agreement that green light authorization should conform to the same rules. Additionally no member should be responding to calls without authorization. This SOP will clarify green light usage.

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

Article VIII, Section 4, Paragraph 3

Green Light Authorization - To be filled in by member and submitted to the ~~President~~ Chief. The requesting member must be at least 21 years of age, off probation and be a qualified Driver or Crewleader. The Chief may, in extenuating circumstances, approve a member outside of this qualification list. Members who have a signed green light authorization form on file dated prior to 4/1/2013 are exempt from the above rules.

When approved, the member is authorized to display a green light on a motor vehicle operated by him as provided by Section 375 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York and the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

The use of the green light is allowed only when the member has been approved by the Dispatcher to respond to headquarters or a specified scene location.

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Date: July 8, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Present Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (52 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Mary Jane Woznick is now home from rehabilitation and recovering calls and get well wishes are welcomed
- Margaret Cornelius is home from rehabilitation also and recovering calls and visits and get well wishes are welcomed.

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- Bernard Poole was hospitalized recently and is now home and resting comfortably.
- Lori Hoffman was hospitalized recently, she is home and recovering calls and get wishes are welcomed.

Presidents Report President Roger Winter

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

The President announced that he was informed by David Mohr, Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee, that the Proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2013 has been withdrawn for a rewrite.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Donald Roulo and seconded by John Palmieri to accept the June 10, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Unanimous

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: North Shore LIJ Huntington Hospital - MCI Drill Exercise 6/9/13; Shirley Community Ambulance –Bike Team assistance for LI 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk 6/8&6/9; Northport Volunteer FD - Stand-by Sixth Annual Chuck Varese Extrication Tournament.

Four More HCFAS Scholarships Donated

An anonymous benefactor has generously made a donation to HCFAS for the specific purpose of funding an additional four eligible HCFAS scholarship applicants that failed to be selected in the June 10th random drawing. Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Victoria Gander daughter of Joseph Gander #1166 & brother of Joseph Gander, Jr. #1329, Linden Rudolph daughter of Richard Rudolph #1083, Vito Reciniello son of Third Deputy Chief Reciniello #659 and Patricia Reciniello #740 and to member Casey Orr #1283. Thank you to the benefactor and congratulations to the additional winners.

President's Report President Roger Winter (Continued)

- We will be conducting only one meeting for the Board of Directors this month, July 18, 2013. A budget review is scheduled.

Board Actions June 13, 2013 & June 27, 2013

Refreshments at Parades for 2013
Exterminating Contract with limitations 2013

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90 Additional HCFAS Scholarships Awards 2013
91 The Town of Huntington Fire Chief's Council Dinner Meeting to be held at HCFAS
92 Exercise a contract with Regal Exterminators Inc.
93 Green Light Authorization SOP Change as amended and Green Light form #105
94 NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2013, 58th Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show
95 Advertisement
96 NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2013, 58th Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show Delegates
97 NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2013, 58th Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show Members
98 EMS WORLDEXPO Las Vegas Convention Center Members 2013
99 Off Site Committee Meeting
100 Bike Patrol Huntington Village Pilot Program

102 **Treasurers Report - Brian Canty**

103 No report.

106 **Officers Report's**

108 **Chief's Report – Martha Brenner**

- 110 ❖ PLECTRON DETAILS STILL PENDING, CAPTAIN RUBINSTEIN AND BRIAN
- 111 MILLIKEN HAVE JOINED THE COMMITTEE.
- 112 ❖ A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW POWER STRETCHER WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
- 113 AS PER THE MEMBERS AT THE GMM THERE IS OVERWELMING SUPPORT
- 114 FOR THIS
- 115 ❖ A NEW COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO REWORK THE UNIFORM
- 116 CODE. I WANT TO THANK MAXINE EPSTEIN FOR TAKING ON THE
- 117 ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTION OF DUTY UNIFORMS. MAXINE WILL BE
- 118 PART OF THE NEW COMMITTEE ALONG WITH NANCY BARKER, PAM
- 119 BRENNER AND ED BILLIA. IF ANYONE ELSE IS INTERESTED PLEASE
- 120 CONTACT DIRECTOR JOYE DENIMARCK
- 121 ❖ BEACH STICKERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE
- 122 ON YOU CAN CONACT ANY CHIEF OFFICER, THE PRESIDENT OR VP AND
- 123 ARRANGE TO PICK ONE UP.
- 124 ❖ CAPTAINS HAVE THE LIST OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT MEET THE
- 125 SOCIAL ELIGIBILITY POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING THE PICNIC.
- 126 EACH MEMBER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE CAPTAIN OR 1ST DC IF A CO 8
- 127 MEMBER. THE LIST WILL NOT BE POSTED.
- 128 ❖ PRESIDENT WINTER AND I HAVE SENT A LETTER TO THE TOWN
- 129 SUPERVISOR AND COUNCIL MEN DETAILING OUR CONCERN OF LOSING
- 130 THE PARKING AREA NEXT DOOR.

133 A new ambulance was approved by the Board of Directors.

PARADE SEASON:

Wed. July 17 Huntington Manor

Wed. August 7 East Northport

Thurs. August 29 Greenlawn

Sign- up sheets have been posted. Refreshments will be served prior to each parade.

Outback EMS Provider of the Month: Timothy Quigley

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Notable Calls - Please let me and Andrea Golinsky know of any notable calls. Many times the calls we are on make the papers and we are not mentioned or other departments are mentioned but not us. Please let us know so that we can contact the media and get the recognition we deserve.

Jeff Brenner is now the Co-Chair of the Driver training committee. Please contact Jeff if you are looking for a Driver training sit-down.

The ePCR train the trainer session is on July 8th. Once the trainers are ready we will start scheduling classes. We anticipate training to start in August.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

Well summer is here and the weather is hot and will be getting hotter, with that said it would be a good idea for crew's to palace some bottle water in the rigs at the beginning of their shift.

Hope to see everyone at the Picnic this year.

Some updates since last month.

The Blue Mattress covers have being place on all the Ambulances for you to use. These will help in NOT having to wipe down the stretcher at the hospital every time. You do not have to change this sheet after every Pt. at this time I will leave it up to the Crew. I am still looking into an easier way for you the crew to clean the stretcher.

The NEW Bio Hoop Bags are place alongside the Emesis Containers. 6 of these bags are in each Ambulance.

Equipment Alert:

When doing your check out.

Please disconnect the portable suction unit from the rig before testing it, if you leave it plunged in you are only testing the power of the battery on the Ambulance and not the unit.

When checking the AED please remember to see if the OK sign is on.

Equipment Training:

June Review training is Hands On and is set up in the ready room for you.

When was the last time you or your CREW had a look at the Fire Stand by Kit. Can you or your Crew remember where they are kept. Hint 2-15-25 and the BLS Closet.

Have a Good Summer

Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

First and foremost, please keep safe during these very hot, humid and stormy days of summer!

As the summer months and heat waves take their toll on us and our patients, please keep in mind that our ambulances and building are greatly affected by the extreme weather. When driving, please be sure to keep the ambulances and other vehicles in high idle to compensate for the severe effects of the weather on the vehicles. Also, be sure to plug the ambulances and first responders in upon returning to HQ.

Our building cooling system will be put to the test and we will do our best to keep a cool and comfortable environment for you all. Please contact me immediately if there are any cooling issues. President Winter has been very helpful in resolving some of our more recent issues on the 2nd floor, (THANK YOU ROGER!).

I am looking into the creation of 2 non-op or administrative positions to work with the 3rd Deputy's Office. The first would be a coordinator of the building services contractors. This position will work closely with the 3rd to identify problems, assist in the coordination of service from contractors and to monitor and propose contracts and agreements. The second will be similar but addressing the vehicles. This administrative member, will need to be "checked out" to drive all vehicles on a non-emergency basis (pending officers and BOD approval). This administrative member will greatly assist with the moving and coordination of vehicles to and from service providers (contractors). In addition, this member will assist with monitoring contracts and service agreements as described above. Anyone interested in these positions should contact me and or the administrative member liaison.

- We are still having unreported damage to vehicles and the building. PLEASE report all damage so I can arrange the repair.
- 2-15-21 has intermittent light bar issues and I am attempting to get it out to Proliner (assistance is needed, 2 drivers)
- 2-15-16 has intermittent light bar issues and I am attempting to get it out to Proliner (assistance is needed, 2 drivers)
- 2-15-19 is in the transmission shop. I hope to have her back soon.
- As of this writing, 2-15-17 is pending NYS inspection. Once it is cleared, it will be first due for at least 1 month. Please note any problems or suggestions for repair or change and put it in my mailbox. 17 will be going to Proliner for a 'punch list' of repairs and corrections after we have had it online for a month or so.
- 2-15-80 has a new GPS. It is permanently mounted. DO NOT TRY TO REMOVE IT FROM THE VEHICLE. DO NOT CHANGE THE SETTINGS. – Thank you!
- Please leave comments on likes or dislikes about this GPS in my mailbox. If I get good feedback, I will be replacing them in the other first responders and possibly in the ambulances. I look forward to your feedback.
- The 2 icemakers have been repaired!!! I will be reaching out to the kitchen crew to see if they want or still need the unit in the kitchen replaced.

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- The board has chosen to seek out a vendor for exterminating. Unfortunately, the information I received regarding our vendor was not correct and the BOD sought out additional pricing. I am awaiting notification that a vendor was chosen, and an agreement was made. This said, the traps I have set, and the removal of food sources seems to have somewhat resolved the frequency of visits from our little friends.
- Our landscaper has also removed much or all of the ivy around the building, eliminating the coverage and nesting which was found out there.

Once again, thank you for your assistance, patience and cooperation. Have a great summer!

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

For the month of **JUNE 2013**, we have answered **488** alarms, with **14** signal 24's. Our average response time was **7 minutes, 21 seconds**, which is well below the County's suggested response time of 9 minutes.

Congratulations to the following members on passing their Dispatch training exam;

Patrick Donegan # 1383

Louis Dell # 1388

A quick reminder on a few points;

A PCR is written for **each patient treated**.

An RMA FORM for every patient refusing medical aid. If for example, a parent/child are involved in an MVA, and the Parent wishes to RMA for both of them, then prepare an RMA form for each of them, and have the Parent sign both forms.

Lets not forget to put the **Alarm/Run number** on any additional pages/continuation forms that apply to the PCR form.

Dispatchers, please remember to enter the **Patient's name/age** on the PCR, even if it is an RMA. Also, please remember to enter the crew's information on the call!!!

Lastly, **all calls received are responded to in the order they come in, and not by priority.**

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No Report.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Our volume of calls continue to rise , any members that can listen up during the day from home or come hang out in the cool air is always welcome. You could always let the dispatcher know they can call you. I always appreciate your help. Thank you to all the members that come in to help out each week.

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A big thanks goes out to the crew that responded to a serious MVA down in Lloyd Harbor in which the patient was ejected from his vehicle. The patient sustained many significant injuries along with it being very difficult to communicate with the patient, but the crew worked efficiently and effectively to get the patient to the hospital as quickly as possible.

Great job everyone!

All members, please make sure check outs are done. They are so important.....I understand we are busy, but we need to be able to provide the proper care with the proper equipment. Always have in the back of your mind.....the next call we receive could be a friend, a relative, a co-worker, another squad member. We want to give every patient we come across the care we would want our own family members to receive. Not every patient appreciates our help but the majority of them do.

Good luck to Kristin Tiersch #1333 who is returning for another semester of school.....as always you will be missed.

Welcome to our new member on the 0700 shift Nadia Tomasi #1398, best of luck to you. You are a welcomed addition to Company 2.

If you cannot make your shift please make sure that you get coverage, each and every one is needed and your crew depends on you, as well as the community we serve.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Hello summer, Tuesdays are rolling along and the 24s seem to come in on third or fourth calls and they are on the downside right now. We have a new member on our 0700 shift Elizabeth Wuestman #1399. Unfortunately she will not be here tonight. On the 0700 shift Christ Vultaggio, is waiting for his test results on his EMT course. On the 1100 shift Maxine Epstein is finishing up her CC course – good luck to both of you but I'm sure you don't need it. On the 1500 shift Diane Tanko is entering the ACL program where she will do just fine. Good luck to Ralph Murphey who resigned and is entering the military to become a doctor. The 1900 and the 2300 shifts for not have any 24s so far, hope I didn't jinx you. Mary Jane Woznick is home recovering and rehabbing after her knee operation and is doing well. Also Todd Atkin is home recovering from a shoulder injury. Thanks to everyone for coming in and helping out on Tuesdays.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No Report.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

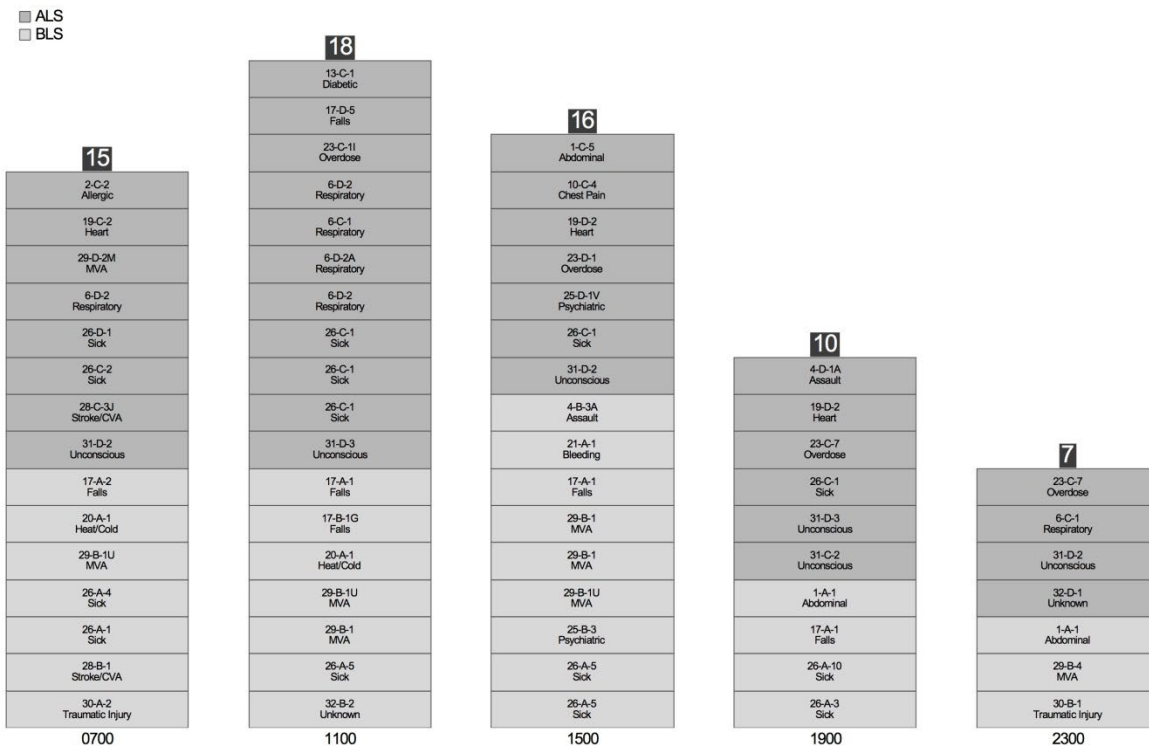
No Report.

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Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

The four Fridays since the last GMM have been relatively slow with a total of 66 calls (an average of just over sixteen per day) versus 89 for the prior month (average of just over twenty two per day). We've also seen a notable shift in call volume for the month to the beginning of the day with 75% of calls coming in during the 0700, 1100, and 1500 shifts compared to about 50% in the prior period; usually the evening and overnight shifts are a lot busier. This is probably in part attributable to people leaving town for the weekend. No 24s for the period, and a year-to-date 24 rate of 0.6%.

Total 6/14/13 to 7/5/13 = 66



Congratulations and Welcome:

- Congratulations to Joseph Kaempf (#1389, 1100) for advancing to Aide from Observer
- Congratulations to Steeven Jean (#1349, 1100) and Kristin Schwartz-Perkins on their EMT-B certifications, and good luck to Steeven in the ACL program
- Welcome new member Cynthia Feliciano (#1400, 1100) to HCFAS and Company 6

Thank You

Thank you to Friday's duty crews and the many non-Company 6 members who helped out this month: Melissa Anastos, Dale Bartolomeo, Jeff Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Mark Cappola, Richard Cortes, Keith Davis, Maxine Epstein, Chris Evers, Seth Fischer, Juan Flores, Millie Gabriel, Tyler Gibbs, Dominic Heavey, Laurie Hoffmann, David Kaufman, Bobby Loysch, Michele Miller, Kelly Murphy, Carolyn Niceforo, Tom O'Leary, Casey Orr, Brian Quinn, Sheryl Roach,

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Keith Rubenstein, Rich Rudolph, Sally Staszak, Golan Stern, Andrew Taylor, Kristin Tiersch, Kristin VanBenschoten, and Kurt Vetter. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Help Needed:

Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

- 0700 – CL or DR (second crew) through the summer
- 1100 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 1500 – Full crew (second crew)
- 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and FAs (first crew) and DR and FAs (second crew)

All members wishing to do extra shifts are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Sizzling isn't just a reference to the recent temperatures. It can also describe the number and severity of calls on Saturdays in the month of June. We've been kept very busy in June running as many as 23 calls on June 8 and 22 the following week. Thankfully, we were able to respond to all alarms with only 3 signal 24's - all during the running of multiple calls.

On Saturday June 22, a call was received at 1443 for a MVA (29-D-2M) with multiple patients. The First- due crew, consisting of CC **Keith Davis**, new EMT **Jim Ganley**, **Claudia Femminella** (who just passed her EMT skills test the week before) and EMT **Matt Valle**, was at the hospital and was requested by Dispatcher **Laura Treulich** to take the call. Initial reports indicated up to four patients including children. At the time, that crew needed equipment including backboards to restock the ambulance prior to responding. I was returning to HQ with 2-15-81 and was directed to continue in and pick up an ambulance to go to the scene with the needed equipment.

Laura and Dispatch Trainee **James Murphy** began paging for additional personnel to handle the number of reported patients.

I was first to arrive on scene and noted three children reportedly struck by an SUV with injuries. They were being attended to by police and civilians. Quick triage of the patients showed that the most serious injury was to a 6 yr old boy showing signs of a head injury and other trauma. The second patient, (an 11 yr old girl) was conscious but complained of abdominal pain and had vomited. The third patient was a 3 yr old girl, alert and showing signs of minor trauma. Med-evac was on call and coming in for the male patient.

When first due arrived on scene, CC Keith Davis, was apprised of the situation and began treating the 6 yr old boy with his crew's assistance. I moved to the older girl and with help from Matt Valle, began my assessment while Claudia Femminella was instructed to assess the youngest child. As additional personnel began arriving on the scene, I turned over patient care to them and all three patients were receiving care.

Keith Davis determined that the injuries to the boy did not warrant delayed transport waiting for the med-evac to arrive and cancelled same. The remaining patients were being prepped for transport and loaded into the ambulance. Within 8 minutes of the duty crew's arrival, the first

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patient was en route to the hospital. The second ambulance was loaded with the remaining 2 patients and in route 1 minute later.

All-in-all, the elapsed time from “time-in to 21&6” for all patients was 23 minutes! On scene time was a remarkable 8 and 9 minutes respectively!

The additional personnel who responded to the call are EMT **Keith Tetrault**, EMT **Casey Orr**, EMT **Capt. Kyle Rudden**, and EMT **Kelly Murphy**. Congratulations to all on an excellent, excellent job.

We are in need of extra personnel on the 1500 and 1900 shifts. If anyone is available and would like to come in to help out, please contact myself at saturdaycaptain.HCFAS@gmail.com.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

No meeting is scheduled for July and the August meeting will be at South Country Ambulance at 8PM.

The State Association Board meeting is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

NYSVA&RA Individual Proxy forms will be available soon and will be put into your mail folders. Please sign and date the Proxy and return it to the mail box marked Proxy. Make your vote count at the Association’s annual meeting.

If anyone is interested in attending the Pulse Check educational conference see 2nd Deputy Dominic Heavey for the requirements needed get permission to go.

As mentioned by 1st Deputy Tim Ebert, please let me know of any notable calls so that I can contact the media.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 31st – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be postmarked by August 31, 2013. This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVA&RA provides up to three scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

LOSAP List 2012 – Bob Franz

The 2012 LOSAP Records Listing which was approved by the Huntington Town Board on May 7, 2013 has finally been sent back to us. In compliance with General Municipal Law, this approved listing has been posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period beginning

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June 17. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained. Please also verify that your legal name and address is properly indicated.

Special Events Committee - Brian Canty

The Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the Crestwood Day Camp, 313 Round Swamp Road, Melville, NY.

Pulse – Patty Salajka

Deadline is around the 25th of each month (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

The next mailing will be July 9, 2013.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Samantha Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Mary Winter.
Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Black Swan Moscato – Casey Orr
2. 3150 Moscato & Strawberries – Paul Nathan
3. Summer Bar B Q Package – Annette Hershkowitz
4. Summer Bar B Q Package – Mary Brenner
5. Hanging Lantana Basket – Carolyn Corkett
6. Hanging Lantana Basket – Tony Cruz

Mets Tickets Sunday, August 4, 2013, 10 P.M. – Drawing (Hubbinette-Cowell Associates)

- David Kaufman
- Greg Orr

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475 Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Peter Nakelski to adjourn the meeting at 20:30
476 hours. Unanimous.

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478 **Members in Attendance:** 59, 3 probationary = 62

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481 Respectfully Submitted,

482 *Robert Franz*

483 Secretary

484 Draft posted: July 25, 2013

485 Approved: August 12, 2013

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: August 12, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	ABSENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
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Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Present Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (52/64 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Karen Martin was hospitalized for a short period of time for an on duty injury. Calls and get wishes are welcomed. She is back on duty, but has no love for dogs.
- Sally Stazak was hospitalized this past month. She is back on duty. Get well wishes are welcomed.

