

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2025 General Membership Meeting
Date: July 14, 2025

Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

President Henry Waldron	PRESENT	Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Vice President Eric Kramer	PRESENT	First Deputy Chief James Mallilo	ABSENT
Secretary Lehti Laas	ABSENT	Second Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Treasurer Elizabeth Wood	PRESENT	Third Deputy Chief Matthew Philips	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT	Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Seth Fischer	PRESENT	Sunday Co. 1 Capt. James Kelly	PRESENT
Robert Franz	PRESENT	Monday Co. 2 Capt. Lily Poplawski	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	PRESENT	Tuesday Co. 3 Capt. Sheon Bacchus	ABSENT
		Wednesday Co. 4 Capt. Tiffany White	ABSENT
		Thursday Co. 5 Capt. Kenney Cadet	ABSENT
		Friday Co. 6 Capt. Eve Pollack	PRESENT
		Saturday Co. 7 Capt. Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Welcome to the July 14, 2025 General Membership Meeting.

The Meeting will come to order at 1930 hours

Acting Secretary Christine Tedone reported to the President Henry Waldron that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 51).

Pledge of Allegiance Led by President Henry Waldron – Please take a moment to remember those who are serving in our armed forces and those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our Country. Our special thoughts and prayers to all the victims of the recent Texas Floods. Let us remember all of our departed HCFAS members.

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

Congratulations and Get Well Wishes:

Congratulations to Jacqueline de Bruin and Ex-Captain Jacob Levinsky on their recent Engagement.

Congratulations to Captain Eve Pollack and Matthew Filonuk on their recent Engagement.

Our thoughts and prayers are being sent to Captain Tiffany White who is at home recovering.

Motion made by Christine Tedone seconded by Roger Winter to change the order of business to hear the reading of Proposed By-Law Change #01-2025 and SOP Change #06-2025. Motion Approved Unanimously

Proposed By-Law Change #01-2025 – By John Palmieri

Proposal:

To amend the current Driver By-Law to reflect recent changes with the Driver SOP change. Changes are due to an uptick in 24 rate that is reflected in lack of drivers.

Background/Justification:

70% of our department's mutual aids (127/180) last year were due to a lack of driver or more in 2024. 22% of that number were for drivers alone out of the 70%.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 - DEFINITION

- a. These By-Laws follow the convention that "he" means "he or she".
- b. "Properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means:
 1. For members accepted prior to January 1, 2016, possessing a valid an American Heartsaver First Aid Online certification and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.
 2. For members accepted after January 1, 2016, possessing a valid BLS CPR card ~~until~~ or receiving their New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification in accordance with Article III, Section 2.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 17 - DRIVERS

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

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 EMT or higher certification has expired but is currently enrolled in an EMT or higher refresher course shall have 90 days from the expiration of his 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.
4. Those drivers who were qualified drivers, holding a valid New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) certification for a minimum of five years, may continue as active drivers as long as they are properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws.

Proposers:

Lily Poplawski #1616 /s/ _____

Eve Pollack #1637 /s/ _____

James Kelly #1523 /s/ _____

This is from our attorney, Tim Glynn:

As you know, it is not my role to comment on the essential wisdom of a by-law or SOP change. My role is to assure that the language is not contrary to law, does not create a conflict with other provisions, is sufficiently coherent that the membership can reasonably understand it's intent and that it is internally consistent. In this case, I find that the language of the proposed by-law is not internally consistent (that it would create rules that would conflict with each other). As such I cannot provide an opinion of counsel supporting the adoption of this language.

Proposed SOP Change #06-2025 – By John Palmieri

Proposal: To eliminate the requirement of being an EMT to be a Driver.

Background/Justification: In 2024 there were 180 signal 24's. Of that, 40 were for lack of a Driver, and 127 were for lack of a Driver or other Crew member.

This is an attempt to reduce our signal Change (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~): Article V, Section 3 - Drivers and First Responder Drivers: 24 rate.

