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Happy and Healthy New Year!!

As the New Year marks a new beginning, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your excellent performance in 2018. Let us all strive to achieve even more greatness in 2019, and make it an even better year. Your hard efforts are the reason for our success; do not ever forget that we are nothing without the greatest group of volunteers in the world. In fact, we thrived because of your incredible hard work and dedication. I am personally grateful to each one of you for your tremendous efforts, and am really looking forward to 2019.

What does 2019 have in store from a Board level? Like in years past, 2019 will not be any different. We will continue to always support our members along with Chief Como and his team to ensure that we are prepared and have the tools necessary for any situation we may face in the field. We also have some exciting CapEx projects that we will be exploring this year that will benefit the volunteer experience at HCFAS. Our building is not getting any younger, and it is time we prioritize some projects. As always, we would love to hear any ideas and collaborate on your vision.

Questions? Submissions?

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What does 2019 have in store from a Town of Huntington perspective? We will continue to pursue the LOSAP age reduction, and monetary addition. Our discussions were temporarily "put on hold" so the TOH can fully evaluate their position. We have been asked to reconvene in Q2 of '19. Tom Hogan, John Palmieri, Treasurer Brian Canty, Secretary Bob Franz and I are laser focused in doing what we can to make this a reality. In other news, we are waiting on a pricing structure and schematics for the traffic signal for the front of our building to improve the safety for our crews. Lastly, we are always working to have the best relationships with our elected officials. I have personally extended invitations for them to attend our GMM's, and to meet our members. We are doing great things with the greatest people; they should have exposure into our operation.

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

I am always available for any questions or concerns. Please understand that that if we do not know about it, we can not help, so let us keep the communication lines open throughout the year.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we are super excited to be working with Chief Como and his Operational team. Their leadership, focus, and passion are going to create a very successful 2019 for everyone!!

Good luck everyone, and be safe...

Chief's Report - Michael Como

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all got to enjoy the holidays. Before we embark on this new year I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work in 2018. Our success as an agency wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of the membership and the strong leadership from everyone that held elected office. Casey did a phenomenal job as Chief and I thank her for her efforts.

Since the founding of our agency countless members contributed their time and efforts to get us to where we are now. We plan to build off of the successes of the past, not reinvent them. With that being said, the incoming Chief officers and I have an ambitious agenda for 2019. Our top priorities are to get our personnel database completely up to date, to provide training opportunities to the membership above and beyond monthly review training, and to get our fleet of ambulances to a state of repair (mechanically and cosmetically) that we can all be proud of.

Communication will be a hallmark of my term as Chief. You can expect a fair amount of blast e-mails from the operational officers because I believe that the membership should always be aware of what is happening and any changes that are occurring. In return I ask all of you to keep an open line of communication with your day captains. Your captains and Chiefs can't address issues in a timely manner if they aren't aware of them.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as your chief and I look forward to working with my fellow officers and the membership.

1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman

First I would like to thank the membership for believing in me and electing me to be your First Deputy Chief this year. I am beyond excited to continue Liz Mohr's work with our membership, chiefs office, board, and various committees.

This year I would like to focus on updating SCM, efficiently tracking hours and finger reads, improving our standby committee, duty tour scheduling, and communication on all fronts. With this being said I have asked all captains to update contact information for all members as well as their status and goals for this year. If you have not had an opportunity to speak with your captain please do so as soon as possible so that SCM can reflect the accurate information and so that we can better serve you.

Additionally we are gathering copies of everyone's wallet size certification card of EMT-B, CC, or P and licenses for those of you who are drivers. These copies will be laminated and attached to your squad ID to wear on your person. As someone who has dealt with the NYS EMS quite frequently it is extremely important to have these cards on your person at all times when operating on EMS calls and standbys. These random NYS inspections not only reflect the department as a whole but also you as an individual provider.

If you have any questions, problems with scheduling, finger reads or just want to catch up feel free to reach me via email/call/text. Thank you for your continued dedication to serving your community! 2019 is going to be a great year!

2nd Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

Thank you to everyone for electing me as your new Second Deputy. I'm looking forward to another great year at HCFAS. I'd like to thank Keith Rubenstein for his work last year and for helping transition me into this role.