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- Mary Winter had surgery recently, she is home recovering. Calls and get well wishes are welcomed.
- Bruce Blower was hospitalized; he has been released but is undergoing physical therapy. Calls and prayers and get well wishes are welcomed. He thanks the Sunday overnight crew for helping him, Karen Blackburn & Tim Quigley
- Vito Reciniello was injured recently, he is home recovering. He is performing light duty until his full recovery.
- Todd Atkin was injured and had surgery. He is recovering, calls and get well wishes are welcomed.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of:

- Kathy Leonard's 59 year old brother died of a heart attack last week. Kathy and Tom will be up in Buffalo for the wake and funeral.

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events (if needed):

- Life Member Pete Nakelski and former member Jessie Nakelski, have a new grandson. Congratulations to their son Pete and wife Laurie. Grandson Casey Ryder, 7lbs. 9oz. on July 27,2013

Presidents Report

President Roger Winter

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

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

Hurricane Sandy Pin distribution- see the attached list of members receiving a pin at the end of minutes. Distribution was made by Ex-Chief John Palmieri and Ex-1st Deputy Chief David Mohr.

July 2013

Mark Cappola #1087– 10 years

August 2013

Angelina Kalodukas #1090– 10 years

Crystal Mueller # 1092– 10 years

Paul Terenzi #1094 – 10 years

Daniel Kelly #1096 – 10 years

Motion by John Palmieri and seconded by Richard Stone to change the order of the meeting for the first reading of the proposed revised By-Laws amendment 03-2013.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment 02-2013 was read by David Mohr. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Amendment would update the Squad's mission statement in the By-Laws.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Brian Canty to accept the July 8, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Unanimous

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Patient's family: Marilyn Stevenson; Members: Scholarships- Dylan Angevine and Chole Rubel; Good & Welfare: Karen Martin.

In accordance with the By-Laws Article III Section 9, the Board of Directors held a hearing on August 8, 2013 for charges against Vito Reciniello. The charges were sustained.

President's Report President Roger Winter (Continued)

- We will have only one Board of Directors meeting for August which was held on August 8, 2013.

Board Actions July18, 2013

- Medpro US Inc. Maintenance Contract for patient moving equipment.
- Adopt a policy of "briefly" screening prospective members' applications.
- MediCenter facility to be used for new member medical screening
- Korean War Memorial Journal Ad by HCFAS.
- Revision to Form 105 Green Light Authorization
- HCAD Budget Proposal 2014 approved to be sent to the Town of Huntington Comptroller's Office

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- Emergency Repair Motion for eh Air Conditioning Unit for the Ready Room
- Approve two members for the National Association of EMS Educators EMS Instructor Course
- Permit Hands Only CPR Committee to do demonstrations off site
- Hands Only Advertisement for the Huntington Patch Business Ad. The committee chair will work with Andrea Golinsky our PIO
- Approval of Off Site Hands Only CPR Committee Meetings – Denied
- Purchase a Field of Honor Flag on the lawn of Town Hall
- Disposal order and Remove from Inventory 21 old Laptop computers
- Sale of 21 Obsolete HP Laptop Computers in as is condition.
- Amend HCFAS Members Group Life Insurance Program Guideline extend coverage for active members age 89to age 94.

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- Renewal and Continuation with VESO Trust (Voluntary Emergency Service Organization) Members Term Life Insurance Program.
- Voting Machine and Elections rental agreement
- Advance for meals on Election Day for workers
- Purchase and mail Holiday Cards 2nd Division FD & FAS
- Purchase Holiday Cards for Inactive Life Members
- Approve 22 potential Explorer Post 215 Activities for the 2012-2013 School year
- Repair of Garage Doors South #2 and North #2
- Purchase of ePCR Toughbook's Plus Ambulance Fly Car Mountings – Tabled
- HCFAS Participation in the Huntington Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival 2013

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

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Treasurers Report

Financial Review of 2nd Qtr 2013

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Income - \$ 914,217

Expenses - \$ 637,546

Major Expenses

EMS Supplies	\$	39,876.94
Vehicles		217,265.23
Building		46,372.87
Utilities		50,614.58
Communications		23,769.39
Professional Fee's		36,567.06
Insurance		110,887.50
Office		32,575.84
Uniforms		6,196.36
Member Inspection		40,544.93
Training		19,050.94
Public Relations		4,619.50
Bond Interest		40,232.50
Other Expenditures		9204.44

Totals-Expenses **\$ 637,545.56**

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$44,789 and Misc Donations/Interest \$19,359 = \$19,359

Expenses \$30,196

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158	Expenses-		
	Insurance - Life	\$	4,504.96
	Events		3,428.67
	Fund Drive		7,554.70
	Goods & Welfare		1,865.00
	Member Services		7,153.73
	Scholarship		2,000.00

Totals-Expenses **\$ 30,195.91**

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160 **Officers Report's**

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162 **Chief's Report – Martha Brenner**

- 163 ❖ PLECTRON DETAILS STILL PENDING, CAPTAIN RUBINSTEIN AND BRIAN
- 164 MILLIKEN HAVE JOINED THE COMMITTEE. THEY ARE CURRENTLY
- 165 WAITING FOR ONE MORE BID.
- 166 ❖ A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW POWER STRETCHER WILL AT THE SEPTEMBER
- 167 BOD MEETING
- 168 ❖ A NEW COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO REWORK THE UNIFORM
- 169 CODE. I WANT TO THANK MAXINE EPSTEIN FOR TAKING ON THE
- 170 ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTION OF DUTY UNIFORMS. MAXINE WILL BE
- 171 PART OF THE NEW UNIFORM CODE COMMITTEE ALONG WITH NANCY
- 172 BARKER, PAM BRENNER AND ED BILLIA. IF ANYONE ELSE IS
- 173 INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTOR JOEY DENIMARCK
- 174 ❖ A DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE WINTER JACKET HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY
- 175 A FEW MEMBERS AND WILL BE AVAILIABLE AT THIS MEETING.
- 176 ❖ A POTENTIAL NEW SUMMER DUTY SHIRT IS BEING TESTED BY SEVERAL
- 177 MEMBERS. BLUE AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MOST MEMBERS.
- 178 ❖ I AM IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ESTIMATES TO HAVE THE CARPET
- 179 REMOVED FROM THE READY ROOM AND HAVE VINYL TILE INSTALLED
- 180 IN ITS PLACE
- 181 ❖ CISM (critical incident stress management) THROUGH SUFFOLK COUNTY IS
- 182 AVAILABLE TO ALL. JUST A REMINDER THAT THIS DOES NOT NEED TO
- 183 BE A GROUP MEETING SET UP BY ONE OF THE OFFICERS ALTHOUGH THIS
- 184 IS FINE. ANY MEMBER WHO IS HAVING AN ISSUE CAN CALL AND SPEAK
- 185 WITH SOMEONE. THE CALL IS CONFIDENTIAL. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER
- 186 IS ON THE SUFFOLK COUNTY REMSCO WEBSITE,
- 187 ❖ THANKS TO ALL WHO MARCHED IN THE EAST NORTHPORT PARADE. JUST
- 188 ONE MORE PARADE TO GO ! David Kaufman, Clara Elliot, Andrea Golinsky,
- 189 Carol Nucci, Kelly Murphy, 1st DC Tim Ebert, ex –Chief D Mohr, Sect. Bob Franz,
- 190 Captain Karen Martin, Ex-Chief J Brenner, Ex-Captain Pam Brenner, Jerry
- 191 Giacominni, Liz Mohr, 2nd DC Dominick Heavey. Thank you all!
- 192 ❖ Check outs. A routine check out today found that albuterol expired 12/12! Suggestions
- 193 please on how to improve check out compliance.

PARADE SEASON:

Thurs. August 29 Greenlawn
Sign- up sheets have been posted. Refreshments will be served prior to each parade.

Longevity Awards: I would like to extend the congratulations of the HCFAS Officers to the following members for their longevity.

- **July 2013**

- Mark Cappola #1087– 10 years

- **August 2013**

- Angelina Kalodukas #1090– 10 years

- Crystal Mueller # 1092– 10 years

- Paul Terenzi #1094 – 10 years

- Daniel Kelly #1096 – 10 years

Outback EMS Provider of the Month: Dale Bartolomeo

Topic of the Month: New Winter Jackets – Another winter jacket was presented to the membership for consideration.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert (submitted and posted)

1. Please put DOG BITE FORMS in the First Deputy's mailbox after an incident. Please contact the day captain and/or the First Deputy after each incident. The First Deputy will mail/fax all the forms.
2. We received a call from Huntington property management regarding the siren use at the intersection of Spring Rd and Delaware St. They have requested that we refrain from using our sirens unless they are needed during the overnight hours.
3. Notable Call:

On Sunday, July 21st, while return home from shopping Ex-Chief David Mohr came upon a motorcycle accident on Depot Road and East 12th Street. The accident had just occurred and several by-standers were around the patient calling 911. Ex-Chief Mohr immediately called his daughter, Sam Mohr, who was dispatching and told her of the accident. She stated that she was just receiving the call. Ex-Chief Mohr advised her that the patient had major trauma and to activate aviation for a Medivac. Sam advised her father that she was trying to get a crew. At the same time Captain Karen Martin arrived on the scene and began patient care. Ex-Chief Mohr responded to headquarter and got an ambulance and responded back to the scene. The first police officer on scene was Jimmy Garside, who had just left a call on East 14th Street. Additional, member Gerardo Vasquez was driving by the scene and stopped to assist in patient care. The patient had a major avulsion of his left arm and a major avulsion of his right thigh with extensive

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bleeding. The patient began to demonstrate altered mental status and was in and out of consciousness with a suspected head injury. The patient's initial blood pressure was 62/26. Two IV's were immediately established and the wounds were bandaged. The patient was boarded and collared and then transported to the landing zone at Manor Field. Upon arrival at Manor Field the helicopter was on final approach and landing. The flight medic was escorted to the ambulance and with the assistance of HMFD, the patient was then transferred to the helicopter. The call was received at 1613 hrs, the crew was at the landing zone at 1633 hrs and the patient was lifting off to Stony Brook Medical Center at 1643 hrs. The collaborative efforts of the SCPD, HMFD and our members provided a smooth, seamless and expeditious evacuation of this major trauma patient in a remarkable 20 minutes from call received to being at the landing zone and only an additional 10 minutes till the patient was on his way to the Medical Center, well within the Golden Hour.

In a follow up to the patients status, his wife spoke with P.O. Garside on Tuesday, 7/30. The patient suffered extreme veinal bleeding from the thigh injury which required surgery to repair. His left arm was fracture and required a plate and screws to repair, along with repairing the avulsion. He also had a concussion. He has had two rounds of surgery, one immediately upon arriving at Stony Brook and a second later that week. According to the patient's wife, the doctors credited the immediate and excellent care he received on scene for saving his life, had the leg injury bleeding not been stopped, he would have died. The doctors estimate that he lost over six pints of blood. He is doing much better now and will be going to St. Charles for rehab. Congratulations and thanks go to P.O. Jimmy Garside, SCPD, HMFD and to the crew of Captain Karen Marten, Ex-Chief David Mohr, Gerardo Vasquez and dispatcher Samantha Mohr.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey (as posted)

I will NOT be able to make the meeting tonight as I have to go into work early. I have not much to report.

I am still unable to get on the Training part of the web site, I thought I would have being able to talk with Brian Canty about this tonite.

Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

No report.

The Chief mentioned that North 1 bay door was broken.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

July

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276 Alarms.....494

277 Signal 24's.....21

278 Average response time (21).....7:04

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280 Pagers – if they are not functioning properly, please bring them in to be updated / narrowbanded.

281 We are looking at replacement of the Squad's UHF & VHF antennas.

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283 Again, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at

284 "Chiefdispatcher.hcfas@gmail.com " or simply leave a note in the Chief Dispatcher's mailbox,

285 and I will be sure to respond.

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287 **Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein**

288 No report.

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290 **Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin**

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292 Our volume of calls continue to rise , any members that can listen up during the day from home
293 or come hang out in the cool air is always welcome. You could always let the dispatcher know
294 they can call you. Just give them your phone number and I always appreciate your help.

295 All members, please continue make sure check outs are done. I understand we are busy, but we
296 need to be able to provide the proper care with the proper equipment. We want to give every
297 patient we come across the care we would want our own family members to receive. Not every
298 patient appreciates our help but the majority of them do.

299 Welcome to our new member on the 2300 shift Afsaneh Mardani #1403, best of luck to you.

300 You are a welcomed addition to Company 2.

301 Welcome back Tomoko Hirasawa #1401 to the 2300, glad to have Tomo back!!!

302 Paul Nathan #1235 has had his sit down with 2nd Deputy Heavey to begin the ACL program

303 Congratulations to Matthew Gershuny #1367 on moving on to First Aider

304 All members, if you cannot make your shift please make sure that you get coverage, each and
305 every one is needed and your crew depends on you, as well as the community we serve. If you
306 cannot get coverage you need to notify your captain 24 hours in advance.

307 Again, thank you to all the Monday crews as well as those that respond for back up.....you are
308 all great.

309 Mondays Rock!!!

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311 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr**

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313 Tuesdays are rolling along as usual and it's hard to believe fall is around the corner. Help is
314 needed on several shifts regularly on Tuesdays. On the 0700 a second full crew is needed. We
315 have a new member on the 0700 Elizabeth Wuestman. On both the 1100 shift and 1500 shift we
316 can use a dispatcher and two first aiders. Remember to check the gas levels on every shift and
317 when they are half or less please fill up; on the way back from the hospital is a convenient way to
318 do it. Please remember to do your dishes, bowls and cups. This has been an ongoing problem;
319 please don't leave them for somebody else to do. Also check the dishwasher once in a while, if
320 it's full then please empty it, it only takes a couples of minutes. Congratulations to Chris

Vultaggio #1342 on passing his EMT final, he is looking forward to getting into the ACL program.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

I need a Driver for the 1500 hour shift since I am losing my only driver on that shift.

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

Thank you to Friday's committed duty crews for keeping the day running smoothly without any recent 24s, and a year-to-date mutual aid rate of a mere 0.5%.

In particular I want to thank those Company 6 members that put in extra shift time and/or answered backup calls this month: Taha Aiman, Nathan Bruskin, Kathy Castillo, Cynthia Feliciano, Steeven Jean, Jim Mallilo, Stephanie Mirabelli, Jeff O'Neill, Phil Orlando, Kristin Schwartz-Perkins, Mary Sissinni, Lorrie Stone, Keith Tetrault, Patty Tufo, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

Plus some non-Company 6 members who are very much part of the Company 6 family for doing regular weekly shifts on Friday: Sheryl Burke, Tyler Gibbs, Tom O'Leary, Sally Staszak, and Kurt Vetter.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone else who helped out since my last GMM report: Melissa Anastos, Dale Bartolomeo, Pam Brenner, Richard Cortes, Nancy Courtemanche, Keith Davis, Chris Fisher, Seth Fischer, Juan Flores, Joe Gander Jr., Dominic Heavey, Alex Klotsche, Bobby Loysch, Matty Lupinacci, David Mohr, Kelly Murphy, Spencer Newman, Casey Orr, Sheryl Roach, Keith Rubenstein, and Rich Rudolph.

Congratulations and Welcome:

Congratulations to Nathan Bruskin (#1380, 1100) and Joseph Kaempf (#1389, 1100) for advancing to First Aider.

Welcome Tony Castillo to HCFAS, Company 6, and the 2300 shift.

Help Needed:

Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

0700 – CL or DR (second crew) through the summer

1100 – CL or DR (second crew)

1500 – Full crew (second crew)

2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and FAs (first crew) and DR and FAs (second crew)

All members wishing to do extra shifts are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

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July settled into a routine as Company 7 ran 62 calls for the month with 3 sig. 24's. As is the norm, most calls came in either bunches or were concentrated during one shift. Thanks to the many backup personnel who came into cover these situations, we were able to handle most of our calls.

I would encourage the Chief's to continue to look at ways to increase the number of members approved as drivers. The majority of our pages are for full crews and we seem to have a harder time getting a driver response than a Crew Leader.

On Saturday, August 17, Eaton's Neck will be providing coverage for the overnight. My thanks to Tim Ebert for arranging this coverage and to Eaton's Neck for assisting us.

We are in need of extra personnel on the 1500 and 1900 shifts. If anyone is available and would like to come in to help out, please contact myself at saturdaycaptain.HCFAS@gmail.com.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

I and Bob Franz attended the Association Board meeting on Sunday 8/11. President Mastrianni reported on the progress of revisions to Article 30. Two meetings were held so far covering consolidation of State Councils and their statutory authority; enabling legislation for community paramedicine; Regional Councils and their statutory authority; EMS program agencies and mutual aid. A third meeting is scheduled for August 22 which will cover the Certificate of Need process. Participants in the meeting along with NYSVARA President Mastrianni are, the governor's office, staff of the Assembly and Senate Health Committees, NYSDOH, Bureau of EMS, Assembly and Senate Program and Counsel, volunteer and professional fire fighters organizations, NYC REMSCO, American College of Emergency Physicians and UNYAN.

NYSVA&RA Individual Proxy forms will be available soon and will be put into your mail folders. Please sign and date the Proxy and return it to the mail box marked Proxy. Make your vote count at the Association's annual meeting.

If anyone is interested in attending the Pulse Check educational conference see 2nd Deputy Dominic Heavey for the requirements needed to get approval to go. Information on the conference is on the bulletin board and on the nysvara.org website.

The next District 7 Meeting will be at South Country Ambulance on 8/20 at 8PM.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 31st – Bob Franz

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The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be postmarked by August 31, 2013. This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVA&RA provides up to three scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month, (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim or Brian Canty.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

As of 8/2/13, we have received \$60,269.

Driver Training Committee – Jeff Brenner via Chief Martha Brenner

Three new trainees: James Ganley, Liz Mohr and Peggy Coyle.

Any driver wishing to become a trainer, please email Jeff Brenner or 1st Deputy Chief Tim Ebert.

Old business:

Downtown Renaissance – proposed hotel on the corner of NY Ave and Railroad St.– A letter was sent to the Town Board in July. Nothing new to report.

New business:

Display Sign messages – The Chief mentioned that the Display sign was shown on Channel 4 as part of Greg Cergol's piece on HCFAS and also it was featured in the Huntington Patch. Diane Tanko is doing a great job with her messages.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Samantha Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci, Mary Winter, Greg Orr and Angie Kalodukas.
Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Bolla Merlot (Anne Maloney) – Joanne Cunningham
2. Cedar Springs Pinot Grigio – Cindy Cairl
3. Wild Pig Syrah – Diane Tanko
4. \$20 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card – Louis Dell
5. \$20 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card – Heidi Magerle

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6. Stonecrop Sedum Ground cover plant – Melissa Rubin Perez

7. Stonecrop Sedum Ground cover plant – Tyler Gibbs

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Richard Stone to adjourn the meeting at 2040 hours. Unanimous.

Members in Attendance: 64 probationary 7 Total: 71

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: August 21, 2013

Approved: September 9, 2013

Proposed By-Law Change 03-2013

Proposal:

Update the mission statement of the Squad

Background/Justification:

With the evolution of EMS, recent events, and our current practice, it is imperative that our mission statement be clear that, not only will we respond to calls within our district, but as need and as available, we will respond to any call for help, not just within the Township of Huntington and its immediate surroundings.

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

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Proposers

Mark Cappola #1087 /s/

Karen Martin #1118 /s/

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/

Readings

First Reading Date: August 12, 2013

TO BE DISCUSSED & VOTED UPON
AT SEPTEMBER 9TH GENERAL

Second Reading Date: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hurricane Sandy Pins

Ex-Chief John Palmieri	Stephanie Caracciolo	George Reeder
Ex 1 st Deputy Chief David Mohr	Andrew Taylor	Tom O'Leary
2 nd Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	Jennifer Ladd	Bazeel Walters
Captain Karen Martin	John Connors	Paul Kelly
Captain Mark Cappola	Kyle Rudden	Sally Staszak
Captain Greg Orr	Joanne Vogel	Ralph Murphy
Sara Manning	Casey Orr	Crystal Mueller
Tim Quigley	Rodriguens Gabriel	Joanne Cunningham
Janet Zapata	Claudia Femminella	Maria Allen
Charles Beach	Laurie Hoffman	Pam Brenner
Dan Kelly	Tyler Gibbs	Jeff Daniels
Sharyn Cullen-Kutcher	Rich Rudolph	Melissa Flores
Richard Stone	Matt Valle	Melissa Anastos
Audin Delva	Dominic Heavey	Anne Donegan
Joe Gander	Matt Lupinacci	John Vasquez
Joe Gander Jr	Carol Nucci	Tony Cruz
Kelly Murphy	Chris Vultaggio	Kevin McCain
Matthew Gershuny	Rich Cortes	Patty Tufo
Tom Lemp	Kathy Castillo	Diane Tanko
Mike Barker	Israel Cortes	Keith Davis
Nancy Barker	Golan Stern	Juan Flores
Nat Watts	Kurt Vetter	Lisa Mohr
Terrence Cheang	Liz Mohr	Kathy Bonessi
Linda Guadagnin	Andrew Taylor	

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: September 9, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	ABSENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Vice President Richard Stone that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (62 eligible members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Jeffrey Brenner to change the order of business for a presentation.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

John Atkinson Thank You

David Mohr introduced John Atkinson who was involved in a motorcycle MVA on July 21st at Depot and E.12th St. John and his wife Eileen thanked the medcom dispatchers (Donna and Kathleen), the Police Officers (Jim and Iman) and the crew which included Karen Martin, Gerardo Vasquez, and David Mohr.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Keith Davis to change the order of business for the By-Law and SOP.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Proposed By-Law Change
03-2013**

By-laws was read for the second time and the floor was opened for discussion followed by a roll call and vote by ballot.

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Proposers

Mark Cappola #1087 /s/ _____

Karen Martin #1118 /s/ _____

Tim Ebert #1184 /s/ _____

Readings

First Reading Date: August 12, 2013 _____

Second Reading Date: September 9, 2013 _____

Vote _____

Yes: 59 _____

No: 2 _____

Secretary Signature: /s/ _____

Date: September 9, 2013 _____

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90 Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to destroy the ballots.