All members applying for Driver Training must be 21 years of age and a First Aider ~~and hold a valid EMT certification or equivalent~~. Applicants solely for First Responder Driver must also be a Crew Leader. Drivers are responsible for the safe operation of the vehicles. They are responsible for checking out the vehicles at the beginning of the duty tour and completing the Driver Checkout Sheet. Day Captains and the Third Deputy Chief are to be notified if there are any vehicle problems.

Discussions held in Open Forum – Consensus Vote taken

Consensus Vote Results:

In Favor – 12

Oppose - 39

SOP NOT PASSED

President Henry Waldron – Report Posted

Hello All,

Summer is definitely here! Please watch your hydration.

Shout out to the Thursday 1100 Crew. Led by Dispatcher Fiona Witkowski. There were 12 calls on the shift including a Cardiac Arrest and a Violence in Progress (VIP). Zero 24s.

Thank you to everyone who helped out. Pamela Brenner, Christian Caballero, Betty Wood and Captain Andrew Taylor.

On July 26, 2025 our New Table will be arriving and we are still trying to figure out what to do with the old table.

President's Acknowledgments:

Thank you to Roger Winter for his hard work with the Allison Russo Remembrance event.

Thank you to Robert “Bob” Franz on his tireless efforts to keep our Insurance Deductibles in line.

Thank you to the Board of Directors, Bernard Poole, Roger Winter and Brian Canty for all your continuous hard work.

Please contact me at president@hcfas.org if you need anything at all.

Congratulations to the Scholarship Drawing Winners:

- 1 - Katie Block – Daughter of Brian Block #1484 – Sponsor
- 2 - Jack Fischer – Son of Seth Fischer #1281
- 4 - Jasjeet Kaur #1694
- 5 - Kayla McCann – Daughter of Kevin McCann #1143 – Sponsor – Probationary
- 7 - Amanda Treulich – Daughter of Laura Treulich #743 – Sponsor
- 8 - Melissa Dale Treulich - Daughter of Laura Treulich #743 – Sponsor

Non - Winners:

- 3 - Lauren Groser #1702
- 6 - Noah Ramos #1674

Motion made by Matthew Philip and seconded by Richard Stone to give Scholarships to members Noah Ramos #1674 and Lauren Groser #1702 funded from the HCFAS Membership Fund Account.

In Favor of Motion – 50

Oppose Motion – 1

Motion Passed

Acting Secretary's Report – Christine Tedone

Motion by Acting Secretary Christine Tedone and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the June 9, 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted. Motion Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Wood – Report Posted

June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025

5000	Payroll	\$52,250.08
5500	Billing Services	\$14,299.89
6000	EMS	\$ 9,168.09

6100	Vehicles	\$ 14,929.07
6200	Building	\$ 6,142.84
6300	Utilities	\$ 5,525.52
6400	Communications	\$ 1,219.99
6500	Accountant	\$
6600	Insurance	\$
6700	Office	\$ 1,715.85
6800	Uniforms	\$ 2,780.47
6900	Members Inspection	\$
7000	Training	\$ 841.40
7200	Fund Drive	\$
7100	Public Relations	\$ 495.00
7300	Subsistence	\$ 1,335.99
8000	Other	\$ 1,107.50
Total		<u>\$ 111,811.69</u>

188 **Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey – Report**

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190 Please remember to drive with caution and be safe out there. Schools are closed there are more
191 people on the road now. Remember to report any and all accidents and immediately complete all
192 the necessary paperwork if you are involved in an accident.

193 If anyone is interested in becoming a Driver, please submit a copy of your New York State
194 Drivers License and place it in the Driver Committee's Mailbox. Thank you to all the Drivers,
195 you are all doing a great job.