Announcements regarding upcoming training opportunities:

Fiona Witkowski and John Mancino are hard at work with the QA/QI committee. They have already coordinated two programs this year:

1. "Stop the Bleed" by Stony Brook Trauma Center Thursday January 17th 7:00pm
2. "Synthetic Drugs: The Dangers to First Responders" by LI PREP Wednesday February 6th 7:00pm

Please RSVP to jmancino@optonline.net or Fiona.witkowski@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

2nd Deputy Chief – Ryane Como (cont'd)

Mark Brenner is offering a 2 hour non-core CME that will be held after the GMM on January 14th. This one hour course will be on Part 800 of the Public Health Law and focus on ambulance check outs. To earn the second hour of credit, you will be required to individually complete either an ambulance check out or an ALS checkout within 30 days.

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns regarding training this year, please feel free to reach out to me. Stay safe and Happy New Year!

Respectfully,
Ryane Como 1462

3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman

Vroom vroom! We're speeding on in to 2019 here at HCFAS!

Thanks to everyone who helped out on my final Tuesdays as captain- Christmas and New Year's Day. Some of the helpers were Brenner, Martha; Canty, Brian; Capotosto, Michael; Cruz, Javier; Daniels, Jeffrey; Davis, Keith; Domanick, Jonathan; Flores, Estrella; Florio, Joan; Giusto, Andrew; Jacoby, Michael; Kaufman, David; Lemp, Thomas; Levinsky, Jacob; Lopez, Esteban; Mayer, Douglas; Menard, Jonathan; Murphy, Kelly; Nazinitsky, Eric; Nucci, Carol; O'Riordan, Casey F; Schwartz, Ann; Silverstein, Dana; Taylor, Andrew; Vogel, Joanne; Wood, Elizabeth; Ryane Como, Michael Como; Seth Fischer, Paul Bayer.

On Christmas There was a 3 Car MVC on Round Swamp Road. Many members answered for backup. Huntington Manor provided heavy rescue and we transported three patients in three ambulances with another call running.

Thanks to Jeff Brenner for getting me started with all the third deputy chief information.

We are working on fixing mechanical and cosmetic problems on many vehicles. Please remember to treat our equipment and vehicles with respect so we can keep everything in good working order.

Have a safe and happy new year.

Best regards,
David

Chief Dispatcher - Michael Barker

Thank you to everyone who supported me for Chief Dispatcher. It is great to be back.

My first priority is to meet all the dispatchers and dispatch trainees to determine their progress. I intend to visit each shift during the first week or two to solicit suggestions and ascertain needs to bring back to the Officers. I will be your voice within the organization and in front of the Board.

My second priority is to initiate recruiting Permanent Dispatcher for every shift, allowing EMTs and those wanting to be EMTs to ride the ambulance as first aiders. If you know of anyone inside or outside of Squad considering becoming a Permanent Dispatcher, please let me know. Shortly, I will reach out to the community to achieve this goal.

We are going to have a great 2019. **Thank you.**

Michael

2018 Chief Dispatcher - Patricia Tufo

CHIEF DISPATCHER'S REPORT – December 01 thru 31, 2018

Alarms.....537
Signal 24's.....001
Signal 24%.....0.18

Signal 24's by Day of Week

Sunday.....0 (ytd = 1)
 Monday.....0 (ytd = 1)
 Tuesday.....0 (ytd = 1)
 Wednesday.....1 (ytd = 16)
 Thursday.....0 (ytd = 14)
 Friday.....0 (ytd = 15)
 Saturday.....0 (ytd = 3)

2018 Chief Dispatcher - Patricia Tufo (cont'd)

Total # Alarms for 2018.....5932 (This is a **decrease** in calls by **280**, as compared with the total # of Alarms in 2017)

Total # of Signal 24's for 2018...54 (This number includes 5 from October that did not show up on the Stats, as well as 3 additional calls that HCFAS took back from Medcom, after originally 24'd, and subsequently transported the PT)

Signal 24% rate for 2018.....0.91 (In 2017, we had a Signal 24% rate of 0.75, with a total # of alarms at 6212.

Multiple calls running % rate for 2018.....59.4

It has been an honor to serve as your Chief Dispatcher in 2018. I want to thank our Drivers, Crew Leaders, EMT's, First Aiders, ALS/Paramedics, Dispatchers, and those Members that show up when we page out for assistance! Additionally, I would like to thank the Dispatch Training Committee, for all of your patience and hard work! Lets continue to work together, and keep the momentum going!