91 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Proposed SOP Change 05-2013

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96 **Proposal:**

97 Update certification requirements

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99 **Background/Justification:**

100 To update certification requirements

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

103 Article V - Crewmember Responsibilities -- Other Crew Members

104 Section 4 - First Aider:

105 1. A First Aider must be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws ~~hold a valid~~

106 ~~American Red Cross Advanced First Aid card and a BLS CPR card or a valid EMT card, First~~

107 ~~Responder Card or equivalent.~~

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109 Section 5 - Aide:

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1. An Aide must be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws ~~hold a valid American Red Cross Advanced First Aid card and a BLS CPR card or a valid EMT card, First Responder Card or equivalent.~~

Section 7 - Dispatcher:

- 4. The Dispatcher must be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws ~~have a valid Advanced First Aid card.~~

Floor was open for discussion.

Vice President- Richard Stone

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) –

Andrea Golinsky #315 - 40 years of service

Life Member

Operational Positions served: Crew leader, Driver, ALS provider.

Andrea has served in the following positions at HCFAS: Chief, 1st Deputy Chief, 2nd Deputy Chief, Captain, and Board of Director.

Committees that she has served on past and present: Public Information Officer (PIO), New Uniform Committee, Social Committee, Membership Chairwomen, Stand by Committee, Document Retention Committee, New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA), Legislation, Revitalization, Length of Service Awards, Town of Huntington – Huntington American Dream Homebuyers Assistance Program for first Time Home Buyers, Recruitment committees Squad, TOH and SC, Dress Uniform committee, Uniform Code Revision committee, Alternate District 7 Delegate for Suffolk REMSCO.

Thank you for your 40 years of dedication and service to HCFAS.

Town of Huntington Councilwoman Susan Berland arrived at the meeting and notified the membership that Andrea is one of this years recipients of the Town of Huntington's Annual Women's Networking Day's Women of Distinction.

Councilwoman Susan Berland left the meeting.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

Ex 1st Deputy Chief David Mohr was injured while on duty recently. He is now dispatching until he fully recovers. Get well wishes and calls are welcomed.

Captain Mark Cappola was injured on a call recently. He is home and recovering. Get well wishes and calls are welcomed.

Captain Kathy Castillo was injured on a call recently. She is recovering; calls and get well wishes are welcomed.

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Captain Greg Orr was hospitalized recently, he is home recovering, cards, calls and good cheer are encouraged.

Paul Kelly was transported to Huntington Hospital recently. He is expected to stay several days. He is on the mend, calls, humorous comments and get well wishes are welcomed.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of (If needed):

On Aug 20, 2013, Captain Mark Cappola's 31 year old niece lost her battle with cancer. Cards and condolences are welcomed.

Secretary Brian Canty's aunt passed away recently. Cards and condolences are welcomed.

Former member Deborah "Debbie" Hobgood #627 passed away on September 1, 2013. She was the daughter of (Deceased) "Life Member" Robert "Bob" Adams, Husband "Life Member" John Hobgood #520. Please read the notice on the Bulletin Board for more information.

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Jeffrey Brenner and seconded by Keith Davis to accept the July 8, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Patient's family: Margery K. Fey; Members: Scholarships-Vito J. Reciniello.

President's Report - Roger Winter

No report

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

- ❖ PLECTRON PROPOSAL FOR DISPATCHING VIA PAGING INSTEAD OF PHONE IS READY AND WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE NEXT OFFICERS MEETING. THIS WILL ALLOW PAGING FOR OUR CALLS FROM MEDCOM AND ELIMINATE THE PHONE CALLS

- ❖ A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW POWER STRETCHER WILL AT THE SEPTEMBER BOD MEETING

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❖ THERE HAVE BEEN MANY RUMORS REGARDING THE NEW DUTY SHIRTS AND WINTER JACKETS. AT THIS TIME NO PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE AND NO DECISIONS REACHED. THERE ARE QUESTIONS: SHOULD THE WINTER JACKET REPLACE EPGEAR OR BE IN ADDITION? WHICH BLUE SHIRT IS MOST POPULAR WITH THE MEMBERS? PLEASE SPEAK WITH LIAISON DIRECTOR DENIMARCK OR UNIFORM COMMITTEE CHAIR MAXINE EPSTEIN AS THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE MAKING THE PROPOSAL TO THE BOD

❖ I AM IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ESTIMATES TO HAVE THE CARPET REMOVED FROM THE READY ROOM AND HAVE VINYL TILE INSTALLED IN ITS PLACE. I HAVE 2 AND AM WAITING ON THE 3RD

❖ THE CHIEF OFFICERS HAVE THE SECOND MEETING OF THE YEAR WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL THIS MONTH. WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS?

❖ THANKS TO ALL WHO MARCHED IN THE GREENLAWN PARADE.

❖ CHRIS BLACKWELL HAS TAKEN ON THE TASK OF COLLATING CHECK OUT FORMS. AS THE REPORTS ARE COMPLETED MORE INFO WILL FOLLOW.

❖ NO SHOWS. THE CAPTAINS ARE DISCUSSING A PROCESS OF CHANGING THE ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF A NO SHOW TO INCLUDE CALLING IN LAST MINUTE WITH NO REPLACEMENT. COMMENTS PLEASE.

❖ THE WASHING MACHINE NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED BECAUSE A PERSONAL ITEM WAS CAUGHT IN THE DRUM. THE MACHINE IS FOR HCFAS LAUNDRY AND NOT TO BE USED AS A FREE LAUNDROMAT.

❖ HONORABLE MENTION FOR NEW DISPATCHER MICHAEL CAMPANELLI. FIRST SOLO ON HIS FRIDAY OVERNIGHT HAD 8 CALLS. GOOD FOR YOU MICHAEL AND THIS DEMONSTRATES HOW IMPORTANT OUR DISPATCH TRAINING PROGRAM IS.

❖ THANK YOU BRIAN CANTY FOR TAKING ON THE TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITY OF BECOMING A CERTIFIED EMT INSTRUCTOR. BRIAN WILL BE PART OF THE OCTOBER EMT COURSE. HIS DECISION TO TAKE ON THIS TASK WILL REQUIRE HIM TO GIVE UP EVEN MORE TIME TO HCFAS AND SHOWS HIS COMMITMENT TO OUR ORGANIZATION

❖ RENAISSANCE DOWN TOWN: PARKING ISSUE:

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW THE PLAN IS TO PUT A HOTEL ON THE PARKING LOT PROPERTY ADJACENT TO OUR BUILDING ON THE EAST SIDE. THIS WOULD HURT US TREMENDOUSLY IN OUR ABILITY TO HAVE CLASSES, GENERAL MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS. THIS PAST MONTH PRESIDENT WINTER, PIO ANDREA GOLINSKY AND I MET WITH EUGENE COOK TOWN COUNCILMAN AND CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR AND RECEIVED HIS PERSONAL GUARANTY THAT HE WILL NOT VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL UNLESS OUR PARKING ISSUES ARE SOLVED. ANDREA AND I THEN MET WITH RYAN PORTER, VP OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR RENAISSANCE DOWN TOWN AND I BELIEVE HE IS CLEAR ON OUR CONCERNS. WE HAVE STATED THAT WE NEED AT LEAST 100 PARKING SPOTS AVAILABLE TO US NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE MEETING WITH TOWN REPRESENTATIVES TO KEEP THIS CONCERN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE PLANNING EFFORTS.

Outback provider of the month: Paul Rittenhouse

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert (submitted and posted)

1. We received a call from Huntington property management regarding the siren use at the intersection of Spring Rd and Delaware St. They have requested that we refrain from using our sirens unless they are needed during the overnight hours.
2. The Driver Training Co-Chairs are Paul Mori and Jeff Brenner. Please contact your Day Captain if you are interested in becoming a driver.
3. The ePCR Station has now been set up in the ready room and is available for all to practice. If you have not yet taken a training class, it is suggested that you work through the training manual, or work alongside someone who has taken a class.

Please note that the Toughbooks are designated for ePCR practice. The wireless is turned off and must remain turned off. Those who have taken an ePCR class may begin printing draft copies of practice PCRs and putting them in the ePCR mailbox, bottom row, for review.

ePCR training and competence will be required for all crewleaders, but others members are welcome to train. Crewleaders will be given priority in training classes. Classes will be posted weekly and will be offered on a variety of days/times. If you are not able to attend a class, an individual session with a trainer can be arranged. Training classes will be held for the next 3 months. The earlier you take a class, the more productive your practice and the better prepared you will be when we go live.

Please send along any questions or reports of equipment problems to the ePCR Committee by emailing alyssa.axelrod@gmail.com or you may call/text 631-839-9153.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

No Report

Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

As we welcome in the cooler weather and say farewell to the dog days of summer, I want to thank all of you for your patience and assistance in keeping us going. It was a challenging summer, and the heat and increased call volume has taken its toll on the membership, building and vehicles. Once again, thanks to President Winter for his continued assistance with the HVAC issues, Captain Rubenstein who covered for me while I was away in July and again in August, as well as covering and assisting me while I was out on sick leave. **And thank you to all who have helped!** (I would like to list names, but there are so many that I am afraid that I may miss someone).

Thank you to the Chief and Squad for the get well wishes and fruit basket! Your calls and well wishes were great to receive.

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- 292 • 2-15-17 was sent to Proliner where it underwent a large repair and recall. It was returned
- 293 Thursday 9/5/2013. Several of the issues were addressed, but there are still many more to
- 294 go.
 - 295 ○ The fuel gauge issue was resolved. There was a Road Rescue (not Chevrolet)
 - 296 issue which required rewiring and other repairs and changes.
 - 297 ○ The ALS refrigerator was sent back to the manufacturer and rebuilt. Please keep
 - 298 an eye on the temperature and operations of this unit and let me know ASAP if
 - 299 you notice anything wrong.
- 300 • 2-15-17 was put back in service after being re-stocked and checked out on Friday
- 301 9/6/2013. After one call, the driver took it offline due to an electrical short.
 - 302 ○ Proliner picked up and dropped off (the first time this year) 17 today (9/6/2013).
- 303 • 2-15-17 is once again (as of this writing) online. She is to be kept 1st due until further
- 304 notice. I expect to have it 1st due for at least 1 month.
 - 305 ○ I am making arrangements to have an extra battery for the pram placed on that
 - 306 ambulance.
- 307 • We are still having unreported damage to vehicles and the building. PLEASE report all
- 308 damage so I can arrange the repair.
- 309 • 2-15-21 had the rub rail repaired. A diamond plate rail was put in place of the rubber rail
- 310 which came from the factory. Unfortunately, the repair was not done to my specification.
- 311 The ambulance had a very minor rub with a railroad tie, and the rail was pulled off the
- 312 passenger side (2-3 days after it came in from Proliner).
 - 313 ○ I am working with local vendors as well as with Ace to come up with a plan to
 - 314 have a rail similar to the rails on the Wheeled Coach ambulances (which are
 - 315 welded to the chassis) put on the Road Rescue ambulances. I will keep you all
 - 316 advised.
- 317 • A welder has been secured by Ace Auto (our mechanic) to address the following:
 - 318 ○ 2-15-18 will have the rear step bumper repaired
 - 319 ○ 2-15-19 will have the driver's side draw repaired
 - 320 ○ 2-15-21 will have the diamond plate reviewed and plan for action made.
 - 321 ○ The trailer will have a spare tire mounted to the front hitch. (We had an incident
 - 322 over the summer where the trailer had a flat, in NYC, and we did not have a
 - 323 spare)
- 324 • 2-15-80 has a new GPS. I have not received any input regarding the new GPS. I would
- 325 like some input. I am planning on mounting these GPS units in all our vehicles.
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327 The BOD has authorized the purchase of another Road Rescue ambulance from Proliner. I want
328 to go on record that I am not in favor of this action or choice. I believe that there are too many
329 issues with this vendor, manufacturer and design for us to continue to buy ambulances from
330 them. There are other options. We could use the same specifications, and rebid the ambulance
331 to other vendors or as I would strongly suggest, remount the ambulance box onto new chassis'
332 with a total re-fabrication of the box. I have discussed this option, and believe the cost is
333 significantly less than the options we have chosen.

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This September as we approach the 12th anniversary of the attacks on NYC, Washington DC, and Shanksville, PA, let us all forever keep our friends and heroes, and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Vito L. Reciniello
3rd Deputy Chief



Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

For the Month of August 2013

448 calls

11 signal 24's

Monthly percentage rate of Calls/Signal 24's = 2.45% (this is down from 4.25 % from the previous month)

Total number of calls in 2012 – 3724

Total number of signal 24's in 2012 – 107

End of the year's percentage rate of Calls/Signal 24's = 2.10 %

We will be replacing both the UHF and VHF antennas on the roof of the building, within the next month or so. This should clear up any problems that any members are experiencing with their radios and pagers.

Congratulations on the following members on passing their Dispatch Training:

Lauren Aviles # 1397

Michael Campanelli # 1396

Michael Roff # 1394

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

I have to start out by saying THANK YOU to all that helped me on Labor Day.....The 1100 shift covered 6 calls, one of them being a 34 y.o cardiac arrest. Thank you to those that responded to help out, Captain Kyle Rudden, Tyler Gibbs, Brian Quinn, Joe Grant, Melissa Anastos and Brian Canty for helping out with dispatching so David Mohr could get the food out

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for the crews. Thank you also goes to Huntington Manor Fire Department for the manpower assist on the call.

Thank you David for all the great food you made for the crews for the holiday!

Each month I continue to say that our call volume continues to go up and the calls seem to come in back to back. Our crews are coming in and are being shot out of a canon. I thank you for all your hard work that each and every one does. Especially keeping up on your checkouts and duty chores, Mondays continue to do a great job with the completion of their checkouts.

I want to wish a speedy recovery to David Mohr #748, unfortunately he sustained an injury while on a call due to gravitational pull and a rogue tree stump... he quickly returned to duty as a dispatcher.

I also want to wish speedy recoveries to new Monday members Connie DeGrassi #1395 and Afsaneh Mardani #1403.

Our thoughts are with all of you.....

Congratulations to Stephanie Caracciolo #1171 and her husband Joe, they are expecting their first baby ☺

Congratulations also goes out to Matt Moran #1391 and Tomoko Hirasawa #1404 on them passing their Ambulance orientation test, way to go!!!

As always, I welcome and appreciate any member that comes in to help out for back up calls and extra shifts.

Any member that cannot make their shift please make sure you contact me or the dispatcher and let me know who will be covering your shift. We need each and every one of you. As per the SOP you should be notifying your Captain at least 24 hours in advance.

Enjoy the nice weather and be safe out there!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

No report

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

Thanked everyone who helped her out while she is recovering from her LOD injury.

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

The Squad has had a few line-of-duty injuries in recent weeks, including one on a Friday.

Fortunately most were relatively minor, but any LOD injury is a serious matter. We generally do a good job at staying safe, and from what I know of the recent injuries our crews were in fact

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being diligent. Sometimes things happen regardless. That said, it doesn't hurt to remind ourselves that we should always have our own safety – and that of our fellow crew members – first and foremost in our minds while helping others. Always be thinking, and always be safe. As usual I want to thank all of Friday's duty crews (Company 6 and regular non-Company 6 members) for their hard work, particularly those that put in extra shift time and/or answered backup calls since my last GMM report: Taha Aiman, Sheryl Burke, Kathy Castillo, Israel Cortes, Tyler Gibbs, Steeven Jean, Stephanie Mirabelli, Tom O'Leary, Jeff O'Neill, Phil Orlando, Kristin Schwartz-Perkins, Sally Staszak, Keith Tetrault, Patty Tufo, Kurt Vetter, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

And thank you to everyone else who helped out this month: Dale Bartolomeo, Suzie Biagi, Pam Brenner, Richard Cortes, Nancy Courtemanche, Keith Davis, Seth Fischer, Dominic Heavey, Alex Klotsche, Harvey Lapidus, Bobby Loysch, David Mohr, Kelly Murphy, Spencer Newman, Casey Orr, Tim Quigley, Sheryl Roach, Paul Rittenhouse, Alison Russo, Keith Rubenstein, Patty Salajka, Golan Stern, and Andrew Taylor.

Get well wishes to Kathy Castillo and congratulations to Michael Campanelli for passing his dispatch test and advancing to Observer.

Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

- 0700 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 1100 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 1500 – Full crew (second crew)
- 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and FAs (first crew) and DR and FAs (second crew)

All members wishing to do extra shifts are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

First thank you for your thoughts and well-wishes following the untimely death of my niece this past August. A special thank you goes to the members of the Monday 1900 shift for their condolence card.

Also, thanks for all the e-mails and well-wishes following my knee injury. Although it is healing nicely, I won't be able to dance to "The Fox Song" by Ylves at my daughter's wedding. Thank you as well to the squad for the beautiful fruit basket.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Captain Kyle Ruden for his help and for staying with me at the ER until I was discharged. That was way over and above the call of duty as far as I'm concerned. And to Chief Brenner for coming to the ER as well, and helping me to get home without falling out of the fly car.

Saturday continues to function well thanks to the dedicated crews who come in every week and to the many members who come in to do back up shifts and extra calls.

We are in need of extra personnel on the 1500 and 1900 shifts. If anyone is available and would like to come in to help out, please contact myself at saturdaycaptain.HCFAS@gmail.com.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

Andrea Golinsky Report

NYSVA&RA Individual Proxy forms are available and will be put into your mail folders. Please sign and date the Proxy and return it to the mail box marked Proxy. Make your vote count at the Association's annual meeting.

If anyone is interested in attending the Pulse Check educational conference see 2nd Deputy Dominic Heavey for the requirements needed to get approval to go. Information on the conference is on the bulletin board and on the nysvara.org website.

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month, (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim or Brian Canty.

Bob Franz Report

The next Suffolk REMSCO meeting is tomorrow evening at 7PM at SCEMS in Yaphank.

The next District 7 Meeting will be at East Brentwood FD on Tuesday 9/17 at 8PM.

Three \$500 tuition grants are available through the TOH Firefighter / EMS Incentive Recruitment Enhancement Committee for undergraduate degree program in NYS. Eligibility criteria and applications are on the bulletin board and have also been emailed to all members. Applications must be placed in the Chief's mailbox by Wednesday September 25th.

Sheryl Roach – Post 215

Hi Post 215 Members!

We have been invited to compete in the 3rd Annual Modified Junior Firefighter Muster Drill Competition at Greenlawn Fire Department. I thought that this would be something different, as well as a great opportunity to meet other Explorers in the area. The competition will be on September 15th. Check in is at 0900am. All participants will receive a competition T-shirt, Breakfast, and Lunch!

We need 6-11 participants between the ages of 14-18 and Still in High School (Their rules). I have requested the Entrance fee to be paid and enroll us as a team. Again, this is a competition with trophies provided to the winning teams. We will be getting together to practice in August and September. Please come dressed to get wet and to have fun! - shorts, T-shirts and sneakers that you don't mind getting wet. No revealing bathing suits.

So, Save the following Dates:

August 17th at 10am - practice

September 7th at 10am - practice

September 15th at 8:30am - competition

There also might be additional practice sessions added.

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519 Please RSVP for this event!

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521 I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

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523 **Old business: None**

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525 **New business:**

526 Brain Canty reported that a new ambulance has been purchased and will be delivered in
527 December and will cost \$185,000. The 3rd Deputy Chief voiced that he is not in favor of this and
528 recommends re-chassis with remount ambulances for \$100, 000.

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530 Jerry Giacomini expressed his concerns over the rug condition in the ready room by the kitchen.
531 The 3rd Deputy said he is waiting for 3 bids and within the next month there should be something
532 to the Board.

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534 Joanne Vogel expressed her concerns with the cleaning company and would like to see a heavy
535 cleaning of the building.

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537 Brain Canty asked the Chief if there is a list of which members are doing the trial blue uniform
538 shirts and he asked if any are on the overnight.

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540 John Palmieri asked if a Chief's Order was made for the trial blue shirts to be worn.

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542 There is a signup sheet posted in the ready room for the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival.

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545 **Closing:**

546 Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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548 **Thank you to those who have helped:** Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr,
549 Samantha Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Andrew Taylor, Carol Nucci,
550 Mary Winter, Greg Orr and Angie Kalodukas.
551 Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

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553 **Raffles - Various Gifts**

554 Joanne Vogel- \$20 Outback

555 Angie Kalodukas- \$20 Outback

556 Andrea Golinsky- Wine

557 Richard Stone- Flowers

558 Kenneth Manning- Flowers

559 Cindy Cairl- Flowers

560 John Palmieri- \$20 Outback

561 Linda Guadagnin- Flowers

562 Donald Roulo- Jazz CD

563 Joanne Cunningham- Jazz CD

564 Christy Stiles- Jazz CD

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Motion by Mark Cappola and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 21:30 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Total: 67 signed in

Respectfully Submitted,

Lehti Laas

Lehti Laas
Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary
Draft posted: October 9, 2013
Approved: October 14, 2013

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: October 14, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Present Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & members in the room (72 eligible + 2 probationary Total: 74 members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

President- Roger Winter

40 years of Service (Longevity Award):

Sharyn Cullen Kutcher #318 - 40 years of Service

Life Member

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46 Crewleader
47 Driver
48 ALS provider - EMT-CC - forever
49 The first member to have two assigned shifts, Sunday 1500, Monday 0700
50 ALS Committee
51 Suffolk County ALS Preceptor
52 Review Training Committee
53 Driver Training Committee
54 Membership

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56 Thank you for your 40 years of dedicated service.

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58 Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by David Mohr to change the order of the meeting for
59 the reading and discussion of the proposed revised SOP amendment 04-2013, Leave of
60 Absences.

61 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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63 Motion by John Palmieri and seconded by Andrea Golinsky for David Mohr to dispense with the
64 reading of the entire SOP change and summarize the changes.

65 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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67 The proposed SOP amendment 04-2013 was summarized by David Mohr.

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69 See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment.
70 The amendment would update Leave of Absences in the SOP's.

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72 A consensus vote on the presented SOP 04-2013 was obtained: 41 Yes, 2 No

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74 Brian Canty announced that it was last call for Flu Shots.

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76 **Secretary's Report Robert Franz**

77 Motion by Mary Winter and seconded by Tyler Gibbs to accept the September 9, 2013 General
78 Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

79 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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81 Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters
82 are posted on the bulletin board as received.