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197 **First Deputy Chief – James Mallilo – Absent – No Report**

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200 **Second Deputy Chief – Keith Rubenstein - Absent – No Report**

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203 **Third Deputy Chief – Matthew Philip – Report Posted**

204 **Repairs needed as per 07/12/25:**

205 **16 OOS- Shocks on backorder ETA (end of the week) Mileage: 85471 Miles**

206 **17 In service- Mileage: 28527 Miles**

207 **18 In service- Mileage: 54984 Miles**

208 **19 In service Mileage: 85509 Miles**

209 **20 In service Mileage: 89209 Miles**

210 **21 OOS - Door handle broken (Waiting on part) Mileage: 3860 Miles**

211 **25 OOS - Final preparation have been made to the new 25 Mileage: N/A Miles**

212 **80 In service - Mileage: 11278 Miles**

213 **81 In service - Mileage: 10333 Miles**

214 **82 In service - Mileage: 47556 Miles**

215 **88 In service - Mileage: 27606 Miles**

216 **89 In service - Mileage: 106755 Miles**

217 **Gator In service- Mileage: N/A Miles**

218 I spoke with the vendor from which we bought the mounts for the ambulances, they will arrive
219 on July 14th. It was a little later than previously expected but hopefully they will be operational
220 by mid July. Thank you Second Deputy Chief Rubenstein for reconfiguring the ipads with the
221 Ladder App.

222 All the new narcotic safes are in the ambulances and the next step is to replace our sub stock and
223 main stock safes in the ALS rooms.

224 Please plug in ALL vehicles that have a shoreline (Including 89).

225 There are various issues that have been brought to my attention or I have seen and I will slowly
226 send the buses out one at a time to get them fixed. If anyone sees anything new or wants to bring
227 something up don't hesitate to reach out to my cell (631) 553-3135.

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229 **Chief Dispatcher – Patricia Tufo – Report Posted**

230 **Alarms.....612**

231 **Average calls per day.....20.4**

232 **Signal 24's.....10**

233 **Signal 24% rate....1.63**

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235 **Signal 24's by Day of Week**

236 **Sunday.....4 (ytd=14)**

237 **Monday.....1 (ytd=07)**

238 **Tuesday.....3 (ytd=08)**

239 **Wednesday.....1 (ytd=12)**

240 **Thursday.....1 (ytd=11)**

241 **Friday.....0 (ytd=02)**

242 **Saturday.....0 (ytd=05)**

243 **Year to date # Alarms...3267, an INCREASE of 60 calls, compared to this same time in**
244 **2024.**

245 **Year to date # Signal 24's....58, a DECREASE of 9, compared to this same time in 2024.**

246 **Year to date Signal 24% rate....1.77, as compared to 2.08%, this same time in 2024.**

247 **Year to date Multiple Alarms running.....59.2%**

248 **Year to date Average # calls per day.....17.6**

249 **DISPATCHERS – This months Teachable Moment:**

250 9 on a 16 Response, also known as a **VIP (Violence in Progress)**. When you receive an Alarm
251 that is a VIP (Violence in Progress) make sure that the responding Crew is aware that this is a 9
252 on a 16. The Crew can pull out on the ramp and stay there until cleared (usually by MEDCOM)
253 or they may go to a closer safe place, such as FD, POLICE or HOSPITAL location.

254 **WE NEVER GIVE OUT THE LOCATION OF THE VIP OVER THE AIR.**

255 If the responding Crew is turning around from another call (such as an RMA or No Patient found
256 or from the hospital) have them 34 HEADQUARTERS for the information which would include
257 the address. The time we respond to the call is the original 2 and if the ambulance is staying on
258 the ramp, the signal 9 is the same time. Once the ambulance is cleared and starts responding to
259 the scene, **DO NOT CHANGE THE SIGNAL 2** (the signal 9 and signal 2 is the same time).
260 You can add a note in the **SIGNAL DROP DOWN BOX** and state the time that the ambulance
261 was cleared to respond to the scene. Add the signal 21 when the ambulance arrives on scene.

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263 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain James Kelly – Report Posted and Given by Captain**
264 **Lily Poplawski**

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266 Hey Everyone,

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268 Thanks very much to all who have been consistently helping out on Sundays. It's always a task
269 to staff but I'm very happy to see so many of you rise to the occasion and spend some of your
270 weekend with us!