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Dispatcher, Patricia Tufo #1242
Chief.dispatcher@hcfas.org

Company 1 – Captain Bill Connolly

SUNDAY

Happy New Year to you and your families. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as Sunday Captain.

I will continue Chief Como's practice of weekly email of the Sunday schedule. If you would like to be included or if you would like to be removed from the list, please email at sunday.captain@hcfas.org. or call me at (516) 457-0967.

Anyone in need of Driver Training please feel free to contact me and come in on a Sunday. I look forward to working with you all.

Wishing you and your families great health and joy throughout 2019.

Bill Connolly

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy

MONDAY

Thank you for electing me to be the Company 2 Monday Day Captain for the 3rd year. I can honestly tell you that I love this squad very much. I love being a member and a Captain. For the year of 2018 there was only one 24, let's make the year of 2019 24 free. I know Monday's are super busy, I also know we can get it done! I am usually in need of 2nd due crews and FA's. I post my schedule on our private FB page, I post it on the wall in the ready room as well usually a few days ahead of time. If you are looking to make some hours / shifts or just want to come ride on a Monday please get a hold of me and let me know.

I wish you and your families a wonderful year ahead filled with nothing but the best! Again THANK YOU EVERYONE for all the hard work and dedication you continually give.

God bless,
Kelly Murphy
Monday Day Captain

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

First off, thank you to everyone who voted for me for Captain. I am looking forward to an exciting year with many things to come. As I settle into this role again, I will be looking for help, especially with the Tuesday overnight. If anyone is available to come in please let me know. I look forward to working with everyone on Tuesdays. I am reachable by email, phone or text. Can't wait to see what the first month brings us.

Thank you
Liz

Company 4 – Captain Katie Donegan

WEDNESDAY

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who voted me in as captain for a second year, I'm looking forward to another term as your 54.

There are many things I'd like to accomplish early on, and making Wednesdays a fully staffed day is at the top of my priority list. If you are available on Wednesdays, particularly on the 0700, 1100 and 1500 shifts and are a CL or DR, PLEASE let me know. I don't want to pull people off of shifts that they are happy with, but if you can cover consistently or are looking to switch or pick up a second, I'd really appreciate some consistent and reliable assistance.

Other than that, I am excited for another exciting year as a captain here at our wonderful organization. Feel free to call/email me whenever with questions or concerns!

Company 5 – Captain John Mancino

THURSDAY

Happy New Year HCFAS.

I want to thank everyone for your support in this year's officers election. I promise to give my all and not let you down. I also want to give a huge round applause to the 2018 officers and directors who helped make this organization the success it's always been.

2019 looks to be an exciting year for the squad. On Thursdays we have a new member joining the 0700 shift, Mr. Brett Dowler #1546. Brett will be coming on as a college student offering his services to the Squad as he can in between school breaks. He has started dispatch training and is already an EMT-B.

I'm working with Fiona to kick-start the QA/QI training on a monthly basis. We currently have Stop The Bleed in January and next will be doing Synthetic Drugs And The Dangerous To First Responders in February; the Flyers will be published here in the pulse.

We do have some shortcomings with regard to staffing on Thursday's. I'm making an impassioned plea for company eight members to please, when you have the availability, feel free to contact me and help fill in some shifts. I'm hoping to have the schedule figured out by mid January.

I'm going to try to spend some time on every shift hoping to get to know everybody better and hoping to keep Thursday is a smooth running operation.

Thank you for all you do.

John

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season, and I wish for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our family and friends.

Thank you to all who voted for me to serve as your captain for another year. I am truly grateful and honor to hold this position. Thank you to the 2018 officers for all their hard work this past year. Congratulations to all the officers and BOD members who were voted in too!

I'm looking forward to a successful 2019! Stay safe and love each other.

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor

SATURDAY

I wanted to say “Happy New Year” to all members.

Thank you, for all who voted for me as Saturday Day Captain. I wanted to thank the previous Chiefs, Day-Captains and Board of Directors for a great year in 2018. And I cannot wait to work closely with the 2019 Chiefs, Day-Captains and Board of Directors.

As we move forward to a new year, let work together to a better future and department.

I cannot wait to continue to communicate with chiefs, officers, members and neighbor departments, so we can provide care to our communities.