83 Thank-you's: Mary Jane Woznick, Paul Kelly, Marian Adams on the death of her daughter past
84 member Debbie Hobgood, Donna Mastropietro on the passing of her brother Steve Savino,
85 Linda Rudolph on being a scholarship recipient, Eileen Garvey Atkinson on her husband's
86 motorcycle accident, Chief McConnell of Halesite Fire Department wrote a letter commending
87 Anne Donegan on her patient care and transport, and TOH Councilman Eugene Cook's letter of
88 appreciation for all that we do.

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By-Laws Amendments 03-2013

At the September 9th meeting, the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2013 – Update the mission statement of the Squad was approved by the members.

Proposed SOP 05-2013

At the September 26, 2013 Board of Directors' meeting, the proposed SOP 05-2013 – Update certification requirements was amended and approved by the Board.

Voting Times for Squad Annual Election December 9, 2013

The Board of Directors approved the following voting times for the Annual Squad Election on Monday December 9, 2013 as follows: **0700 hours to 2000 hours.**

Members Mail Folders

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. Thanks.

Presidents Report (continued) - Roger Winter

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

Greg Orr was hospitalized recently. He has been released and is recovering at home. Get well wishes and prayers are welcomed.

Paul Kelly was hospitalized recently. He is home recovering. Get well wishes and prayers are welcomed.

Jonathan Stone was hospitalized recently. He has been released and is recovering at home. Get well wishes and prayers are welcomed

- Leslie Wissner fell in the building, while on duty. She was treated in the ER and released

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of:
Steve Savino brother of Donna Mastropietro #714

▪ Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events:

- Congratulations to Christopher Evers#1216 and wife Kathleen on the birth of their first baby, a boy, Kegan Raymes Evers, Congratulations to grandmother (Baba) Susan Biagi #1251.
- Andrea Golinsky received the Women of the Year Award as selected by Susan Berland. Andrea was one of the five named by the Town of Huntington Board

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Members – during the Town of Huntington’s 12th annual Women’s Networking Day “People...Passion...Purpose...A Prism of Possibilities, on Monday October 7, 2013

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

5 Year Awards

#1235 Paul Nathan--5 years
#1236 Kenneth Manning--5 years
#1237 Katherine Dolgin--5 years
#1234 Christopher Mallilo--5 years
#1238 Matthew Valle--5 years

40 years of Service:

Sharyn Cullen Kutcher

Board of Directors Meeting Actions 9/12/13, 9/26/13, 10/10/13

- Purchase Toughbooks for e-PCR
- Turtleneck Purchase
- Trial Duty Shirts
- Renew Adept Technology Contract
- 2013 Election Day Hours 8:00am – 8:00pm
- Presence at the time of Yearly Elections
- Explorer Post 215 Chief Advisor Appointment for the 2013-2014 school year
- Explorer Post 215 Fundraisers
- NYSVA&RA Drill Competition Trophy(s)
- Adept Technology Consulting Group, Inc. Roll out of computer additional hours
- Purchase Dispatch Computers
- 12th Annual Women’s Networking Day Luncheon (Andrea Golinsky)
- General Meeting Room Use Request 11/19/13 – George Reeder #1328
- AHA BLS Instructor Course (2 Members)
- Approval of SOP 05-2013 Amendments & Updates Certification Requirements
- New York State Vital Signs Conference Awards Ceremony
- Purchase Holiday Gift Cards 2013
- Fireman’s Association State of New York Legislative Conference
- Annual Dues NYS Fireman’s Association of the State of NY 2014-2015
- Explorer Post 215 Renewal 2013-2014 School Year
- Explorer Post 215 Associate Advisors, Committee Members and Adult Leaders Appointments for the 2013-2014 school year
- Amended Explorer Post 215 Activities for 2013-2014 school year
- Explorer Post 215 Photo Release Form 2013-2014

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- Explorer Post 215 Rules of Conduct 2013-2014
- Annette Hershkowitz Attendance at the NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2013 Memorial Service/Banquet (Bernie Hershkowitz)
- HCFAS members' e-mail Address for the Purpose of Sending the Candidates' Qualifications
- Advancement of \$100 for the Cash Box – Election Day
- Board of Directors Annual Dinner Meeting
- Operational Officers Annual Dinner Meeting
- Town of Huntington Chief's Council Annual Dinner
- General Meeting Room Use Request Sunday 10/27/13 – Annette Hershkowitz #82
- Replacement of the Ready Room Floor – Tabled
- Winter Jacket Purchase (75)

If you have an older red jacket, please return it so it can be re-issued to a probationary member.

Court Ordered re-hearing on Jeremy Bohme Article 78. We must conduct another hearing with a stenographer to record the results.

Treasurer's Report- Brian Canty

No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

- ❖ PLECTRON PROPOSAL FOR DISPATCHING VIA PAGING INSTEAD OF PHONE IS READY AND WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE NEXT OFFICERS MEETING. THIS WILL ALLOW PAGING FOR OUR CALLS FROM MEDCOM AND ELIMINATE THE PHONE CALLS
- ❖ I SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE BOD FOR 100 WINTER JACKETS. THIS NUMBER WAS CUT DOWN TO 75. THE UNIFORM COMMITTEE WILL BE SENDING OUT AN EMAIL SOON TO ARRANGE A FITTING FOR ALL **MEMBERS WHO DON'T HAVE WINTER GEAR** AT THIS TIME NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO JACKETS FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EPGEAR
- ❖ DIRECTOR POOLE IS FOLLOWING UP ON THE CARPET REPLACEMENT PROJECT. FINAL DECISIONS/ANSWERS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT GMM
- ❖ THE CHIEF OFFICERS MET WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL. I EXPRESSED THE ONGOING CONCERN THAT WE CAN'T GET TO THE AMBULANCE CREW DESK AND THE TURN AROUND FOR HAVING THE PATIENT SIGNED FOR IS OFTEN TOO LONG.

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- ❖ CHRIS BLACKWELL HAS TAKEN ON THE TASK OF COLLATING CHECK OUT FORMS. THE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED. I WILL HAVE THIS INFO AT THE NOV. GMM
- ❖ NO SHOWS. THE CAPTAINS ARE DISCUSSING A PROCESS OF CHANGING THE ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF A NO SHOW TO INCLUDE CALLING IN LAST MINUTE WITH NO REPLACEMENT. COMMENTS PLEASE.
- ❖ RENIANCENSE DOWN TOWN: PARKING ISSUE: THERE WILL BE MORE MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AFTR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
- ❖ CHIEF'S COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP. THERE WERE 4 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$500 EACH AND 3 OF THEM WENT TO HCFAS MEMBERS: TYLER GIBBS, MELISSA ANASTOS AND LIZ MOHR! CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL
- ❖ THE ANNUAL HUNTINGTON FALL FESTIVAL IS BEHIND US. CHIEF DOMINICK HEAVEY ALONG WITH A LARGE GROUP OF MEMBERS BROUGHT THIS OFF WITH GREAT SUCCESS. CHIEF HEAVEY WILL REVIEW THIS IN HIS REPORT BUT I MUST COMMEND MICHELE MILLER FOR ARRANGING THE OUTSIDE DEPARTMENTS AND TYLER GIBBS FOR ORGANIZING THE COMMUNICATION AND ANDREW TAYLOR FOR THE TRANSPORTATION. CHIEF HEAVEY WORKED FOR TWO FULL DAYS ON THE FAIR WHILE STILL WORKING FULL TIME. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE STAYED AWAKE. A TERRIFIC JOB!
- ❖ I WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH OUR ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON 2-15-17 SO THAT HE CAN SEND A "STRONGLY" WORDED LETTER TO THE COMPANY OF PURCHASE. WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE ON ORDER AND WANT TO BE SURE WE DON'T GO THRU THE SAME ISSUES
- ❖ HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE. IF YOU CAN DO ANY PART OF A SHIFT ON ANY OF THESE DAYS PLEASE LET THE CAPTAIN KNOW

Comments from members:

Cindy Cairl asked about the carpet.

Harvey Lapidus asked why the new jackets aren't for everyone?

Keith Davis asked why the number 75?

Chief stated that all members should have jackets and the approved motion accomplishes that.

Mark Cappola asked about riding, non-probationary members.

Keith Davis asked why Director's voted no and the President responded that he couldn't answer for each Director individually.

Sam Mohr asked if there would be X-Small?

Jerry brought up the 2 boxes of helmets distributed to new members.

Ann Schwartz wanted clarification as to how far back members were getting jackets because she hasn't had EP Gear for 3 years.

Jeff Brenner was told that another Board approval would be needed to purchase additional jackets.

Mark Cappola asked the cost of the jackets? He was told \$150 and the money is there.

Annette Hershkowitz said she doesn't care what back-up wears.

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Lori Stone added that EP Gear is designed for BBP so please don't hang them on the chairs in the ready room.
Greg Orr asked if members would have an option?
Mary Jane Woznick asked about the pants and if they can be cleaned and sold.
Joe Grant asked if it was New York State law to provide each member with EP Gear, and he was told no.

EMS Provider of the Month:

Carolyn Corket

Chief distributed pins to members for Length of Service.

Town of Huntington Fire Chief's Scholarship winners:

- Tyler Gibbs, Melissa Anastos, Liz Mohr

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Please check your CPR and EMT Expirations dates and make sure that you put a copy of your certification in my mailbox.

Notable calls:

On September 14 2013 a crew showed up to a 34 year old unconscious patient in respiratory distress. With some help from PD the crew inserted an OPA and assisted with respirations. The patient was breathing approximately 4 breaths a minute and had pin point pupils. The BLS crew quickly administered Naloxone in each nostril. By the second dose the patient started becoming more alert. Upon arrival at the hospital the patient was breathing on his own and was alert. The crew consisted of Loreley Villamide-Herrera (CL), Joe Grant (DR), and Michael Campanelli (Disp). Great Job to the crew on your save!

Also on September 14 a call came in as a respiratory distress, but as the crew left the building the call was upgraded to CPR in progress. When the crew arrived they found SCPD performing CPR. PD informed the crew that it was a heroin overdose. At this point the patient was blue and PD pushed the first dose of nasal Narcan. Juan Flores, the ALS provider on scene was able to start an IV line and push a second dose of Narcan, and within 30 seconds the patient sprung up dazed and confused. The Crew consisted of Juan Flores (ALS), Kelly Murphy (CL), Jim Mallilo (DR), and Dispatchers Patty Tufo and Kathy Castillo. Great Job to all involved!

The ePCR committee is doing a great job getting everyone trained on the ePCR's. If you have not signed up for a class please keep an eye on the signup sheets located above the ePCR table located in the ready room. The trainers have been working hard and are looking forward to answering all your questions. Thanks to everyone who has put in so much time on this project. Please see the Driver Checkout sheet. I am interested in hearing what you think and if you have any suggestions. Email or put a note in my mailbox.

Just a reminder to our overnight crews, Please refrain from using the sirens on Spring Rd during the overnight shifts unless it is absolutely necessary.

-Announced who was off probation

-Driver Check-out sheets are being updated

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

No report

Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

No report.

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

Total number of Alarms for September 2013.....493

Signal 24's.....22

Ave. Response time 2 to 21.....6:32

Year to Date totals for 2013

Alarms.....4217

Signal 24's.....129

YTD % of Signal 24's to Alarms.....3.05

Year to Date for this same period in 2012

Alarms.....4192

Signal 24's.....87

YTD % of Signal 24's to Alarms.....2.07

IWT Technologies responded to HCFAS on 09/27/2013, and repaired the MED-COM RADIO on 02-15-17, and it is now working properly.

We will be replacing both the UHF and VHF antennas on the roof of the building within the next month or so. This should clear up any problems that members are experiencing with their radios and/or pagers.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

We have begun to see an increase in calls at schools during the day which always adds an extra burden on our already light shifts. Please listen up when you can and Company 8 members are always welcome. Just make sure you are fingering in and out so I can give you the appropriate credit that is deserved.

Unfortunately due to the call volume during the day we have had to 24 calls primarily on the 1100 shift. Anyone available please let either myself or the dispatcher know.

Thank you to everyone that has come in to help cover the calls on Mondays!!!

Please come and talk to me if you are concerned about the amount of shifts you have since the holiday party will be coming in the near future. We can discuss the amount of shifts you are in need of. Also do not forget to notify myself or the dispatcher if you are unable to make it in for your shift. It is your responsibility to find a replacement.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Jenn Ladd and family for the loss of her Grandmother

Continued get well wishes go out to those members that are still recuperating.

I want to always remember to say thank you to all the Monday crew members that come in ready for their shift each and every week. I appreciate each and every one for all your hard work. You all help Mondays run smoothly.

Tuesday Co.3 Captain's Report- Greg Orr

Have a new member on the 1100 shift, Frank Papik #1406 just starting his dispatching classes. Maxine Epstein has passed her Suffolk County protocol test and is now an ALS provider- Congratulations.

Douglas Mayer on the 2300 shift is now a first aider and Chris Vultaggio is going into the ACL program. Always looking for dispatchers and first aiders on both the 1100 and 1500 shifts.

Todd Atkin and Mary Jane Woznick are both back from their Medical LOAs – glad to have you back.

Thanks to all who have been coming in to dispatch and fill in for on duty members, it is greatly appreciated.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

Congratulations to David Kauffman, Louis Dell, and Elizabeth Beach, they passed ambulance orientation.

I need a driver for 15:00 hours shift.

Thank-you to Juan Flores and Matt Valle for picking up my mom after having knee surgery.

Thank-you to Andrew Campagnale and Tim Quigley for picking up my mom two weeks later when she fell and broke a rib.

On a personal note, I also want to thank all the members of my day who have been so understanding and patient while I've been hopping around trying to get back on both feet.

Thank-you to Liz Mohr, Melissa Anastos for both stepping up and doing the Thursday overnight crewleading

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

On Friday 9/20 we received a total of 29 calls, tying the Squad record. The shift breakdown was as follows: 0700 (3 calls), 1100 (13), 1500 (6), 1900 (3), and 2300 (5). We mutually aided only two during the day. Thank you to regular Friday crew members who put in extra time and non-Company 6 backup personnel on this day: Melissa Anastos, Michael Barker, Jeff Brenner, Chief Martha Brenner, Nathan Bruskin, Richard Cortes, Audin Delva, Cynthia Feliciano, Joe Grant, Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey, Michele Miller, Tom, O'Leary, Phil Orlando, Carmen Schlieben, Ann Schwartz, Kristin Schwartz-Perkins, Mary Sisinni, Sally Staszak, Lorrie Stone, Keith Tetrault, Chief Dispatcher Patty Tufo, Kurt Vetter, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

Additional non-Company 6 backup since the last GMM include: Sheryl Burke, Keith Davis, Seth Fischer, Juan Flores, Tyler Gibbs, Laurie Hoffmann, Allison Lau, Liz Mohr, Kelly Murphy,

Carol Nucci, Kristin Przybylski, Third Deputy Chief Vito Recinielo, Sheryl Roach, Rich Rudolph, Andrew Taylor and Matt Valle. Thank you.

Notable Calls

On 9/13 there were two calls worthy of mention, both similar in nature (i.e., overdoses with successful Narcan use).

The 1500 shift was dispatched to a 31-E-1 unconscious and advised by Medcom prior to arrival that it was a cardiac arrest with CPR in progress by a family member via EMD instructions, and then continued by Second Precinct police officers. The patient's family confirmed it was an opiate overdose and PD administered one dose of IN Narcan before our arrival. Upon arrival our crew found a 31 year-old male patient not alert with a weak pulse and inadequate respirations. ALS provider Juan Flores administered a second dose of Narcan (IV) supported by crew members were Tyler Gibbs, Jim Mallilo, Kelly Murphy, and Keith Tetrault with Captain Kathy Castillo and Chief Dispatcher Patty Tufo dispatching. The patient was alert with good upon arrival at the ER.

Later that night/early Saturday morning on the 2300 shift we were dispatched to another unconscious call which also turned out to be an overdose. That crew – Joe Grant and Loreley Villamide Herrera, with Michael Campanelli and Tony Castillo dispatching – administered IN Narcan with positive results.

On 9/20, late in the 2300 shift, the crew assisted in the delivery of a healthy baby boy. The crew was Michael Campanelli, Tony Castillo, Richard Cortes, Tyler Gibbs, Joe Grant, Michele Miller, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

Congratulations and Help Needed

Congratulations to Cynthia Feliciano (#1400, 1100) for passing the dispatch test.

Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

- 0700 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 1100 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 1500 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and FAs (first crew) and DR and FAs (second crew)

All members wishing to do extra shifts are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

September was a relatively “normal month. As is the norm, most calls came in either bunches or were concentrated during one shift. Thanks to the many backup personnel who came into cover these situations, we were able to handle most of our calls.

I would encourage the Chief's to continue to look at ways to increase the number of members approved as drivers. The majority of our pages are for full crews and we seem to have a harder time getting a driver response than a Crew Leader. Congratulations to Jim Ganley who became a driver on the 1100 shift. As for Saturday, most shifts would benefit greatly by having an extra driver.

We are in need of extra personnel on the 1500 and 2300 shifts. A dispatcher is needed on the 1500 shift and a driver for alternate Saturdays is needed as well. If anyone is available and would like to come in to help out, please contact myself at saturdaycaptain.HCFAS@gmail.com.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2012 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2012 LOSAP benefit statements was distributed to all participants in your member mail folder. Upon receipt, please review this statement carefully and if any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in Secretary Bob Franz's mailbox. If you require a change of beneficiary, please use HCFAS Form # 430 which can be found on the form rack outside the dispatch office. Many thanks to Mary Brenner, Peter Nakelski and Clara Elliot for your continued assistance in distributing these statements. Thank you to Jim Mallilo for having all the data entered during the year. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term 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 VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.

Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2012 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you via your mail folder in the latter part of September.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA) District 7–Andrea Golinsky

-Steeven Jean Scholarship Winner of \$1,000

-Mark Cappola asked about how the proxy votes worked

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month, (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim or Brian Canty.

Explorer Post 215- Sheryl Roach - New Group of 25, Charter sent out

Fund Drive- Mary Brenner / Pete Nakelski - 3rd Wave to be sent out, \$67,000 received to date.

ALS/BLS Peer Review- Keith Davis and Chris Evers: 22 members participated in the class. There will be another class on the 17th. See email for meetings and times.

Old business:

Status of Navy Blue Shirts- Brian Canty asked, Chief responded that Maxine has the list of who has them.

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Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by John Palmieri that the Chief report at the next GMM the status of the shirts, wearability, and how members like it.

Yes: 46 No: 6 Abstain: 3

MOTION APPROVED

New business:

- YOGA Class interest list is posted – Joanne Cunningham is running this
- ePCR training classes are being offered Friday and Saturday, check dates. 3 more classes are being offered
- John Palmieri asked about the status of the bunk room project to accommodate more sleeping quarters.
- Jeff Brenner asked for a Treasurer's report with line items

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Kevin McCann, and Angie Kalodukas.

Setup Committee; Roger Winter & Brian Canty

❖ Raffles - Various Gifts

1. \$25 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card – Ann Schwartz
2. \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Card – Cindy Cairl
3. \$25 TGI Friday Gift Card – Sally Staszak
4. \$25 Amazon.com Gift Card – Tim Ebert
5. \$25 Panera Bread Gift Card – Annette Hershkowitz
6. Mirassou Winery Chardonnay – Lewis Dell
7. Wild Pig Syrah – John Palmieri
8. Mum Holiday Flower Arrangement – Pam Brenner
9. Mum Holiday Flower Arrangement – Samantha Mohr

Motion by Ferd Neumann and seconded by Jeffrey Brenner to adjourn the meeting at 21:15 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: 74 Eligible + 2 probationary Total: 76

Respectfully Submitted,

Lehti Laas

Recording Secretary

Robert Franz

Secretary

October 14, 2013 FINAL

Draft posted: November 4, 2013

Approved: November 11, 2013

SOP 04-2013

Proposal:

Change to Leave of Absences

Background/Justification:

The social eligibility policy that was added to the SOP's in 2012 has raised concerns by the membership regarding the LOA SOP as it currently stands. Members who are on an approved medical LOA are subject to loss of social privileges because of the missing time. Additionally, there is no documentation requirement for going on or continuing on a medical LOA nor is there a differential between not being able to perform the duties of a riding member, dispatcher or administrative member.

The SOP changes will require medical documentation that the member is unable to perform any duties, and this documentation will be required for all extensions. Members who are unable to ride temporarily due to a medical issue may be able to dispatch. Additionally, this change will not penalize members who are on an approved medical LOA from social privileges. For the purposes of the social eligibility policy, members who are on an approved medical LOA will be subject to the same 75% attendance not including the time they are on their LOA.

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

Article II - Operational Member Guidelines

Section 3- Leave of Absence:

All Members are required to complete a LOA (leave of absence) Request form #146A for Operational, Educational or Military leave of absence requests or a MLOA form #146B for medical leaves, and all LOA requests must be approved by the Board of Directors. The completed form must be submitted to the Day Captain, 1st Deputy Chief for Company 8 members and the Vice President for administrative members.

Members on an operational, military or educational leave of absence (LOA) may ride or dispatch during their approved LOA period with permission of an operational officer providing their monthly review training and other mandatory training are up to date. The member may also serve on a committee during this LOA period. These occasional active duty functions will not cause a break in the approved LOA period or cause an extension of the approved LOA period. Members on a Medical LOA (MLOA) or Emergency Medical LOA (EMLOA) are subject to restrictions as outlined in paragraph 2 below

1. Operational and Educational LOA - A leave of absence can be requested by a non-probationary member who finds it impossible to serve on ANY Duty Tour. The member must

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submit a LOA form #146A to his Day Captain no less than two (2) weeks prior to the start date of the leave. ~~This~~ The operational LOA may be granted for up to a three month period of time. An Educational LOA may be granted for the term of the semester. A member may return to duty at any time during the operational or educational LOA by notifying their Day Captain. Operational LOA are limited to two, three-month leaves in a twelve (12) month period of time. Educational leaves are limited to two semesters in a calendar year. The member may be restricted from social/award programs because of the break in service time.