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272 **Our Roster has since changed a little bit and with that so have our needs:**
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274 **0700: 3rd due CL**
275 **1100: 2x DR and a CL**
276 **1500: Full Crew**
277 **1900: 2x CL and a Driver**
278 **2300: Dispatcher, DR/CL and a full crew**
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280 Please remember to make sure that all of your PCRs are finished in a timely manner, we
281 have a pretty large number of unlocked and unfinished PCRs open right now and we really
282 need to stay on top of that.
283 Thanks for everything you all you do! Have a good night all.
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286 **Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Lily Poplawski – Report Posted**
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288 Hey Everyone, Happy July!
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290 We were able to finish July with (0) 24s. This leaves us with a YTD total of 6 at the time of
291 this writing.
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293 **Thank you to everyone who came down to help the last few weeks:**
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295 Tom Lemp, James Kelly, Barry Winter, Shannon Gore, Eve Pollack, Ryane Como, Hank
296 Waldron, Matthew Philip, Bobby Loysch, Brian Canty, John Menard, Patrick Donegan,
297 Andrew Taylor, Brandon Eybergen, Mariana Rivas as well as all the hardworking dedicated
298 Company 2 members and many others. Your help is truly appreciated.
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300 **Please consider picking some Monday shifts! The following are PERMANENT openings!!!**
301 **These need help EVERY week on top of vacancies that open up regularly.**
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303 **0700: 3rd due DR**
304 **1900: 2 DR's**
305 **2300: 1st due DR & 2nd due DR**
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307 As some of you may have noticed, I changed over the BLS Med pouches to be more uniform
308 across our ambulances. I will continue to reseal all of them monthly. I have also added ASA and
309 oral glucose to the sealed BLS meds and removed nebulizers. If you have any questions feel free
310 to reach out to me at any time.
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312 Please continue to do your checkouts and keep radios on and with you on calls. Keep up the
313 great work!
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315 Thank you all for your consistent hard work and dedication on Mondays. Please be safe and I
316 look forward to seeing you all around at some point! If you have any questions, comments, or
317 concerns you can reach me at Monday.Captain@hcfas.org or my personal cell 631-374-5663.
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Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Sheon Bacchus – Absent – No Report

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Tiffany White – Absent - Report Posted

Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you are doing well and keeping cool. Thank you to all Company 4 members for your continuous support and effort in making sure the day runs as smoothly as it can. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Wednesdays needs are as follows:

0700 - FA's

1100 - 3rd due DR, FA's.

PERMANENT DISPATCHER NEEDED for 1100 Shift!

1500 - 2nd due CL

1900 - 3rd due DR

2300 - 2nd due DR/CL, full 3rd due crew

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Kenney Cadet – Absent - Report Posted

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well. Please remember to do your rig checks. For those who have not yet gotten the ladder app please do so. This software is our new and better way of getting calls directly to our phones. It is available for download in your app store.

If you have any questions please reach out to me. It's getting very hot out please remember to stay hydrated. Please also remember to fill the fuel tanks in all vehicles. I appreciate all those who have been coming out to help on signal 3s and filling in on shifts.

This week, we need some help. The following shifts need to be filled:

1100 - Driver

1500 - Driver

1900 - Full Crew

2300 - 1 Driver & 1 Full Crew

If you are available to cover any of the shifts above please reach out to me at 631-568-3967 this way I know who to thank for covering the day.

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Eve Pollack – Report Posted

Hello Everyone! Happy Summer!

I hope all of you are having a great summer! Thank you to Company 6 and beyond for keeping Fridays signal 24 free since March!

Although we had one last Friday, the low amount of Signal 24s for Fridays are a testament to the dedication of all of you. Thank YOU for all that you do and for always showing up!

On Thursday, September 27th we will be having brick oven pizza making night again! Please stay tuned for more information, including a sign up sheet and a flyer! I hope to see you there!

The schedule is looking good this week. Two DR are needed on the 1100 and a CL is needed on the overnight. FA and ACL are always welcome throughout the day. The more hands on deck the better!

Please let me know if you would like to start your weekends off strong getting to know what Company 6 is all about!

Stay cool, hydrated and don't forget the sunscreen!