2. Medical Leave of Absences (MLOA), Emergency Medical Leave of Absences (EMLOA) - A MLOA may be requested by a member who, for medical reasons, is unable to serve as an operational member, or who must restrict his participation in certain activities. A MLOA may be requested for an initial period of three months and extensions may be requested for additional three-month periods for a maximum period of one year ~~on the initial request~~. The member must have the Medical LOA form (form #146-B) completed by their physician or the squad physician. Members on any form of medical LOA may not: ride, dispatch, respond to emergency calls, march in parades, use the exercise room or participate in any squad duty/activity outlined by the Chief of the Department or his designee.

In an emergency situation, when a member is admitted to the hospital, becomes incapacitated or is injured while on duty, he will be deemed to be on an Emergency Medical Leave of Absence (EMLOA). If any member exhibits signs or symptoms that he is not medically or physically fit for duty, the member, his crewleader or any Operational Officer may place the member on an EMLOA. The person taking this action must notify the member's Day Captain and the Chief or his designee immediately. The Chief or his designee will notify the Board of Directors at the next Board of Directors meeting. The EMLOA will be initially granted for ~~three 3~~ months. The member must submit the Medical LOA form completed by his physician or the squad physician within sixty (60) days of the initial date of the EMLOA. Following the granting of an EMLOA if no MLOA form is received within the required sixty (60) days the MLOA will be changed to an OLOA.

The member may apply for an extension of the MLOA for up to an additional ~~nine 9~~ months, in three month increments for a total period of one year or may return to duty following the procedures denoted in ~~the next~~ paragraph five. Requests for extension of an EMLOA must be submitted with the physician completed MLOA form #146B.

When a member is treated in the emergency room for a line of duty injury they may return to duty without restrictions provided the emergency room release form is clear that there are no restrictions. The member must place the emergency room release form in the medical committee mailbox and notify the Medical Committee Chairperson and the Chief, or his designee, on their return to the building.

Before a member on a MLOA or EMLAO can return to duty he must submit a Return to Duty form (HCFAS #301) that must be completed by his treating physician or a Squad physician. The Squad will pay the cost of having the form reviewed by the Squad physician or for the office visit to the Squad physician, but not for the visit to a member's personal physician. ~~If a member~~

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cannot return to duty by the expiration date of the initial leave request they must make a written request to extend the LOA.

All operational members requesting or on a MLOA/EMLOA must be deemed by their or the squad physician unable to ride and/or unable to dispatch. If a member is able to carry out the duties of a dispatcher then that member is required to attend their shift as a dispatcher. If deemed unable to perform the duties of a riding/dispatching member (by their physician or the squad physician) that member must revisit the physician every three months while on a MLOA/EMLOA and have the MLOA (form #146B) completed and submitted with each MLOA extension request. While on an MLOA/EMLOA members cannot participate as an active member with another volunteer EMS/Fire agency or their LOA will be subject to revocation.

3. Military LOA - A member who is serving in the United States Military may request a Military Leave of Absence by completing the operational LOA (form #146A). This LOA may be granted for up to one year or the length of the Military Service. In order for the member to extend their Military LOA they must complete another form prior to the expiration of the last approved leave. Military LOA's may be granted for the length of military service. On separation from the service the member is expected to return to active duty and must have all required training and certification.

3. Military or Educational LOA - Military or Educational LOA's can be requested by a Non-probationary member. Probationary members who were former non-probationary members of the Youth Squad may request an educational LOA. They will be considered on an individual basis with the recommendation and approval of the Board of Directors. Educational LOA's may be granted for the member's entire semester at one time, not to exceed six months. The member may be restricted from social/award programs because of the break in service time created by the LOA.

Members on all leaves who believe they will be unable to return on LOA expiration must contact their Captain and complete a new request. If an extension is not received prior to the end date of the LOA/Medical/Educational/Military/Operational the member will be expected to be on duty on their next regularly scheduled shift. Members not reporting for that shift will be considered to be a no show and are subject to disciplinary action.

4. Extended Leaves:

A. Any member who is on an LOA for three (3) months and requests a second LOA within a twelve (12) month period (from the inception of the first LOA) may lose his shift. Members on an LOA for over 3 months within a 12 month period of time may be required to complete additional training before they can resume riding at their pre-LOA level.

~~B. Any member requesting a third (3) LOA within a twelve (12) month period may lose his status pending retraining.~~

B. Members Group Live Insurance Coverage Program Guidelines - Coverage continuation during approved Leaves of Absence:

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- i. Operational Leave - six months
- ii. Medical or Emergency medical - one year
- iii. Military Leave – six months
- iv. Educational Leave - six months
- v. Involuntary Leave (suspension) - six months

5. Return from LOA - Any member who is absent beyond their approved LOA period and does not receive an approved LOA extension from the Board of Directors, ~~and if this unauthorized absence shall exceed ten (10) days, the member~~ shall be subject to suspension or expulsion in accordance with the By-Laws.

~~Any member about to return from an LOA shall be sent written notification prior to the end of their LOA, informing them of their expected return date. This notification will be done by their Day Captain.~~ The appropriate officer; Captain, First Deputy Chief or Board Vice President will make every effort to notify the member of the leave expiration date two weeks prior to that date. However, it is the member's responsibility to complete the required paperwork and return to duty on the specified end date of the leave or to apply for an extension two weeks prior to that end date.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: November 11, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Pre Meeting Class / Demonstration

Stryker EMS Equipment Demonstration
Power-Pro XT Pram, Power Load, XPS
Truck Room 6:00-7:30P.M.

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Present Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (eligible members 78/79).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Presidents Report

Roger Winter

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

I would like to honor all of our Veterans. Will all of our Veterans Please Stand.

A Round of applause please.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Casey Stone #920 was hospitalized recently. She is home recovering. Get well wishes and prayers are welcomed.
- Tomoko Hirawasa's #1404 mother was taken to Huntington Hospital recently. Get well wishes are welcomed.

▪ **It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of:**

- It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of Eleanor Bartolomeo, Grandmother of member Dale Bartolomeo and past member Luke Bartolomeo. Services are being held in Florida.
- It is with deepest regret that we announce the untimely and sudden passing Lilli Susan Decker, sister of Member Jill Decker #908 on Friday November 8, 2013. Services are to be determined.

▪ **Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events:**

- Congratulations to Fernando Rivadeneira #965 on his marriage to Nicole Elias, July 2, 2013.
- Congratulations to Keith Davis #1208 and Pamela Brenner #1157 on their recent marriage. Congratulations to proud parents "Life Member" & Ex. Chief Mark Brenner, "Life Member", Chief Martha Brenner, Brothers Associate Member Kevin Brenner, Member Jeff Brenner, Grand Mother "Life Member" Mary Brenner.

1) Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

5-15 Year Awards

James (Jim) Lupo #959 – 15 years
Lenise Booth #1246 – 5 years
Diane Tanko #1240 – 5 years
Patricia (Patty) Tufo #1242 – 5 years
Laurie Hoffman #1243 – 5 years

Motion by Christine Blackwell and seconded by Donald Roulo to change the order of the meeting for Nominations for Directors & Operational Officers for 2014 and for the first reading

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on the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2013 and a reading and discussion of the proposed SOP amendments 06-2013, 07-2013, and 08-2013.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The President opened nominations for each office and after the nominations were received for each office from the floor, the President repeated three times, any more nominations for each office and then he closed nominations for each office.

Board of Director:

Richard Stone nominates Roger Winter

Jonathan Stone nominates Bernard Poole

Mary Jane Woznick nominates Lehti Laas

Peter Nakelski nominates Robert Franz

Timothy Quigley nominates Andrew Campagnola

Thomas O'Leary nominates Andrea Golinsky

Ann Donegan nominates Alyssa Axelrod

Ann Donegan nominates Seth Fischer

Chief:

Seth Fischer nominates Martha Brenner

Richard Gerbolini nominates Thomas Lemp

Ann Donegan nominates Brian Canty

1st Deputy Chief:

Dominic Heavey nominates Kyle Rudden

2nd Deputy Chief:

Matt Valle nominates Dominic Heavey

3rd Deputy Chief:

Dale Bartolomeo nominates Keith Rubenstein

Chief Dispatcher:

Timothy Ebert nominates Patricia Tufo

Day Captain:

Dale Bartolomeo nominates Matt Valle

Greg Orr nominates Juan Flores

Loreley Villamide-Herrera nominates Kathleen Castillo

Thomas O'Leary nominates Kurt Vetter – Kurt declines

Seth Fischer nominates Casey Orr

Annette Hershkowitz nominates Karen Martin – Karen declines

Mary Jane Woznick nominates Alison Russo

Seth Fischer nominates Tyler Gibbs

Patricia Tufo nominates Mark Cappola

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134 Peter Nakelski nominates Jim Mallilo
135 Carmen Schlieben nominates Pamela Brenner – Pamela declines
136 Kathy Castillo nominates Ann Donegan
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138 Nominees follow in the order they were chosen at the meeting to appear on the ballot:
139 Note: qualification as nominee to be determined according to By-Laws.
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141 **Board of Directors:**
142 Alyssa Axelrod
143 Andrew Campagnola
144 Robert Franz
145 Roger Winter
146 Lehti Laas
147 Andrea Golinsky
148 Bernard Poole
149 Seth Fischer
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151 **Chief:**
152 Martha Brenner
153 Thomas Lemp
154 Brian Canty (post meeting nomination was declined)
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156 **1st Deputy Chief:**
157 Kyle Rudden
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159 **2nd Deputy Chief:**
160 Dominic Heavey
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162 **3rd Deputy Chief:**
163 Keith Rubenstein
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165 **Chief Dispatcher:**
166 Patricia Tufo
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168 **Day Captain:**
169 James Mallilo
170 Ann Donegan
171 Tyler Gibbs
172 Alison Russo
173 Matt Valle
174 Casey Orr (post meeting determined not eligible)
175 Juan Flores
176 Mark Cappola
177 Kathleen Castillo
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The proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2013 was read for the first reading by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment. The amendment would provide sufficient time for on duty crews to vote.

The proposed SOP amendment 06-2013 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. The amendment would add certification requirements to probationary members.
Consensus Opinion Vote: For- 70 Against- 0 Abstain- 3

The proposed SOP amendment 07-2013 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. The amendment would amend the gift card social eligibility criteria.
Consensus Opinion Vote: For- 58 Against- 5 Abstain- 1

The proposed SOP amendment 08-2013 was read by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. Discussion followed. See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment. The amendment would incorporate the existing Computer, Network, and Phone Resource Policy into the SOP's.
Consensus Opinion Vote: For- 59 Against- 0 Abstain- 0

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Lehti Laas to accept the October 14, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Services rendered -Patient and Patient's family: Kathy May (mother of third deputy chief Kathy Castillo); member Tomoko Hirasawa re: mother; Members: Scholarship-Casey Orr; Good & Welfare: Leslie Wissner; Greg Orr; Donation received: Associate member Michael Rubin; Stand-bys – The Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival; Greenlawn Fire Department; Donation request – Lisa Farmer, niece of the late honorary member and NYS assemblyman James Conte – marathon participant for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society .

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December 9th meeting.

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The Secretary shall secure all ballots and keep a log of all ballots received. On the day of the election, the Secretary shall place all sealed absentee ballots into the ballot box. The vote auditors will verify that all absentee ballots were sealed and that the number in the box corresponds to the Secretary's log.

President's Report Roger Winter (Continued)

- I am participating in the NO-Shave November in support of Men's Health, in particular testicular cancer and prostate cancer. Join me and grow, grow, grow. Women are invited to participate. Details are posted and go to NBC Today Show.
- The Chief and I are investigating the possibility of purchasing the Power-lift and a powered cot for the new ambulance and one or two for the other vehicles. This purchase depends on available funds.

Motion by President Roger Winter and seconded by Christine Roulo to donate \$100.00 in the name of Lisa Farmer to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in memory of her uncle Honorary Member Assemblyman James D. Conte.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Directors Meeting Actions October 24, 2013

Authorize Steeven Jean to attend the NYVA&RA Pulse Check 2013 Dinner
Amend the Town of Huntington Chief's Council Dinner
Operational Officers Plaque Like Awards 2013
Attend the Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony – November 10, 2013 at Town Hall
Children's Holiday Party
General Meeting Room Use Request for Saturday 10/9/2013 – Mary Winter #485
SOP 04-2013 Changes Leave of Absence – Tabled

Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

As per the request from the October General Membership Meeting I am posting the YTD Expenses.

Also the 2012 Total Expenses were posted at the February 2013 General Membership Meeting.

Treasurers Report Financial Review YTD November 2013

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Exenses - \$ 1,567,653

Major Expenses

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EMS Supplies	\$	60,877
Vehicles		260,411
Building		93,065
Utilities		75,047
Communications		45,935
Professional Fee's		57,537
Insurance		193,920
Office		57,602
Uniforms		23,735
Member Inspection		40,544
Training		30,449
Public Relations		5,011
Bond Interest		587,216
Other Expenditures		14,246

Totals-Expenses \$ 1,567,653

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$66,605 and Misc Donations/Interest \$54,947 = \$121,552

Expenses \$80,274

Expenses-

Insurance - Life	\$	9,304
Events		12,444
Fund Drive		9,694
Goods & Welfare		3,680
Member Services		43,152
Scholarship		2,000

Totals-Expenses \$ 80,274

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

- ❖ PLECTRON PROPOSAL FOR DISPATCHING VIA PAGING INSTEAD OF PHONE IS READY AND WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING. THIS WILL ALLOW PAGING FOR OUR CALLS FROM MEDCOM AND ELIMINATE THE PHONE CALLS

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- 285 ❖ THERE HAVE BEEN 3 FITTINGS FOR NEW WINTER JACKETS FOR ELIGIBLE
286 MEMBERS. APPROXIMATELY 30 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN FITTED. FITTING
287 IS AVAILABLE TONIGHT.
- 288 ❖ DIRECTOR POOLE IS FOLLOWING UP ON THE CARPET REPLACEMENT
289 PROJECT. MORE INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT
290 GMM
- 291 ❖ CHRIS BLACKWELL HAS TAKEN ON THE TASK OF COLLATING CHECK
292 OUT FORMS. THE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS HAVE JUST BEEN
293 COMPLETED. I WILL HAVE THIS INFO AT THE DEC. GMM
- 294 ❖ NO SHOWS. THE CAPTAINS ARE DISCUSSING A PROCESS OF CHANGING
295 THE ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF A NO SHOW TO INCLUDE CALLING IN
296 LAST MINUTE WITH NO REPLACEMENT. COMMENTS PLEASE.
- 297 ❖ RENIANCE DOWN TOWN: PARKING ISSUE: I HAVE BEEN CONTACTED
298 BY BRUCE GRANT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN
299 TOLD OF OUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE PARKING ISSUES WHEN THE
300 HOTEL IS BUILT NEXT DOOR. A TENTATIVE MEETING IS SET FOR 11/14/13.
- 301 ❖ THE ANNUAL HUNTINGTON FALL FESTIVAL IS BEHIND US. WE HAVE
302 RECEIVED A \$5000 DONATION FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
- 303 ❖ I HAVE SENT OUR LIST OF CONCERNS REGARDING 2-15-17 TO OUR
304 ATTORNEY WHO WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE MANUFACTURERS. 3RD DC
305 RECINIELLO AND COMMITTEE CHAIR CANTY ARE IN FLORIDA
306 INSPECTING THE NEXT AMBULANCE. THE MANUFACTURER AND THE
307 INTERIOR VENDOR (PRO LINER) HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE
308 PROBLEMS WITH 17.
- 309 ❖ HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE. IF YOU CAN DO ANY PART OF A SHIFT ON
310 ANY OF THESE DAYS PLEASE LET THE CAPTAIN KNOW
- 311 ❖ IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PEER REVIEW MEETINGS I
312 HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU DO SO. I ATTENDED THE LAST ONE AND
313 LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT PCR WRITING.
- 314 ❖ THANK YOU TO: KAREN MARTIN, DAVID MORH, LIZ MOHR AND
315 STEPHANIE CARRACCIOLA FOR THE TERRIFIC “AMBULANCE LEARNING
316 DAY” THEY DID AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PLEASE
317 CHECK OUT THE LETTERS THE CHILDREN SENT IN, THEY ARE IN THE
318 READY ROOM
- 319 ❖ THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING
320 WHILE WE WENT THRU A PERIOD OF NO HEAT AND NO HOT WATER.
321 SPECIAL THANKS TO LISA MOHR AND THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE FOR
322 THE LAST MINUTE MENU CHANGE TO ALLOW PREPARATION OF A MEAL
323 THAT DID NOT REQUIRE THE STOVE OR GAS OVENS. AND A HUGE
324 THANKS TO 3RD DC RECINIELLO AND PRESIDENT ROGER WINTER FOR
325 THE TIME SPENT OVERSEEING THIS VERY LARGE PROJECT. LET’S ALL BE
326 GRATEFUL THAT THIS DID NOT HAPPEN IN JANUARY!

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- ❖ THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON HOLIDAY PARADE SPONSORED BY HUNTINGTON AND HUNTINGTON MANOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER WE WILL NEED A COMMITTEE TO DESIGN AND BUILD A FLOAT DO WE HAVE ENOUGH INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE? OPINION ON MEMBER'S CHILDREN MARCHING WITH US.
- ❖ I HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL AND SCPD REGARDING A CONTINUING ISSUE WITH A DAILY PATIENT. I AM WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE POLICE. THE HOSPITAL IS AWARE OF THE ISSUE AND HAVE TRIED TO GET PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THE PATIENT AND ARE TRYING TO DISSUADE THE PATIENT FROM COMING TO THE ER DAILY
- ❖ THE CUT OFF FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY IS 5/14 YOU MUST HAVE 18 SHIFTS FROM 5/14-11/14. FOR THE HOLIDAY GIFT YOU MUST HAVE 36 SHIFTS FROM 1/1-12/1. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CHECK THE POSTED LIST AND IF YOU BELIEVE THERE IS AN ISSUE CONTACT YOUR CAPTAIN OR IF YOU ARE COMPANY 8 THE 1ST DC ASAP.

Outback Provider of the Month- Keith Rubenstein

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Notable Call:

On Wednesday 10/30 at 0710 we received a 9-E-1 cardiac arrest call. En route to the scene we were advised by Medcom that it was a confirmed heroin overdose. Upon arrival the crew (Kyle Rudden, CL; Ferd Neumann, DR; Gerardo Vasquez, FA) found a 25 year-old male in cardiac arrest and initiated CPR as paramedic Chris Fischer and Captain Keith Rubenstein arrived on scene. Chris Fischer directed the crew to administer one dose of IN Narcan while he established an IO lock and subsequently administered an additional dose of Narcan followed by Epinephrine. One shock was delivered en route the hospital. At the ER the patient was still unresponsive but had a pulse and a detectable (though hypotensive) blood pressure, with assisted ventilations. As the crew was readying to leave the hospital the patient was being transferred to the ICU. Jeannette Russell dispatched the call and successfully obtained ALS and manpower.

Passed Driving Test

Kelly Murphy
Todd McIndoo

Full Drivers

George Reeder
Heidie Magerle

Updated Driver checkouts will be out soon.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

- Thank-you to those that attended the Stryker stretcher presentation prior to the meeting.
- November review training needs to be done by all EMT's by December 1, 2013
- BLS medications: items have disappeared so the orange box that contains all the replacement meds will now be over the mailboxes within camera view. The key is in the dispatch office.
- If you have any ideas for review trainings for next year please submit them

Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

Okay, whoever has the voodoo doll of me, please remove all the pins and put it away!

I am not at the November 2013 meeting tonight because Ex-Chief/Treasurer Brian Canty and I are in Florida at Road Rescue inspecting yet another ambulance. This ambulance is a "twin" of 2-15-17 and was ordered earlier this year against my strong and very vocal objections. I will do my best to ensure that this vehicle meets our standards and needs as well as fulfills the requirements of the specifications as presented to me.

We have been inundated with building and vehicle issues, which have pushed us all to our limits. I want to thank you all for your patience, understanding, kind words and even the fun loving ribbing which has made this year somewhat bearable. I especially want to thank Ex-Chief/President Roger Winter, Deputy Chief Heavey, Captain Rubenstein, Dale Bartolomeo, Director O'Leary, Matt Valle and so many more who have helped me keep the vehicles and building running the best we can.

- 2-15-16
 - Was at Ford for extensive air conditioning repair. (3 weeks). Ford was not able to complete work which extended into the ambulance module. The almost all air conditioning parts supplied by Ford were replaced at Ford. The ambulance was then moved to Proliner for additional repair to the system.
 - Proliner completed the air conditioning repair.
 - 2 days after returning from Proliner, the ambulance experienced a major engine failure while pulling out of our headquarters. The ambulance was towed to Ford and is presently being repaired (11/6/2013)
 - Ambulance was returned on 11/7/2013 to be put back in service after restocking and Part 800 checkout.
- 2-15-17 – This ambulance has had quite a number of problems. Since last report:
 - Transmission failure – vehicle towed to GMC where due to the lack of a power disconnect switch (like in the Wheeled Coach ambulances), the ambulance sat in the lot of the dealership and lost all power. Losing power caused the onboard computer to clear, and the problem code lost. The dealer could not reproduce the problem. We will be keeping a close eye on this ambulance. If you notice a loss of power or acceleration, please let me know ASAP.
 - The ambulance was brought from GMC to Proliner to have "issues" addressed

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- I want to thank the many members who assisted me in compiling the punch list of problems with the latest ambulance. The process was quite enlightening, and I encourage you all to read the attached letter regarding 17.
- 2-15-18 – has been somewhat reliable. It has had a few issues but for the most part the problems have been easily handled by our mechanic.
- 2-15-19 & 2-15-20 – These two ‘old girls’ are my war horses. Please be kind to them, as they have (even though they chug along and make odd sounds) been our loyal always reliable ambulances.
- 2-15-21 –
 - Was towed to GMC for major transmission repair
 - Is presently at Chevrolet for cooling system repair
 - Chevrolet has reported a major lower engine problem and is actively working on repairing it. They have indicated that they are doing their best to expedite the repair due to our repeated issues and needs.
- There is a reported FORD recall which we are investigating at this time.
- New vehicle – I will be accompanying Ex-Chief/Treasurer Brian Canty to Florida to inspect the new ambulance, which I am told is a twin of 2-15-17. I will do my very best to get the issues we have with 17 addressed on the assembly line BEFORE it is delivered. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.
- Building issues
 - We had a gas main leak at the gas meter, which is our responsibility. The leaks found were on both the National Grid high pressure side and “our” low pressure side of the service.
 - Emergency repair was attempted but revealed a much bigger problem. This problem is presently being addressed, and the gas meter service located on the west side of the building is being completely rebuilt. The job involves 4 inch galvanized pipe and is rather involved. I appreciate the support and patience of the captains and crews during this emergency repair.
 - A leak was found in the RPZ room (located in the east side of the truck room). Our plumbing contractor is addressing that as soon as the gas issue is resolved.
- I want to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Please remember our troops in your prayers this Thanksgiving.

To: Chief Martha Brenner, EMT

From: Deputy Chief Vito L. Reciniello, EMT-P

Date: October 27, 2013

Re: Issues with ambulance 2-15-17

As you are aware, we have had many issues with the delivery of 2-15-17. The issues have been discussed in the chiefs’ office as well as during officers’ meetings and general membership

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meetings. I have, with the assistance of a few members, compiled a list of issues which need to be addressed or have been addressed since April 2013 when the squad took delivery of 2-15-17.

I have found the following:

- Ambulance delivered with programming for “Staten Island Univ. Hospital”. When vehicle starts drivers console should indicate Huntington Community First Aid Squad.
 - This problem was resolved by Proliner
- Backup access button (unlocking button) is located in the front grill of ambulance 17. The specs as well as the previous Road Rescue ambulances call for the button to be placed in the rear license plate cover.
- Driver’s side rear directional installed upside down. (Both rear directional aimed right).
 - This problem was resolved by HCFAS
- Missing Kussmaul charging indicator. All other ambulances have an exterior light indicating the vehicle is plugged in and charging.
- Block heater on. Advised to locate “light switch” located behind driver’s seat, which will be labeled summer/winter. Switch cannot be located
- Wall mounted digital clock located above rear doors poorly mounted. Very unsafe. Held on with hook and loop type fasteners.
 - Clock fell off wall during call hitting and injuring a police officer and crew member
- Driver’s door entry is not opening fully or has been re-engineered so that entrance to the ambulance is awkward.
- Air horn button is located on the driver’s floor. This was a change in earlier deliveries. The button was moved due to complaints of accidental activation. The location of the button should be on the console as it is on the other Road Rescue ambulances.
- Keys for ALS draws have changed. They are no longer keyed the same as the other Road Rescue ambulances.
- ALS cabinet dimensions have changed.
- Cabinet above the walk through has been changed. The dimensions have changed rendering this cabinet (used on the other Road Rescue ambulances for EP Gear) useless.
- Cabinet above the walk through has a steel plate within which covers electrical connections. This plate is held on with poor quality hook and loop fasteners which has fallen off within the first month of operation. This is an unsafe condition! The plate has been found dangerously close to the electrical connections.
- BLS/Oxygen/AED cabinet dimensions have changed. This change infringes on the placement of our equipment. The goal of buying ambulance designed the same way is for consistency and ease of locating equipment. We now have to place equipment in different places on this ambulance only.
- Latching mechanism (magnet) broken. Poor quality material.
- Location of trash and sharps containers have changed.
 - Sharps container needs red color lid
 - Trash container magnet broken. Poor material and design.
- ALS cabinet climate control defective.

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- 505 ○ (This problem has been addressed by Proliner).
- 506 • Cabinet above bench only opens upward and does not slide like the cabinets on the other
- 507 Road Rescue ambulances.
- 508 ○ Pistons too tight. Slams users hand to ceiling when opening. Potential for injury.
- 509 ○ Cannot open cabinet if using IV rack. Door of cabinet opens onto IV rack.
- 510 • Molding under battery compartment bent
- 511 • Missing bracket for “Halligan Tool” and axe (set of irons) missing from rear
- 512 compartment. Potential injury or damage to vehicle.
- 513 • HCFAS logo on drivers side is slanted
- 514 • KED cabinet dimensions have changed (smaller)
- 515 • Oxygen cabinet door does not close completely.
- 516 • Oxygen main cabinet has changed. Dimensions are changed, shelves changed.
- 517 • Oxygen main cabinet is designed with protective plate which is apparently there to
- 518 protect the oxygen gauge from being damaged by backboards and other equipment. This
- 519 protective plate prohibits crews from seeing oxygen level from outside.
- 520 ○ This issue was addressed by Proliner. They removed the protective plate and now
- 521 the gauge, electric valve and gauge are exposed.
- 522 • Oxygen main cabinet – since removal of protective plate – we now have an oxygen leak.
- 523 Unsafe condition.
- 524 • Reflective stripe (blue) on driver’s side was put on in pieces. Poor quality.
- 525 ○ This problem has been addressed by Proliner).
- 526 • Emergency lighting on grill has changed. This is different than other Road Rescue
- 527 ambulances we have.
- 528 • Have received complaints and have witnessed loud ‘clanking’ sound when vehicle is
- 529 placed in reverse.
- 530 • Complaint received that the loading platform is too high.
- 531 • Medcom Radio working poorly. Found that the antennas installed were not correct and
- 532 that there are ‘splices’ in the antenna cable.
- 533 ○ Repaired by HCFAS radio repair contractor.
- 534 • Oxygen levels at tank, drivers console and crew leader action board differ greatly.
- 535 • Fuel level/tank issues. Gas gauge goes from 5/8 to empty.
- 536 ○ This problem was addressed by Proliner/Road Rescue
- 537 ○ Complaints since repair that the gauge “bounces”
- 538 • Engine changed. The engine given is not to spec. The specs call for a Ford 6.0L engine.
- 539 ○ No paperwork to backup the authorization to change from Ford to Chevrolet, or to
- 540 compare the Ford 6.0L to the Chevrolet Duramax diesel. Additionally, other
- 541 (older) ambulances in our fleet which are Road Rescue ambulances built on Ford
- 542 chassis have other engines (not Ford 6.0L).
- 543 • Rub Rail design is poor quality. Design specs call for a rail, which will “GREATLY
- 544 REDUCE REPLACEMENT COSTS...”
- 545 • Missing AM/FM Stereo radio/CD with digital clock. We were given stock radio system
- 546 without CD upgrade.
- 547 • Missing Cruise Control
- 548 • Missing Ford Speed Control

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- Missing Factory Navigation (GPS) and backup camera in dash
- Missing 55 gallon fuel tank
- Missing “Ford Smoke Gray front hood bug deflector”
- Missing OEM telescoping/heated mirrors
- Missing “Ward No Smoke” vehicle exhaust system
- Drip rail/rain gutter shunts or channels water to drop down directly onto shoreline. Unsafe condition.
- Drivers control panel – door open indicators poor quality. Ineffective signaling.
- Missing - CPI Model 4602 polished aluminum speaker/light combinations mounted outboard and on the top surface of the OEM bumper just below the OEM headlight/directional indicator.
- Air horns are not “installed in the front bumper to prevent damage to the bugles”.
- Interior lighting has changed. That said, the changes are consistent with our operation and use of the ambulance.
- Missing “2-15-17” from roof of vehicle (24 inch)
 - Missing on all Road Rescue Ambulance
- Missing “2-15-17” on rear doors
- Missing “17” on both sides (rear)
 - Addressed by Proliner
 - Not to specification. Numbers are to be 12 inches on the vehicle side. Proliner applied 6” decals.
- Missing “2-15-17” on front fenders
 - Resolved by Proliner
- Missing “Keep Back 200 Feet” red Scotch Light banner on rear.
 - Missing on all Road Rescue Ambulances
- Missing “hc” patch logo one on cab door.
- Missing provision for custom supplied MDT to be mounted right side of center console.
- Backup camera supplied not effective and not to specifications.
- Rear lighting should be 2 red and 2 blue. Supplied as 2 red, one blue and one amber.
- Traffic advisor light does not come on with emergency lighting.
- Emergency lighting has changed throughout the ambulance. Many references are made to Whelen products with specific part numbers. These have changed throughout the ambulance and on other ambulances. Most lighting are similar or equal to specification, except as noted above in regard to the grill lights.

I have attempted to compile as complete of a list as possible. Unfortunately, due to the multiple problems and issues with this vehicle, 2-15-17 has not had a proper ‘shake down’ and all the problems or issues with this vehicle may not have been encountered. That said, as additional issues present, I will keep you advised.

If you have any questions regarding any of these issues, feel free to contact me at 516-220-6278.

Most sincerely,

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Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

For the month of October 2013

479 calls

12 signal 24's

Monthly percentage rate of Calls/Signals 24's = 2.5% (this is down from 4.46% from the previous month, which is quite an improvement). Our current YTD numbers show a total of 4695 calls with 141 Signal 24's, bringing the running total of Calls/Signal 24's at 3.00%. Below are last year's number YTD, so you have something to compare the current numbers against.

Number of calls January – October 2012 4705

Number of signal 24's during this same period 92

Percentage rate of Calls/Signal 24's 1.95%

As of date, we have fixed the Med-Com Radio in 02-15-17, and replaced both the UHF and VHF antennas on the roof of the building. This should greatly improve transmission and reception on both the radios and pagers.

Congratulations on the following members on passing their Dispatch Training:

Cynthia Feliciano #1400

Nadia Tomasi #1398

Dispatcher's, please remember, if somebody calls-in or walks-in requesting Medical treatment (as opposed to getting the job over the telephone from Med-Com), put together a crew, notify Med-Com, and start a new run if the job does not populate on the left side CAD screen.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

This year has just flown by, the holidays are just around the corner and everyone is busy. Thank you to my crews that come in each and every week for their shifts, I am so grateful to all of you for your hard work. You make an effort to go out of your way to make our squad look good, whether it is completing your check outs, washing an ambulance, or being there for our community..... Mondays Rock!!!

I also want to extend many thanks to those of you that have come in for back up calls and to cover shifts when needed. Thank you Tom O'Leary, Loreley Villemide-Herrera, Liz Mohr, Tim Quigley, Jeff Brenner, Bobby Loysch, and John Palmieri, Kyle Rudden, Laurie Hoffman, Chris Evers, John Connors, Nancy Courtemanche, Sam Ryan, Matt Valle, and Rich Rudolph. Your help is always appreciated. I apologize if I missed anyone.

Please contact me if you have concerns about the amount of shifts you have. The holiday party is coming soon. We can discuss the amount of shifts you are in need of. Also do not forget to notify myself or the dispatcher if you are unable to make it in for your shift. It is your responsibility to find a replacement.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Jill (Gilda) Decker #908 and family on the loss of her sister Lilli Susan Decker.

Continued get well wishes go out to those members that are still recuperating.

With our high call volume I understand it is difficult to keep up on the check outs of our rigs.

Please make every effort to complete your check outs to ensure you have all the equipment you need for your calls. This includes our drivers, make sure everything is in working order before you go out on that first call. It can be rather frustrating and embarrassing not to have what you need on a call. Also after you complete your call make sure the ambulance is fully stocked. If you need to run home or to work at least try to let the next crew know what needs to be replaced. All members, please make sure you keep up on all your review trainings. Members cannot ride if they are missing 2 or more review trainings. If you are unable to get onto the members website to do your trainings contact David Mohr #748

Thank you to everyone that helps Mondays run smoothly, I wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

I would like to thank all of the members who have voted for me these past years, I have enjoyed being Tuesday Captain the past two years but will not be running for any position this year. To Kurt Vetter, Sally Staszak, Tom O'Leary, and Kyle Rudden thanks very much for your help the whole year. Also Matt Valle, Dale Bartolomeo, Fiona Witkowski, Jeff Oneill, Jeff Brenner, Pam Brenner, Keith Davis, Mark Capploa, Israel Cortes, Millie Gabriel, Tyler Gibbs, Ken Manning, and Casey Orr for helping out thru out the year and anyone else I may have forgotten thank you.

Once again I am looking for help on the 0700 shift a full second crew needed, on the 1100 shift a dispatcher and a driver and first aiders, on the 1500 shift a dispatcher and first aiders and one the 2300 a driver or crew leader is needed other than that it's all good.

On the 0700 shift #1399 Elizabeth Wuestman is taking her dispatch test very soon and on the 1100 shift Frank Papik is also just about ready.

A special thanks to all those who served in the military God Bless you. GREG ORR

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Welcome to our new member on company 4, Marie Valentine who is currently in the ACL program, so being that there's a vacancy on the 11-3pm for a CL, she needs some help getting out there. If you need hrs, Plz sign up and be a mentor!

Welcome back Maryanne Schramm from her recent LOA, Sal and Arlene are free again!

On October 30th Wednesday 7-11am the crew received a call for a confirmed cardiac arrest. When they arrived they found a 25 year old male in arrest secondary to an overdose. Due to the

swift actions of the crew the patient received CPR, defibrillation, and ALS intervention. This resulted in the patient being delivered to the ED with pulses. What a great job to the following crew members, Kyle Rudden, Gerardo Vasquez, Fred Neumann , Keith Rubenstein, Janette Russell and our ALS provider Chris Fischer.

In lieu of recent events, it is advisable to keep an extra set of clothes in your gear bag; at least if you have determined your gear or uniform has become contaminated, you will have something to change into at the ED.

I would like to wish everyone running for a position in the up and coming elections the best of luck. As I have enjoyed serving as your officer this year.

I am search of RESCUE ELVES, as Christmas will be falling on Wednesday this year. If you can donate a few hrs, put yourself on back up Plz let me know, if we have to well send a sleigh to get you!

Other than that, hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and take care of each other :-). 2-15-54

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

I don't have much to report this month. I would like to thank Chief Heavey, Captain Rubenstein, and Patrick Stanton for helping out on Halloween. We had a V.I.P. come to the squad that day and they did a great job handling the situation until the police came.

Congratulations to Louis Dell who passed the Bar exam. Good Job.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I will be putting up a sign up sheet for anyone who wants to come in that day, ALL ARE WELCOME! Refreshments will be served.

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

It's been an honor to serve HCFAS as Day Captain and in particular to work with Friday's dedicated duty crews. Week in and week out, you all got the job done efficiently and professionally regardless of what the day threw at us (and there were some crazy days), even if it meant putting in extra time (and in some cases, *a lot* of extra time). Thank you all!

I also want to express my sincerest appreciation and thanks to everyone else that has helped out this year including: Melissa Anastos, Gina Angevine, Michael Barker, Dale Bartolomeo, Elizabeth Beach, Suzie Biagi, Mikki Borg, Pam Brenner, Jeff Brenner, Martha Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Eileen Burns, Andrew Campagnola, Mark Cappola, Terrence Cheang, Carolyn Corkett, Richard Cortes, Nancy Courtemanche, Keith Davis, Audin Delva, Joe Denimarck, Ann Donegan, Tim Ebert, Maxine Epstein, Chris Evers, Chris Fischer, Seth Fischer, Juan Flores, Rodriguens Gabriel, Millie Gabriel, Joe Jr. Gander, Tyler Gibbs, Claudy Grimadeau, Dominic Heavey, Annette Hershkowitz, Laurie Hoffmann, David Kaufman, Paul Kelly, Alex Klotsche, Harvey Lapidus, Allison Lau, Martin LoCascio, Bobby Loysch, Matty Lupinacci, Michele Miller, Liz Mohr, David Mohr, Matthew Moran, Kelly Murphy, Spencer Newman, Carolyn Niceforo, Carol Nucci, Tom O'Leary, Casey Orr, Kristin Przybylski, Tim Quigley, Brian Quinn, Vito Reciniello, Paul Rittenhouse, Sheryl Roach, Keith Rubenstein, Rich Rudolph, Alison Russo, Samantha Ryan, Patty Salajka, Orlando Salcedo, Ann Schwartz, Sally Staszack, Golan Stern, Al Szigethy, Andrew Taylor, Kristin Tiersch, Laura Treulich, Matt Valle, Kristin VanBenschoten, Fran Vasta, Kurt Vetter, and Tiffany White. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Congratulations and Welcome

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- Congratulations to Nathan Bruskin (#1380, 1100) for obtaining his EMT-B certification and entering the ACL program
- Congratulations to Michael Campanelli (#1396, 2300) and Cynthia Feliciano (#1400, 1100) for advancing to Aide from Observer
- Welcome Katie Dolgin (#1237) to Fridays and the 0700 shift

Help Needed

Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

- 0700 – ALS (first crew)
- 1100 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 1500 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and FAs (first crew) and DR (second crew)

All members wishing to do extra shifts are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day when backup is usually most needed.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

Since the last GMM, Saturdays have been relatively "routine" with a manageable number of calls each tour. However, Saturday 11/2 proved to be a busy exception with 26 calls for the day.

Thanks to much help, both from members on their shifts and those coming in for backup, we were able to cover them all without a 24! Nice job everyone. Thanks to everyone who has also come in to do extra shifts.

Congratulations to 1100 crew members Pam Brenner and Keith Davis who tied the knot on November 2.

Saturday, has also seen its share of members who are on LOA's and who have announced plans to leave the squad at the end of the year due to work and family obligations. That has left several shifts short of key personnel.

In particular, I am looking to anyone who can help on each shift but especially on the following:

0700 - ALS and an additional CL
1100 - DR
1500 - DISPATCHER and additional crew
2300 - DR for alternate shifts and DISPATCHER.

On the plus side, I have learned that there are 4 new members who have indicated that they are interested in Saturday shifts. Thanks to Joanne Cunningham and the membership Committee for pushing prospective candidates my way. I strongly urge the BoD to do everything it can to speed up the new-member application process.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association

District 7 – Suffolk County

Andrea Golinsky-Delegate

The NYSVA&RA Educational Conference – Pulse Check was held Oct. 17th-20th in Suffern, NY
There were over 400 attendees this year including 6 HCFAS members and your 2 delegates.

The seminars were excellent again. It was reported by some new district attendees this year that they felt Pulse Check had more to offer than Vital Signs.

The Drill Competition held Friday night was very interesting and exciting. There were a total of 19 senior and junior teams that competed and the scenarios they were given challenged their training and experience but they all did a wonderful job.

Three scholarships were offered this year and I am happy to report that Steeven Jean was the recipient of a \$1000.00 scholarship which was presented to him at the banquet Saturday evening. HCFAS members that had passed away since PulseCheck 2012 were remembered at the Memorial Ceremony on Saturday night.

I carried individual 202 proxies from HCFAS, 27 from other District 7 members. There were 8 squad proxies in my name sent in so I voted at total of 429 votes. I would like to thank our members that submitted their proxies in a timely manner.

The slate of officers were elected as presented and the by- law change did pass.

I will once again be asking the BOD to approve the cost of membership for individuals and the squad at their meeting Thursday.

PulseCheck 2014 will be held again at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern. The date is September 11th – 14th.

The team has already put out a call for speakers and will be vetting them thru the year to set up another excellent conference next year.

The District 7 meeting will be held Tuesday Nov. 19th at Bay Shore/Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance.

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month, (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim or Brian Canty.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

3rd Wave to be sent out, \$71,353.52 received

CME – Pamela Brenner

There has been no information received for 2014 as of yet.

Peer Review Committee – Keith Davis, Christopher Evers

There is a meeting scheduled for November 22, 2013.

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Hands Only CPR – Andrew Taylor and Carolyn Corkett

"Good evening everyone, I'm Andrew Taylor, Co-Chair of the Hands Only CPR Committee. Just wanted to give you a status report. The Committee has trained almost 225 people since our kick off event in May. Most recently we did demonstrations at:-
The Fall Festival,- Scripts Pharmacy,- Kmart & - The Guide Dog Foundation.
We are in the process of making arrangements to do demos for grades 7 to 12 at the Huntington Schools and Porter-Trejo. If you would be interested in assisting with administrative duties or skills at our Demonstrations please reach out to me or Carolyn Corkett
Thank you."

Huntington Community First Aid Squad Hands Only CPR Total Trained Recap 2013

Date	Event Location	Total Trained
5/19	HCFAS Open House	6
6/1	First Redeemer Church	4
6/9	Maya's Run	13
6/23	Joey's Run	33
7/24	Arcade at Depot Road ***	10
8/23	Bibi McKay Family and Friends	3
9/28	Huntington Library - Main Street Branch	19
10/3	Mohonk Resort	19
10/5	KMART	58
10/6	Halesite FD	

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10/12	Fall Festival	50
10/26	Scripts Pharmacy	18
10/27	Guide Dog Foundation	37

TOTAL TRAINED TO DATE 270
Total Course Evaluations
Total Sign In CPR/AED Certification
Total Course Evaluation CPR/AED Certification

*** A number trained were under 16 yoa.

filename: events 2013/ recap to date

826 **LOSAP 2013 Points – Bob Franz**

827 The 2013 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is
828 requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the
829 LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31,
830 2013 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2013.

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832 **Old business:**

833 None

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835 **New business:**

836 -Diane Tanko was thanked for creating the cup timer above the coffee maker

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838 **Closing:**

839 Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

840 **Thank you to those who have helped:** Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim

841 Ingwersen,, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodukas

842 **Setup Committee;** Roger Winter, Brian Canty

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844 **Raffles - Various Gifts**

- 845 1. \$25 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card – Linda Guadagnin
846 2. \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Card – Pam Brenner Davis
847 3. \$25 TGI Friday Gift Card – Dale Bartolomeo
848 4. \$25 Amazon.com Gift Card – Dan Kelly
849 5. \$25 Panera Bread Gift Card – Nancy Barker
850 6. Natale Verga Pinot Grigio – Cindy Cairl
851 7. Malbec 2011 Ocaso – Lori Hoffman
852 8. Thanksgiving flower arrangement – Dominic Heavey
853 9. Thanksgiving flower arrangement – Carmen Schleiben

Motion by Pamela Brenner and seconded by Lehti Laas to adjourn the meeting at 21:00 hours.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 84, probationary 1, Total: 85

Respectfully Submitted,

Lehti Laas

Recording Secretary

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: December 3, 2013

Approved: December 9, 2013

Proposed By-Law Change 04-2013

Proposal:

To provide sufficient time for on duty crews to vote

Background/Justification:

As currently written the absentee ballot can only be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.
This could potentially impair on duty crewmembers from voting.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

ARTICLE XII - SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS - Second Paragraph

Absentee ballots will not be permitted for By-Law amendment votes with the following exception: the 1500 hour and 1900 hour on-duty crews on a night of a General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment vote is to occur and a back-up crew designated by the Chief may will be given absentee ballot envelopes upon arriving on duty. at the start of the General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment vote is to occur. They may indicate on a ballot provided by the Secretary their vote on the amendment(s). They must seal and sign the envelope in accordance with the procedure indicated in Article X, Section 4. The Secretary will secure the ballots until the vote, when, after verifying that those members are not present, the absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the rest of the ballots.