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Andrew Taylor – Report Posted

Good Evening Everyone.

A special thank you to all members of Company 7, Company 8 and everyone who has dedicated their time on Saturdays to ensure our operations run smoothly. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated!

A heartfelt thank you to the following individuals for their contributions to our successful Saturday operations: Chief Matthew Phillip, Captain James Kelly, Suzanne Phillip, Seth Fischer, Keith Tamayo, Robert (Bobby) Loysch, Jeffrey Brenner, Chief Michael Barker (Dispatching), Paul Bayer, Chelsea Keatley, John Stevens, Tommy Romano, Michael Jacoby, Andrew Ganley, Joseph Grant, Michael Capostosto, Angie Mata, Steven Benjamin, Dana Silverstein, Dany Portillo and Jake Levinsky. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

Operational Update –We need additional coverage for Dispatcher shifts at 1900 and 2300. Second due crew at 1100, 1500 and 2300 and ALS coverage at 1500 and 1900.

Notable: Incident Report: Pediatric Burn Patient – July 12, 2025

On Saturday, July 12, 2025 at approximately 16:51 hours, the Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) was activated for a pediatric burn patient. The crew responded promptly and made patient contact shortly thereafter. Upon assessment, the patient was determined to have

approximately 15% body surface area burns. Captain Andrew Taylor immediately notified the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) and requested aviation support. SCPD activated aviation as well as Huntington Manor Fire Department. HCFAS Dispatch was contacted and informed that the designated landing zone would be at the Walt Whitman Mall. The patient was transported to the landing zone with advanced life support (ALS) provided by HCFAS on scene. Additional patient care was rendered by Firefighter Keith Tetrault from Huntington Manor FD and an SCPD medic. Upon arrival, the flight medic assumed care of the patient and the patient was Medivaced to Stony Brook Hospital for further treatment.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following for their outstanding teamwork and dedication: Saturday HCFAS Crew: Dispatcher Andrew Ganley #1750, Grace Weigele #1742, Arianna Curevas #1675, Tom Hogan #879 and Bency Jean-Baptiste #1269.

HCFAS/HFD: Keith Tetrault #995, Huntington Manor FD, Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD), SCPD Medic, Stony Brook Flight Medic. Your coordinated efforts ensured timely and professional care for the patient. Unfortunately, we received three Signal 24 calls—two during the 1500 aviation time and one at 2300.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Halesite FD, Melville FD and Greenlawn FD for stepping up and covering these calls. Your support is truly appreciated.

16/24: On July 12 at approximately 0208 a mutual aid was received from Greenlawn Fire Department for a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) involving multiple patients. Two additional ambulances were requested due to the nature of the incident. Captain Andrew, Tommy Romano, James Kelly and paid medic Jason Sullivan responded and provided assistance on scene. Off duty medic Zack Harrington and Chief Matthew Paulson coordinated and instructed the responding crews. Subsequently, the responding units were cancelled as Greenlawn FD transported the patients. Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) took custody of the driver who was arrested on the scene. Thank you, ACL Andrew Ganley for Dispatching for the entire overnight.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2024 Points – Robert Franz

2025 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

A drawing will be held at the July 14, 2025 General Membership Meeting to select from those non-probationary members in good standing who submitted HCFAS scholarship application forms with the required qualifying evidence. Six scholarships have been approved by the Board of Directors.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 15th – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board; Applications must be received by August 15, 2025 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 15, 2025 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and Post 215 members. Each year the NYSVARA provides up to three \$500 scholarships. 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 an 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. See also Scholarship to D'Youville University, Buffalo, NY on NYSVARA website.

Scholarships:

Various Scholarships & Tuition Assistance information is posted on the bulletin board above the mail folder counter, such as:

-Gregory A. DeCanio Memorial Scholarship

-The Glatfelter Scholarship Foundation

-The Suffolk County SERVES program

NYS Legislation Update - Bob Franz

S1515 / A2177A -The bill which was advocated by South Country Ambulance Chief Gregory Miglino has passed the Senate and the Assembly – the bill Removes EMS from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator May/Assemblywoman Lupardo). S7501/A8086A –The bill passed the Senate and the Assembly. The bill Directs Counties, in coordination with their regional emergency (medical) services councils, to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans that provide for coordinated emergency medical systems within such counties. The planning process shall include cities, towns and villages within their jurisdiction. The plan shall be completed within six months. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator May/Assemblyman Otis). (This bill is a part of the EMS being considered as an essential service bill that was removed from the budget).

S31/A34: The bill passed the Senate and the Assembly. The bill provides that the NYS thruway authority shall issue permits for ambulances and fire vehicles for toll exemptions when engaged in emergency operations. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator Comrie/Assemblyman Eachus).

S688/A5619 The bill passed the Senate & Assembly. The bill amends the real property tax exemption for surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. The bill allows municipalities to extend the exemption to un-remarried spouses of members with service between two and five years, provided they were receiving the exemption

483 prior to their death. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor.
484 (Senator Martinez/Assemblyman Stern).

485 Bills that passed the Senate and Assembly will be delivered to the Governor during the summer
486 or fall for signature or veto. Other bills that were on previous meeting legislative reports are still
487 in various Assembly or Senate committees or were only passed by one legislative body and not
488 the other. The 2025 legislative session ended on June 17, 2025.

489 The NYS legislature also passed a home rule bill at the request of the Town of Huntington which
490 extends provisions relating to certain real property to be conveyed to the Town of Huntington by
491 the NYS Department of Transportation for an additional year (December 21, 2026). The property
492 consists of 4.16 acres which includes the commuter lot next to HCFAS. The bill passed the
493 Senate and Assembly.

494 **Property Tax Exemption Update – Bob Franz**

495 Kudos to Michael Campanelli for his success in having the Harborfields School District pass a
496 resolution that will allow members who live in the school district and volunteer with HCFAS to
497 continue to receive a 10% property tax exemption. Without the resolution 12 of our members
498 would not continue to receive the school district tax exemption. There are another 21 members
499 who live in school districts that are not served by the squad. Their school districts must pass a
500 similar resolution to extend the property tax exemption to Fire and EMS Volunteers who reside
501 in their district. Over the next few months, we have to continue to build on Mike's momentum
502 and contact the various other school boards (Northport, Elwood, Commack, Half Hollow Hills)
503 to have a similar resolution passed. Please contact Bob if you are able to assist in this projec

504 **DISTRICT 7 – Andrea Golinsky**

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506 **New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association- (NYSVARA) District 7**
507 **Report:**

508 The District 7 Meeting was held June 17th at Community Ambulance Company of Sayville.
509 Nominating Committee was named to present slate of District 7 Officers for 2025-2026. Voting
510 will take place at the August meeting. I have decided not to run for the office of Director this
511 year.

512 Officers and members of NYSVARA Board of Directors have been attending meetings in
513 Albany to promote legislation that would enhance the ability to provide the best care to our
514 patients. The next NYSVARA meeting of the Board will be held July 31st.

515 HCFAS members who had their NYSVARA dues paid for 2025 have been getting information
516 via the NYSVARA newsletter that is sent to all members that provided an email address Please
517 read the emails that are sent to you, there is a wealth of information provided to you.

518 **Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association – SCACA – Andrea Golinsky**

519 As an EX-Chief I regularly attend the SCACA meetings The June meeting was held in Flanders
520 with the new Officers. The meetings have been suspended for the summer. They will resume
521 again in September.

522 **Benevolent Committee – Brian Canty** – If there is a need from any member please contact
523 Brian Canty for assistance.

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525 **CPR Committee – Brian Canty** – If you are interested in attending a CPR Course. There is
526 a course on Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM, Instructor Joshua Mancini and
527 on Sunday, August 3rd from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM, Instructor Michael Jacoby. All members
528 are welcome to attend. Please contact Brian if you are interested in registering for any of these
529 CPR classes.

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531 **Driver Training Committee – Jeffrey Brenner & Dominic Heavey** - If anyone is interested in
532 becoming a Driver, please submit a copy of your New York State Drivers License and place it in
533 the Driver Committee's Mailbox.