Proposers

Karen Martin #1118 /s/

Stephanie Caracciolo #1171 /s/

Jill Decker #908 /s/

**Proposed SOP Change
06-2013**

Proposal:

Add certification requirements to Probationary Members.

Background/Justification:

All levels of certification have the sentence except Probationary Members.

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

Article V - Crewmember Responsibilities -- Other Crew Members

Section 9 – Probationary Member:

1. The Probationary Member must be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws.

Renumber items 1 to 3 as 2 to 4.

**Proposed SOP Change
07-2013**

Proposal:

To amend the Gift Card and Social Eligibility Criteria

Background/Justification:

To clarify and amend based on input and feedback over the last year.

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

Amend Article IX – Protocols - Section 1 - Social Committee Protocols

1. Eligibility Criteria - For a member to attend any social event, as a member or as a guest of a member, excluding parades, as described below they must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A. One (1) month prior to each event, the member must be a member in good standing, as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the following exceptions: ~~a) member does not have to be off probation and b) the required duty tours or hourly commitment is defined in paragraph (C) and (D) below~~
 - i. Member does not have to be off probation
 - ii. The required duty tours or hourly commitment is defined in paragraphs (D) and (E) below.

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iii. Any time on a Line of Duty MLOA, an approved MLOA with a valid doctors note, an Educational LOA or Military LOA will not be included in the calculation of duty tours or hourly commitment as defined in paragraphs (D) and (E) below.

B. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the six (6) month period preceding the event.

C. Twenty-Year Exempt Members and Life Members are exempt from the above requirements as per Article III, Sections 5 and 6 of the By-Laws.

D. One (1) month prior to each event, Operational members must have completed eighteen (18) four (4) hour duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or nine (9) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status during the prior six months. Duty tours include both weekly shifts and each four (4) hour standby.

Probationary members will be prorated based on their acceptance date.

E. One (1) month prior to each event, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of forty-one (41) hours of duty time during the prior six months. Probationary members will be prorated based on their acceptance date.

F. The Chief will provide the Board of Directors and the Event Committee Chairperson a listing of members not eligible to attend one month prior to the event. Members not eligible to attend will be notified by the Chief.

G. The Board of Directors must approve any exception to the above ~~Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.~~

Re-letter C-F, to D-G

Amend Article X – Policies, Section 1 – Purchasing Policy, Paragraph A (17) – Miscellaneous Items.

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

i. The member must be a member in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the following exceptions: of the hourly commitment, which is defined in paragraph (iii) and (iv) below, as of December 1st.

a. The hourly commitment, which is defined in paragraph (iv) and (v) below, as of December 1st.

b. Any time on a Line of Duty MLOA, an approved MLOA with a valid doctors note, an Educational LOA or Military LOA will not be included in the calculation of duty tours or hourly commitment as defined in paragraphs (iv) and (v) below.

ii. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the twelve (12) month period preceding December 1st.

iii. Life Members are exempt from the above requirements as per Article III, Section 6 of the By-Laws.

iv. As of December 1st, Operational members must have completed thirty-six (36) four (4) hour duty tours or thirty-six (36) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status. Duty tours include both weekly shifts and each four (4) hour standby.

- v. As of December 1st, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of eighty-two (82) hours of duty time.
- vi. The Chief will provide a list of all eligible and ineligible members to the Board of Directors no later than the 2nd Board meeting in December.
- vii. The Board of Directors must approve any exception to the above. ~~Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors~~

Re-number ii–vi, to iii-vii

Proposed SOP Change 08-2013

Proposal:

To incorporate the existing Computer, Network and Phone Resource Policy in to the SOP's.

Background/Justification:

To add this policy in to the governing document of the Squad.

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

Add – Article X, Section 6 – Computer, Network and Phone Resource Policy

Section I: Purpose

The purpose of this document is to define policies and procedures for usage of HCFAS's Computer, Network, Phone and other Electronic Data Storage and Transmission Resources. These policies establish a common under standing of acceptable use.

These Policies apply to Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) Computers, Networks, Phones and other Electronic Data Storage and Transmission Resources (CNPR). These resources consist of, but are not limited to the following:

1. E-mail sent or received
2. Information posted on HCFAS's intranet
3. Internet sites accessed while utilizing HCFAS computer equipment
4. Information retrieved while using HCFAS's network to access Internet sites
5. Accessing HCFAS's system from privately owned computer equipment

6. Electronic Pre-Hospital Care reports (PCRs), dispatch logs and any other information that deals with patient confidentiality

7. Phones, land line and cell (Squad issued)

8. Computers

9. Copiers

10. Printers

11. Faxes

12. Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Personal Digital Recorders (PDR)

13. Digital Cameras and their associated storage and connectivity devices

Access to the Internet through HCFAS's equipment is a privilege. Members granted privilege must adhere to strict policies and procedures concerning the appropriate use of this information resource. Members who violate the provisions outlined in this document are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. In addition, any inappropriate use that involves a criminal offense may result in legal action.

Section 2: Policies

HCFAS recognizes that the ability to send and receive electronic communications (e-mail), as well as the ability to access HCFAS's Intranet and the Internet, is important to our members and their ability to efficiently carry out HCFAS functions. There are also significant legal, security and productivity issues related to the use of these technologies that require a common understanding of what is, and what is not, acceptable use.

These policies cover computer, network and phone resources owned or provided by HCFAS. This includes, but is not limited to, mainframe computers, personal computers, laptops, workstations, printers, PDRs, PDAs, data storage media and communication networks, including internet access, which are provided for use by HCFAS members, authorized non-members.

With Board of Directors' authorization HCFAS can also provide us of telecommunications, computer and network resources foe member, employee or third party owned computer equipment to be connected to HCFAS telecommunications, computer and network resources solely for HCFAS business purposes.

Computer records and files, as used in these Policies, means – All information, data, files, documents and programs which are created in, placed in, or received and recorded in HCFAS

1071 computer and network resources by an authorized HCFAS member or employee, contractor,
1072 consultant or other person who has accessed HCFAS computer and / or network resources.

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1074 Telecommunications resources, as used in these Policies, means – All information, data, files,
1075 messages, documents and programs created in, placed in, or received and recorded in or by e-mail,
1076 copiers, fax machine, telephone, answering machine, voice mail, cellular phones, digital cameras
1077 and paging equipment owned or provided by HCFAS.

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1079 The CNPR Policy is for the use of computer records, files and telecommunication resources by
1080 HCFAS authorized members and non-members and are as follows:

1081
1082 1. HCFAS internet access is a privilege and not an entitlement. Once granted, Internet access can
1083 be removed at the request of the Chief or president if it is being abused, used improperly or
1084 otherwise interferes with the performance of a Squad member's duties.

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1086 2. The Internet is an important tool for research, education and other information gathering in
1087 connection with HCFAS activities. Access to the internet for non-HCFAS related business use may
1088 be acceptable if the level of use is occasional, does not interfere with the member's duties or
1089 otherwise violates these Policies.

1090
1091 3. Members may apply for a HCFAS logon password through the Computer Committee. User
1092 ID's and passwords are designed to prevent access to telecommunications; computer or network
1093 resources by parties other than HCFAS authorized members and non-members. They are intended
1094 to protect access to HCFAS data and not to provide personal privacy to the information contained
1095 therein. The member in whose name the account and password was issued is responsible at all
1096 times for its proper use. Passwords must be appropriately safeguarded at all times and must not be
1097 shared. Although passwords are unknown to HCFAS Officers, system administrators may change a
1098 user's password, or use their own administrative password privileges to access a particular set of
1099 user records, data, or files in the course of their normal operations. Members or employees may not
1100 implement their own system or layer of passwords for the purpose of preventing authorized
1101 administrators or officers from inspecting a set of records. Members or employees are prohibited
1102 from giving their passwords or access codes to another member or individual, or using passwords or
1103 access codes of other members or employees to gain access to another member's or employee's
1104 voice mail, e-mail, or other computer file or stored of communication, without approval of the Chief
1105 and President. Members or employees are prohibited from "hacking" into other systems or
1106 "cracking" other passwords or access codes. No electronic communication may be created,
1107 transmitted, or stored, which attempts to hide the true identity of the creator or sender.

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1109 4. Any use of HCFAS's network for unlawful purposes is prohibited.

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1111 5. Copying of software registered to HCFAS is prohibited and may otherwise be in violation of
1112 copyright laws.

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1114 6. Using HCFAS's network to harass other, or to interfere with their work, is prohibited.
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- 1116 7. Electronic resources have capacity and all users are required to be courteous to other and to
1117 limit their use to a reasonable duration.
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- 1119 8. Any use, which has the effect of degrading or disrupting system performance, is prohibited.
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- 1121 9. Any user's traffic that crosses another network may be subjected to that network's acceptable
1122 use policies as well as HCFAS's.
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- 1124 10. The distribution of unsolicited e-mail (ie: spam, individual's bulk mail) through HCFAS's
1125 network is prohibited.
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- 1127 11. Members or employees are prohibited from using the HCFAS telecommunication, Computer,
1128 and network resources in any way that may be deemed illegal, fraudulent, embarrassing,
1129 intimidating, disruptive, or offensive to others.
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- 1131 This may include, but is not limited to, the transmission or storage of the following
1132 a. Sexually explicit messages and images;
1133 b. Ethnic or racial slurs, messages and images;
1134 c. Gender derogatory or biased comments;
1135 d. Comments that offensively address an individual's age;
1136 e. Comments that offensively address an individual's Sexual orientation;
1137 f. Comments that offensively address an individual's Religious or political beliefs;
1138 g. Comments that offensively address an individual's National origin;
1139 h. Comments that offensively address an individual's Disability;
1140 i. Comments that offensively address an individual's Veteran's status
1141 j. Anything that may be construed as harassing, discriminating, disparaging to or of others;
1142 k. Anything that might be construed to violate any federal, state or local laws relating to
1143 electronic media;
1144 l. Anything that may interfere with HCFAS business operations or performance.
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- 1146 Users encountering or receiving such material should immediately report the incident to the Chief
1147 or President.
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- 1149 12. Members may not download, upload or streamline any music, pictures, video or other files that
1150 may be subject to copyright protection and laws.
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- 1152 13. Posting of personal messages on chat rooms and stock message boards is prohibited, unless
1153 HCFAS business requires this.
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- 1155 14. Without obtaining prior approval of the Chief or President, the using of HCFAS's
1156 telecommunication equipment, computers, network resources, membership address list or fund
1157 drive mailing list is prohibited for any of the following:
1158 a. Solicitations;
1159 b. Advertisements;
1160 c. Promotions (whether for charitable, political, religious, or other reasons);

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1162 15. Members must take precautions to prevent the spread of viruses within HCFAS's
1163 communication system. Incoming e-mail items with attachments must be scanned for viruses
1164 before opening.

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1166 16. Members using computer equipment installed in the building are to make themselves available
1167 to respond to emergency calls if requested by the dispatcher.

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1169 Please be aware that with access to computers all over the world also comes the availability of
1170 material that may be considered 'inappropriate' for some users. HCFAS is not responsible for such
1171 material and each user is cautioned to avoid accessing such.

1172 1173 1174 **Section 3: Long Distance and Regional Calls**

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1176 Long distance and regional personal phone calls placed from HCFAS that result in charges to
1177 HCFAS are not appropriate or authorized, except in the case of a true emergency. A note to the
1178 Treasurer with the nature of the emergency, date, time and phone number for each call is required.

1179 1180 1181 **Section 4: Copier Usage**

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1183 The use of HCFAS copiers is limited to HCFAS business. Although occasional personal usage is
1184 permitted provided that the copies made are limited to no more than ten (10) pages. Use of HCFAS
1185 copies for any personal "for profit" business is prohibited.

1186 1187 1188 **Section 5: Internet Privacy**

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1190 HCFAS reserves the right to monitor and review internet usage and email. Members waive any
1191 and all rights and do not have privacy or any personal privacy right in e-mail messages
1192 transmitted through the HCFAS network or in sites accessed, or material transmitted, over the
1193 internet or HCFAS's intranet whether such use is personal or for HCFAS business. Accordingly
1194 members should not use HCFAS's electronic communication system to send, receive or store
1195 any information that they wish to keep private.

1196 1197 **Section 6: Phone Privacy**

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1199 Personal communications using HCFAS's phones are not private. No one is obliged to leave the
1200 room while anyone makes a private call. If you have a critical need to make a private call use a
1201 phone where you will not be disturbed while making your call. HCFAS reserves the right to
1202 monitor and record certain phone lines.

1203 1204 **Section 7: HCFAS's Rights**

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1206 HCFAS reserves the right to:

1207 1. Remove computer and network privileges of any user who does not follow the above-
1208 mentioned policies.

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1210 2. Notify any user that he is using a disproportionate share of the disk space and that he needs to
1211 download/delete files.

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1213 3. Delete files from any user's account if that user, once notified, has not cleaned his directory
1214 within one week.

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1216 HCFAS has no control over the content of the information passing through it's system, or any
1217 responsibility for the content, accuracy or quality of information obtained.

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1219 Use of any information obtained is at the member's risk.
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1221 HCFAS will not be responsible for any damage suffered by any member for any reason in the
1222 use of HCFAS resources, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-
1223 deliveries or service interruptions.

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2013 General Membership Meeting
Date: December 9, 2013

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Joseph Denimarck	ABSENT
Thomas O'Leary	PRESENT
Jeff O'Neill	ABSENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT
Chief Martha Brenner	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief Vito Reciniello	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Karen Martin	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kyle Rudden	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Mark Cappola	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Present Roger Winter that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet & eligible members in the room (eligible members 119, probationary 3, Total: 116).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

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

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Guest: Huw Colechin, Ambulance Victoria, Australia a guest of Carolyn Corkett. A shirt and HCFAS Shield Logo sticker was given as a gift.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Jim Mallilo # was hospitalized recently. He is home recovering, calls, e-mails and get well wishes are welcomed.
- Tony Cruz # 1043 was hospitalized recently. He is home recovering. Get well wishes, calls, e-mails and get well wishes are welcomed.
- Roger Giacomini son of Life Member” Jerry Giacomini and Honorary Member Gene Giacomini is very ill, cards, letters and get well greetings are welcomed.
- Tiffany White was hospitalized just recently, get well wishes and calls are welcomed.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of:

- Elizabeth Valle, Grandmother of Member Matt Valle #1238
- Long time member Paul Mazzola Sr. #86, on November 12, 2013.
- Warren Barrett, Stepfather of Member Melissa Anastos #1309. He passed away on November 11, 2013
- Paul Terenzi’s father has passed away most recently.

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings, events:

- Congratulations to Fernando Rivadeneira and Nicole on welcoming to the world a new baby girl Alessandra Isabel Rivadeneira.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

Meaghan Meyer #1244--5 years

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by John Palmieri to change the order of the meeting for a presentation and for the second reading on the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2013 vote.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2013 was read for the second reading by David Mohr, chairperson of the By-Laws committee. The amendment was discussed and amended. See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment. The amendment provides sufficient time for on duty crews to vote.

1st Reading 11/11/13

2nd Reading 12/9/13

Vote: For- 80 Against- 15 Abstain- 1

Result: Pass (2/3 vote would be 64)

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by James Barkocy to have the Secretary destroy the ballots.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Tyler Gibbs and seconded by Mary Winter to accept the November 11, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters are posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Services rendered –Patient and Patient's family: Evelyn Sicuranza, Julius & Brian and Carol Heinze; Members: Good & Welfare: Melissa Anastos, Matt Valle, Casey Stone, and Jeffrey Daniels; Other: Cupcakes from Cub Scout Pac #471. The Board of Directors received letters from Annette Hershkowitz with thanks for use of meeting room tombstone unveiling for Bernie and for sending her to Pulse Check Memorial Service.

Proposed SOP Changes approved by the Board of Directors – Bob Franz Secretary

The following proposed SOP Changes 01-2013 adding an Emergency Incident Rehabilitation policy; 04-2013 revising Leave of Absence procedure and request forms; 06-2013 adding certification requirements to probationary members and 08-2013 adding the existing Computer, Network and Phone Resource Policy were approved by the Board of Directors.

Secretary 2013 – Bob Franz

It was a pleasure to serve as the HCFAS Secretary in 2013. I would like to thank past Secretary & Director Lehti Laas for her assistance in the preparation of the Board of Director's minutes, General Membership minutes, personnel reports & keeping track of member's LOAs on a spreadsheet for the board.

Thanks to Clara Elliot for writing all the letters to the members for LOAs, Return to Duty, off probation and resignations and to Mary Brenner for writing thank you letters for contributions.

Thanks to Annette Hershkowitz (for supervising the annual election and her committee for all their preparation and hard work to have the election process run so smoothly. Election ballot sign in, Dues Collection, installation dinner invitation & holiday gift card distribution: Clara Elliot, Pete Nakelski, Jerry & Jean Giacomini, Kathy Leonard, Fiona Witkowski, Mary Jane Woznick, Ed Billia Karen Sprague-Wong, Chris Roulo, Gisselle Aguirre, Sue Otto, Claudia Bauer and Lorrie Stone . Vote Counters: Sally Staszak, Pete Nakelski, Joanne Vogel and Chris Roulo. Preparation of the ballot sign in roster: Jim Mallilo. Thanks to Chris Roulo for ordering & coordinating the delivery of the SC Board of Elections voting machine.

LOSAP 2013 Points – Bob Franz

The 2013 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 must be completed & submitted by December 31, 2013 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2013.

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Thank you to Jim Mallilo, Angie Kalodukas, Margaret Cornelius and Chris Roulo for recording and keeping the LOSAP point records.

NYSVA&RA Executive Board Meeting November 16, 2013 – Albany, NY

Annette Hershkowitz and I attended the meeting.

By all accounts, Pulse Check 2013 was successful and feedback from attendees, vendors and seminar presenters was extremely positive and it was mentioned in JEMS magazine. Plans for Pulse Check 2014 are in progress.

The 2014 NYS legislative bills will include Article 30 amendments including the CON process for municipalities including fire districts. Work is in progress by the Association to craft bill language that will be presented to the Governor's office.

The Procedural Manual update is also a work in progress. At the meeting we reviewed, discussed and made changes to a draft amendment on Membership procedures, the Constitution and By-Laws committee and the procedure Manual Committee.

The website is in progress of being updated for Pulse Check 2014.

Committee assignments were made for 2014.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2014.