534 **Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto & Kevin McCann** – There are thirty (30) New Explorer
535 Post #215 members. The Committee needs help. There are three (3) monthly meetings. If you
536 are interested in joining this committee, please contact us.

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538 **Fund Drive Committee – Joan Florio & Carol Nucci** – As of July 11, 2025 the Fund Drive
539 has collected a total of \$61,250.73.

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541 **Membership Committee – Andrew Taylor, Sheryl Roach & Luke Weiner** – We have over
542 50 New HCFAS Applicants. To assist with this influx we are looking for volunteers to assist
543 the committee with follow up of the applicants and conducting interviews with prospective
544 new members. If you are available to assist in any of these areas please contact Sheryl Roach,
545 Joanne Cunningham or Andrew Taylor. Thank you for your consideration and we appreciate
546 your support in strengthening our community.

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548 **Pulse Committee** – All Reports and Articles are due the 25th of the month.

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550 **Special Events Committee – Brian Canty** – Our Annual HCFAS Picnic will be held on
551 Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM at Driftwood Day Camp located at 331
552 Mount Misery Road in Melville, New York. (Rain or Shine). Picnic sign-up sheet is located
553 in the Ready Room, deadline for sign-up is July 21, 2025. Hope to see you all there!

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555 **Stand-By Committee – Suzanne Philip** - All standbys needed are listed downstairs. Feel
556 free to reach out to Suzanne at 631-559-6512 if you are available to assist in any standbys.

557 **In Closing:**

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559 **Has everyone fingered in?**

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561 **Thank you to those who have helped prepare tonight's dinner:**
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Social and Kitchen Committee: A Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Bob Biersack, Angie Kalodoukas, Kevin McCann, Carol Nucci, Gregory Orr

New Business:

Brian Canty – Thank you to all of our CPR Instructors for hosting eight (8) CPR Classes in the last few weeks: Andrew Taylor, Jeffrey Brenner, Thomas Lemp, Michelle Franco, Karen Reim, Mark Brenner, Joshua Mancini and Michael Jacoby.

Seth Fischer – Tonight is Heidie Magerle's final General Membership meeting as she will be relocating to South Carolina. Let us all wish her well in her future endeavors and we thank her for all that she has contributed to HCFAS. Good Bye and Good Luck, Heidie!

David Kaufman – Expressed concern regarding the enforcement of an unwritten EMT certification requirement for membership. He clarified that under the current bylaws, EMT certification is not a continuing requirement and that removing members solely due to lapsed EMT status is improper. He emphasized that only CPR certification is currently required to be maintained and that disciplinary action or removal must follow the process outlined in the By-Laws."

Ann Maloney – Addressed the subject of the New Ladder APP and how to improve some of issues that we are experiencing with the APP.

Lily Poplawski – Lily informed the Members about a volunteer organization called Mad Hatters Knits. It is a volunteer Organization that makes handmade knitted hats for Premature Babies. If anyone is interested in joining or contributing to this cause, please contact Day Captain Lily.

Old Business:

Chief Dominic Heavey - I have received many inquiries as to the whereabouts of our Secretary, Lehti Laas and what is being done about her continuous absence at the monthly membership meetings. I am sorry to bring this subject to your attention but many members have expressed their concerns to me regarding this issue.

GMM Raffle Winners:

\$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card - Carolyn Mullen

\$25 Home Depot Gift Card – Dominic Heavey

\$25 Lowe's Gift Card – Meg Callinan

\$25 Panera Bread Gift Card – Brian Canty

Bottle of Red Wine – Mary Brenner

Bottle of White Wine – Lorrie Stone

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 51, Probationary Members 4, Total: 55

608 **Motion made by Roger Winter and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the**
609 **General Membership meeting at 2050 hours.**
610 **Motion Approved Unanimously**

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Respectfully Submitted,

618 ***Christine A. Tedone***
619 Assistant Secretary
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621 ***Lehti A. Laas***
622 Secretary
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