President's Report Roger Winter (Continued)

- I would like to thank all the Board of Directors & Chief Martha Brenner for their efforts this past year. As always there are many challenges that have to be met and to be dealt with. I congratulate and thank all the members of the Board of Directors.
- To all the members thank you for all of your efforts this past year. I would like to wish you all and your families a Happy Holiday season.
- I would like to thank Sue Otto and her committee for the wonderful Children's Holiday Party. Everybody including the parents had a great time. Pictures are available on the Shutterfly invitation sent out by Brian Canty.
- I am looking to purchase three loading systems and two powered prams from Stryker. This project will be needed to completed by December 19, 2013 our last Board of Directors Meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting Actions

November 14, 2013, December 5, 2013

SOP 04-2013 Changes in the Leave of Absence – Tabled 11/14/13

Member attendance at the Adult Holiday Party – e-Mail vote

Yoga Toning and Fitness Classes

Snow Removal Renewal

Purchase Invitations, Programs Postage for the 2014 Installation and Inspection Dinner

Flowers for the Installation and Inspection Dinner 2014

Photographer for the Installation and Inspection Dinner 2014

HCFAS Adult Holiday Party

NYSVA&RA 2013-2014 Annual Squad Report, Dues

NYSVA&RA 2013-2014 Individual Dues

Emergency Gas Line Repair

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178 Ambulance Air Conditioning Repair 2-15-16
179 Andy the Ambulance Repair
180 Reimburse NYSVA&RA Pulse Check Participants 3 weeks late
181 Toy Drive Donation Friends of Huntington Station Latin Quarter (HSLQ)
182 Food Drive St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach
183 Ready Room Carpet/Tile Project
184 Participation in the Town of Huntington Holiday Parade 2013
185 Building of the Float or Decorations for the Town of Huntington Holiday Parade
186 Additional Winter Jacket Purchase for all Riding Members – Not approved
187 SOP 04-2013 Changes Leave of Absence
188 Member attendance at the Adult Holiday Party
189 Glynn Mercep & Purcell, LLP Contract Renewal
190 Fucco Group LLP 2013 HCAD
191 Fucco Group LLP 2013 HCFAS
192 Driver Improvement Classes (aka Defensive Driving)
193 Life Membership
194 Town of Huntington Budget for HCFAS (HCAD)
195 New York State Insurance Fund Volunteer Ambulance Worker's Benefit Law 2014
196 Amend SOP Change 01-2013
197 Antenna Replacement
198 Repair of 2-15-21
199 SOP 07-2013 Gift Card Social Eligibility – Tabled
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Treasurers Report - Brian Canty

No report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Martha Brenner

- WINTER JACKETS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FITTED ARE ON ORDER. SADDLY THEY WILL NOT BE HERE FOR THE ANTICIPATED FIRST SNOW(TOMORROW) BUT WILL BE IN SOON
- NEW FLOORING IN THE READY ROOM HAS BEEN APPROVED. DIRECTOR POOLE HAS NOW TAKEN OVER THIS PROJECT. INSTALLATION DETAILS/DATES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SOON
- CHRIS BLACKWELL HAS TAKEN ON THE TASK OF COLLATING CHECK OUT FORMS. THE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED. I AM AWAITING THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT
- NO SHOWS. THE CAPTAINS ARE DISCUSSING A PROCESS OF CHANGING THE ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF A NO SHOW TO INCLUDE CALLING IN LAST MINUTE WITH NO REPLACEMENT. COMMENTS PLEASE.
- RENIANCENSE DOWN TOWN: PARKING ISSUE: THERE IS A TOH MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT, TUESDAY 12/10 AT 7PM I WILL BE ATTENDING AND SPEAKING ON OUR BEHALF

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- I HAVE SENT OUR LIST OF CONCERNS REGARDING 2-15-17 TO OUR ATTORNEY WHO WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE MANUFACTURES. 3RD DC RECINIELLO AND COMMITTEE CHAIR CANTY ARE IN FLORIDAY INSPECTING THE NEXT AMBULANCE. THE MANUFACTURER AND THE INTERIOR VENDOR (PRO LINER) HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH 17.
- HOLIDAYS ARE HERE. IF YOU CAN DO ANY PART OF A SHIFT ON ANY OF THESE DAYS PLEASE LET THE CAPTAIN KNOW
- IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PEER REVIEW MEETINGS I HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU DO SO. I ATTENDED THE LAST ONE AND LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT PCR WRITING.
- THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON HOLIDAY PARADE WAS HELD ON 11/30. THE FLOAT COMMITTEE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHIEF ELF JUAN FLORES DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. ASSISTANT ELF'S: TOM O'LEARY, KURT VETTER, DIANE TANKO, TOMO HIRASAWA, MARY BRENNER, TOM LEMP, DAVID KAUFMAN, JEFF BRENNER, VITO RECINIELLO, KIETH RUBENSTEIN, KATHY CASTILLO, ALYSSA AXELROD, DOUGLAS MAYER, DOMINIC HEAVEY, MERIDITY BORG, NICOLE CALDERONE, BRIAN CANTY, PAUL BIRSACK, PATRICK STANTON, SHERYL BURKE, JERRY GIACOMI, ALSO MARCHING ANNE GABRIEL, PAM BRENNER, JIM GANLEY AND SON, MARY BRENNER, JERRY GIACOMINI, VITO RECINIELLO, CLAUDIA FEMMINELLA, RICHARD CORTES, KELLY MYURPHY
- BABY: A THANKSGIVING DAY GIFT! CAPTAIN KEITH RUBENSTEIN, EX-CAPTAIN SAM RYAN, KEITH TETRAULR, JUAN FLORES, MELISSA ANASTOS, RICHIE CORTES AND DISPATCHER TYLER GIBBS. THE CREW DELIVERED A HEALTHY BABY GIRL. MOM AND BABY ARE DOING FINE!
- FRADULENT CHARGES ON CREDIT CARDS NOW NUMBER 11 MEMBERS. I HAVE GATHERED THE INFO THE POLICE REQUESTED AND SENT IT ON TO DETECTIVE JANSO. THERE IS NO COMMONALITY EXCEPT OUR MEMBERSHIP. VISA/AMEX/DISCOVER DIFFERENT BANKS ETC.
- PRESIDENT WINTER CONTINUES WORK ON THE NEW STRYKER LIFT SYSTEM. I APPLAUD HIM FOR THE EFFORT AND FOR HIS CONCERN FOR OUR MEMBERS

A NOTABLE CALL THIS MONTH HAPPENED AT THE JOHN ENGEMAN THEATER IN NORTHPORT. OUR MEMBERS ARE AT THE READY NO MATTER THE LOCATION: Moments prior to the start of the musical Irving Berlin's White Christmas an audience member turned to reach for his wife as he collapsed to the floor of the lobby. Front of house staff ran through the dressing rooms to the stage to find the Engeman theaters stage supervisor who is an EMT After being told of an unconscious patron in the lobby the stage supervisor called to hold the show as he ran to the lobby. He found an adult male laying face down unresponsive appearing apnic. Patient was rolled onto his back and his airway opened while assessing for a pulse. A staff member who was on the phone with the local fire house was told to tell them the patient was in cardiac arrest. Chest compressions were started. A women who was a nurse practitioner and an audience member volunteered to help and assisted in CPR. Upon arrival of

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the northport Fd our EMT attached their aed to the patient and got a shock indication. After one shock the patient had a carotid pulse and aginal respirations then the pulse was lost. After another 3 rounds of CPR and an Iv established a pulse returned and the patient was now breathing at 10 shallow labored with a hr of 110 sinus TAC and a bp of 190/120. The patient was transported Huntington Hospital by the Northport FD where he had cardiac surgery and is in stable condition. To be discharged Tuesday(exactly one week later) after a pacemaker is installed on Monday. An email was received from a woman who was part of the patients group which said in part:

I am sure that you heard the words HERO,& LIFE SAVER more than once after your CALL TO ACTION on Tuesday night. Whatever the accolades, surely, they are not nearly enough! Both the Stage supervisor and Donna the patron RN, Beth, the Theatre Manager, Kevin O'Neill, the Northport Fire & EMT volunteers and the staff at Engeman Theatre, ONE AND ALL were above and beyond what is expected...**YOU ALL WERE ANGELS SEND BY GOD TO SAVE JOE AND KEEP HIM WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS! It was divine intervention!** I DON'T GENERALLY HANDLE THE NOTABLE CALLS AT OUR GMM. BUT THIS ONE IS SPECIAL TO ME BECAUSE THE EMT IS JEFF BRENNER. A PROUD CHIEF AND A PROUD MOM!

First Deputy Chief's Report – Tim Ebert

Notable Call: Moments prior to the start of the musical Irving Berlin's White Christmas an audience member turned to reach for his wife as he collapsed to the floor of the lobby. Front of house staff ran through the dressing rooms to the stage to find the engeman theaters stage supervisor Jeffrey Brenner.

Jeffrey found an adult male laying face down unresponsive Jeffrey and told a staff member who was on the phone with the local fire house the patient was in cardiac arrest and began chest compressions. A women who was a nurse practitioner volunteered to help and assisted in CPR. Upon arrival of the northport Fd and pd Jeffrey attached an aed to the patient and got a shock indication. After 3

rounds of CPR and an Iv the patient was now breathing with a pulse, the patient was transported to Huntington Hospital where he had cardiac surgery and is in stable condition.

The new driver checkout Sheet with your suggestions and corrections is in. Please let me know what you think.

Congratulations to Kurt Vetter and Liz Mohr on passing there driving test.

Thanks to all the 2013 officers for doing a great job, Good luck To Kyle and all the 2014 officers.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey

First let me start be wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a Good New Year. With that said I would like to thank the many Committees and their Chairs for helping me get through this year. I would NOT have being able to do the job without your help. To the many members

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who help out at different times restocking and moving ALS and BLS around as Rigs went in and out for service, which seemed to be an ongoing thing this year.

To the Officers and BOD we made some changes this year in equipment and this could NOT have being done without your help.

Review Training everyone will be glad to know that November review training has being completed by everyone and we are in full compliance with the County. Decembers review training will be out in the next day or so. It will be an easy one as I know we are all very busy over the Holidays.

The BLS Med Box is working out well and members are filling out the paper work which helps me restock the items that are used. The New Quick Clot has be placed in the box along with the New Tourniquets have being placed in the box. As a note 3 of these have gone missing since Wednesday I will be checking this out and will follow up as soon as possible. On another note we are starting to use the Quick Clot and we have used another 4 BLS NLOXONE in the past 2 weeks. Remember any time use these items you MUST notify the Hospital and tell the Charge Nurse when you are making your report, don't forget to document it on your PCR as well.

I would like to well done to all the members who went from Aid to First Aiders, then went on to be EMT and are now Crew Leaders. To those EMT who took the big step and became CC or EMT-P well done and let's hope many more follow in your footsteps. I hope to see the Crew Leader Program grow bigger next year and make some changes to this Program that will make it easier to become a Crew Leader.

Again thank you to the Chief and Officers for all your help during the year. To the Members thank you and keep up the good work.

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Third Deputy Chief Report – Vito Reciniello

No report

Chief Dispatcher – Patty Tufo

No report

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Karen Martin

Monday Captain Karen Martin

I want to start out by saying thank you to everyone on Mondays for always being there and doing a great job each and every week. Mondays always did a great job with keeping up on their checkouts and review trainings. I also have to thank those that came in for back up shifts and calls to help Mondays out.

Unfortunately we had to give 3 calls away this past Monday during the 1100 but we did have 3 rigs out on the road. We had 8 calls come in during the shift, one being a cardiac arrest.....Thank you to all for your efforts.

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Each and every crew member on Mondays made being a Day Captain a pleasure and I appreciate all the kind words and support I have received during this time.

I wish the best to the new Monday captain as well as all the 2014 Officers.

Welcome back to Monique Moreno #1042 and Connie DeGrassi #1395. Also best of luck to those members that continue on with their driver training and ACL'ing, I know you will all do a great job.

Congratulations to Matt Moran who was advanced to First Aider, Kelly Murphy has completed her driving with driver trainers and Nadia Tomasi has passed her ambulance orientation test. Great job everyone!!!

I want to wish all my friends at HCFAS a very happy holiday and again thank you for all your support and encouragement over the last couple of years.
Be safe.....

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

For my last captains report I will keep it short as usual. On my 0700 shift good luck to Chris Vultaggio on soon becoming a crew leader and to Elizabeth Wuestman on becoming an observer and moving on up. Bazeel, Al, Karen, Tony and Carol always there or you got replacements thank you. Sally and Kurt thanks again for continuing to come in all year. Ann, Sheryl, Spike and Maxine great job and Frank Papik good luck on your dispatch test. Diane, Tom, Joanne, Martha, and Juan see you Tuesday, always a pleasure. Juan great job on the sled it was awesome. On the 1900 don't know how many times the roster was actually followed but it always worked out. Mary Winter hope you are able to join your crew soon good luck with the continuing rehab. On the 2300 Donna, Mary Jane, Ferd, Brian, Kevin, Todd and Kyle great job on the over night. That goes for Rafael, Dennis, Douglas, and Kyle thank. PS. Guess when Christmas Eve and New Years Eve fall, YEP on Tuesday!!! Details to follow.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – Kathy Castillo

Congratulations to Louis Dell #1388 and Thomas Schirripa #1392 both are now off probation. Thank-you to all who came to help out on Thanksgiving. We had 22 calls and didn't have to 24 any.

We had a special call on that day. The crew delivered a baby girl at 21:07 hours. The crew consisted of Keith Rubenstein, Sam Ryan, Melissa Anastos, Keith Tetrault, Ricky Cortes, and Juan Flores who cut the cord. Tyler Gibbs was dispatching. We transported mom and baby to the hospital. Great job done by all.

I want to thank everyone who not only helped and supported me this past year, but came in and did their shifts, back up shifts and back up calls. You all helped make Thursday run smooth.

Friday Co. 5 – Kyle Rudden

It's hard to believe it's been a year already and that I am writing the December GMM report. That time seems to have flown is a testament to how rewarding it has been serving as your day captain, and that in turn is a direct result of how great all of you have been to work with.

I said this in the December Pulse but it bears repeating: Friday's duty crews are amazingly dedicated, and I'm appreciative of that week in and week out. Virtually everyone put in extra time during the year and I particularly want to thank the following Company 6 personnel for putting in *a lot* of extra time on a fairly regular basis: Taha Aiman, Kathy Castillo, Israel Cortes, Joe Grant, Jeff O'Neill, Phil Orlando, Kristin Schwartz-Perkins, Keith Tetrault, Patty Tufo, and Loreley Villamide-Herrera. Additionally, there are a handful of non-Company 6 members who have done fairly regular weekly shifts on Friday and who have been essential to the success of the day in 2013: Sheryl Burke, Tyler Gibbs, Laurie Hoffmann, Liz Mohr, Tom O'Leary, Sally, Staszak, and Kurt Vetter.

I also want to thank everyone else that helped out this year including (up through 12/6): Melissa Anastos, Gina Angevine, Michael Barker, Dale Bartolomeo, Elizabeth Beach, Suzie Biagi, Mikki Borg, Pam Brenner, Jeff Brenner, Martha Brenner, Eileen Burns, Andrew Campagnola, Mark Cappola, Terrence Cheang, Carolyn Corkett, Richard Cortes, Nancy Courtemanche, Keith Davis, Audin Delva, Joe Denimarck, Ann Donegan, Tim Ebert, Maxine Epstein, Chris Evers, Chris Fischer, Seth Fischer, Juan Flores, Rodriguens Gabriel, Millie Gabriel, Joe Gander Jr., Claudy Grimadeau, Dominic Heavey, Annette Hershkowitz, David Kaufman, Paul Kelly, Alex Klotsche, Harvey Lapidus, Allison Lau, Martin LoCascio, Bobby Loysch, Matty Lupinacci, Michele Miller, David Mohr, Matthew Moran, Kelly Murphy, Spencer Newman, Carolyn Niceforo, Carol Nucci, Casey Orr, Tim Quigley, Brian Quinn, Vito Reciniello, Paul Rittenhouse, Sheryl Roach, Keith Rubenstein, Rich Rudolph, Alison Russo, Samantha Ryan, Patty Salajka, Orlando Salcedo, Ann Schwartz, Golan Stern, Al Szigethy, Andrew Taylor, Kristin Tiersch, Laura Treulich, Matt Valle, Kristin VanBenschoten, Fran Vasta, Tiffany White, and Mary Jane Woznick. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Congratulations

Some individual HCFAS milestones reached this year (all with the guidance and support of their fellow crew members):

- Nathan Bruskin (#1380, 1100) received his EMT-B certification, entered the ACL program, and will be a CL very soon.
- Michael Campanelli (#1396, 2300) joined the Squad in 2013 and rose through the ranks to Aide, will be a First Aider soon, and is enrolled in an EMT-B course starting in January.
- Tony Castillo (#1405, 2300) is the newest Friday addition to the Squad and will be taking his dispatch text soon.
- Cynthia Feliciano (#1400, 1100) joined the Squad this year and quickly moved through the ranks to Aide, and will be a First Aider soon.

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- 443 • Venel Grimadeau (#1298, 1900) has enrolled in an EMT-B course starting in January.
- 444 • Steeven Jean (#1349, 0700) received his EMT-B certification and entered the ACL
- 445 program; he too will be a CL very soon.
- 446 • Joseph Kaempf (#1389, 1100) also joined the Squad this year, quickly moved through the
- 447 ranks to First Aider, and will be starting an EMT-B course in January.
- 448 • Kristin Schwartz-Perkins (#1369, 1500 and 1900) rose through the ranks this year to First
- 449 Aider and recently completed her EMT-B certification.
- 450 • Keith Tetrault (#995, 1100 plus a lot of extra time this year) is working on completing his
- 451 EMT-CC certification.
- 452 • Loreley Villamide-Herrera (#1370, officially 2300 but does both the 1900 and 2300 each
- 453 week, not to mention other backup when needed) refreshed her EMT-B card after a 15-
- 454 year hiatus from EMS and quickly became a CL (she's also currently in the Driver
- 455 Training Program).
- 456 • A number of other members renewed various certifications this year to maintain their
- 457 status as First Aiders, Crewleaders, and/or Drivers:
 - 458 ○ Taha Aiman
 - 459 ○ Kathy Castillo
 - 460 ○ Krystal Cruz
 - 461 ○ Rich Gierbolini
 - 462 ○ Joe Grant
 - 463 ○ Venel Grimadeau
 - 464 ○ Frank Guariglia
 - 465 ○ Chris Mallilo
 - 466 ○ Jeff O'Neill
 - 467 ○ Phil Orlando
 - 468 ○ Tommy Romano
 - 469 ○ Carmen Schlieben
 - 470 ○ Patty Tufo

472 ***Help Needed***

473 Friday could use the following regular minimum weekly help:

- 474 • 0700 – ALS (first crew)
- 475 • 1100 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 476 • 1500 – CL or DR (second crew)
- 477 • 2300 – Dispatcher, ALS, and FAs (first crew) and DR (second crew)

478 All members wishing to do extra shifts are welcome. As always, listening up for Signal 3s is

479 appreciated, particularly during the middle of the day and on the overnight when backup is

480 usually most needed.

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Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Mark Cappola

It would be impossible to thank each of you on the Saturday crews for all you did during the past year, without overlooking someone. So let me just simply say: THANK YOU!!!!

From the Blizzard of the Century in January and throughout the year, the Company 7 crews and the countless members who came out to pitch in are a constant reminder to me of what it means to be a member of HCFAS. More importantly, it reminds me that as Captain, I need to recognize and laud the pride and dedication shown by everyone who is a part of HCFAS.

From the Chief Officers, the Board of Directors, the Committee Chairs and Members, and most especially, the members who faithfully come out every day to do their shifts without glory or fanfare, I say thank you for allowing me to be not only a leader but a fellow member.

2014 will be a bit different and sadly a bit lonelier for Company 7 as we say Goodbye to Harvey Lapidus and Howard Loewenthal who have left HCFAS. Their expertise as ALS providers is surpassed only by their friendship, which is priceless. We also said goodbye to Kiera Schiavetti, Mindy Scalzetti, Melissa Hernandez, Rachel Zarahn, James Murphy, and Amanda Manning who left HCFAS in 2013. I wish them all the best. On the bright side, we now have Lauren Aviles and our newest member Gisselle Aguirre as new members to HCFAS and part of the Co. 7 team.

Now, I need to discuss business. I would be remiss if I didn't again echo my plea for help on the 1500 and 2300 shifts. This past weekend we gave away 3 calls on the overnight when we received 4 calls in 40 minutes starting at 5:18AM. Our biggest challenge is finding a driver so if anyone is available to help out on the overnights, please let me know.

Also, if anyone will not be attending the Holiday Party on Saturday and would like to come in to cover the overnight, please let me know as well. Even if you do go, but will not be imbibing, that would work as well I need a driver and dispatcher.

Thanks again.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

Pulse – Patty Salajka - Deadline is around the 25th of each month, (psalajka27@optimum.net).

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim or Brian Canty.

Also, the committee received a \$500.00 check from a former member, Michael Rubin.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski

3rd Wave to be sent out, \$76,453.00 received

Old business:

-Brian Canty asked the status of the October General Membership meeting approved motion requesting an update on the blue golf shirts.

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The Chief said that Maxine Epstein has that information.

New business:

-Diane Tanko was thanked for creating the cup timer above the coffee maker

-Brian Canty reminded everyone about the Holiday Party on Saturday.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Claire Tesoriero, Greg Orr, Kevin McCann, Angie Kalodukas, Dale Bartolomeo

Setup Committee; Roger Winter, Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. \$25 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card – Andrew Taylor
2. \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Card – Tony Castillo
3. \$25 TGI Friday Gift Card – Rich Cortes
4. \$25 Amazon.com Gift Card – Tony Cruz
5. \$25 Panera Bread Gift Card – Monica Mulchandani
6. Natale Verga Pinot Grigio – Jeff Brenner
7. Malbec 2011 Ocaso – Karen Martin
8. December flower arrangement – Cathy Castillo
9. December flower arrangement – Ann Schwartz

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Thomas O’Leary to adjourn the meeting at 21:00 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible members 119, probationary 3, Total: 116

Respectfully Submitted,

Lehti Laas

Recording Secretary

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: January 5, 2014

Approved: January 13, 2014

Proposed By-Law Change 04-2013

Proposal:

To provide sufficient time for on duty crews to vote

Background/Justification:

As currently written the absentee ballot can only be distributed at the beginning of the meeting. This could potentially impair on duty crewmembers from voting.

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

ARTICLE XII - SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS - Second Paragraph

Absentee ballots will not be permitted for By-Law amendment votes with the following exception: the 1500 hour and 1900 hour on-duty crews on a night of a General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment vote is to occur and a back-up crew designated by the Chief may will be given absentee ballot envelopes upon arriving on duty. at the start of the General Membership Meeting at which a proposed By Law amendment vote is to occur. They may indicate on a ballot provided by the Secretary *or designee* their vote on the amendment(s). They must seal and sign the envelope in accordance with the procedure indicated in Article X, Section 4. The Secretary will secure the ballots until the vote, when, after verifying that those members are not present, the absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the rest of the ballots.

Proposers

Karen Martin #1118 /s/

Stephanie Caracciolo #1171 /s/

Jill Decker #908 /s/

Read first time – November 11, 2013

Approved

Vote: For- 80 Against- 15 Abstain- 1

Result: Pass (2/3 vote would be 64)

**Results for the 2014 Board of Directors and Operational Officers
General Election: December 9, 2013**

301-- Eligible Voters.

218 Total Votes casted at the general election.

Board of Directors: four (4)

<u>103</u>	Alyssa Axelrod	Write in: None
<u>35</u>	Andrew Campagnola	
<u>126</u>	Robert Franz	
<u>136</u>	Roger Winter	
<u>84</u>	Lehti Laas	
<u>84</u>	Andrea Golinsky	
<u>62</u>	Bernard Poole	
<u>109</u>	Seth Fischer	

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Chief: one (1)

<u>70</u>	Martha Brenner	Write in: None
<u>140</u>	Thomas Lemp	

1st Deputy Chief: one (1)

<u>177</u>	Kyle Rudden	Write in: <u>1</u> Robert Loysch
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2nd Deputy Chief: one (1)

<u>164</u>	Dominic Heavey	Write in: <u>1</u> Keith Davis
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3rd Deputy Chief: one (1)

<u>162</u>	Keith Rubenstein	Write in: None
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653 **Chief Dispatcher: one (1)**
654 153 **Patricia Tufo** Write in: 1 Vito Reciniello
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659 **Day Captain: seven (7)**
660 114 **James Mallilo** Write in: 1 Pamela Brenner
661 110 **Ann Donegan** 1 Casey Orr
662 99 Tyler Gibbs 1 Jeffrey Brenner
663 141 **Alison Russo** 1 Philip Orlando
664 177 **Matthew Valle** 1 Alyssa Axelrod
665 154 **Juan Flores**
666 174 **Mark Cappola**
667 154 **Kathleen Castillo**
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