A special Thanks to Ryane Como for making the transition from member to captain educational and informative.

Thanks to Kelly Murphy for being my captain.

Everyone be safe and enjoy the company of your friends and families.

See you in 2019

Andrew Taylor, BS BA MA
Saturday Day-Captain
Emergency Medical Technician, BLS Instructor (CPR and AED)
HCFAS Member since 2011

Calendar of Events

Check out these upcoming special events. Show your HCFAS pride by participating in events and supporting our organization and your fellow Members!

BOD Meeting	January 03
GMM	January 14
Officers Meeting	January 15
BOD Meeting	January 17



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

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2018 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2018.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2018 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2018 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 Friday March 1, 2019 for property tax year 12/01/19 to 11/30/20. 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, 2019, 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 3/1/19 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/19), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 8, 2019. To be eligible, your name or your name and your spouse's 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, 2019.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2019, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 or email robo4200@hotmail.com for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/19 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2019, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 9th.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz (cont'd)

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

The 2017 SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES program follow.

- The program is a reimbursement program with award payment made directly to the student-volunteer at the completion of each semester.
- SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of November 2018 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an "A" would be \$2,610.
- The student-volunteer will receive reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA.
- The number of credits supported by the program; full or part time; covers a Bachelor's Degree or up to 120 credits (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours).
- **The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Spring Semester is February 1, 2019.** Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.
- **For more information about SERVES go to www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.**
- This is NOT an educational program; it is a retention program designed to help keep Members in the Volunteer Fire & EMS Service.

Secretary – Bob Franz

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, distribution of holiday gift card, member ID cards and 50th Anniversary Journals: Chris Roulo, Pete Nakelski, Jean Giacomini, Andrea Golinsky, Carolyn Mullen, Martha Brenner, Christine Tedone, Gina Angevine, Roxanne Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Rich Cortes, Israel Cortes and Equislaure Gabriel. Vote Counters: Joanne Vogel, Pete Nakelski 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 and arranging for SCBOE custodian Bob Saducci.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz (cont'd)

2019 Election Results – Secretary Bob Franz

Annual Election December 10, 2018 – The following members were elected for 2019:

Board of Directors:

David Mohr
Casey Orr
Ann Schwartz
Roger Winter

Chief:

Michael Como

1st Deputy Chief:

Elizabeth Wuestman

2nd Deputy Chief:

Ryane Como

3rd Deputy Chief:

David Kaufman

Chief Dispatcher:

Michael Barker

Day Captain:

William Connolly - Sunday
Kelly Murphy - Monday
Elizabeth Mohr - Tuesday
Kathryn Donegan - Wednesday
John Mancino - Thursday
Kathleen Castillo - Friday
Andrew Taylor - Saturday

The 2019 Corporate Officers Elected at the Board of Directors Meeting December 20, 2018:

President	Seth Fischer
Vice-President	Ann Schwartz
Treasurer	Brian Canty
Secretary	Bob Franz

Notes from Board Treasurer Brian Canty

Just a reminder

ARTICLE V SECTION 1 – DUES

The active membership is required to pay an annual dues of \$3.00. **It is due and payable by January 1st.** Those members who are not paid up by February 1st are in arrears, and are ineligible to vote, or attend any social functions, and will be so notified by the Treasurer in writing, stating that this is a final notice, and that if payment is not received by March 1st, the member is automatically expelled without further notification. Members expelled for non-payment of annual dues may be reinstated only upon submission of a new application as described in Article III, Section 2.

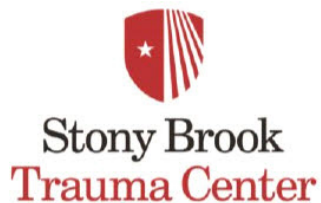
Message from Special Events Committee Chair Brian Canty

Children's Holiday Party – Suzanne Otto Coordinator

The Children's Holiday Party was held on Dec 8th this year. It looked like all the youths enjoyed themselves. Of course this could not have been done without a lot of assistance. Thanks to all those that helped wrap and set up for the party. Thanks to our resident Santa Phil Orlando. Thank you one and all.

Adult Holiday Party – Joanne Vogel and Susan Seibel

The Adult Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 15th. Hope everyone enjoyed the Silver and Gold theme. Once again our coordinators did a great deal of work, making sure the room looked good and that everyone had a great time. These parties cannot be held without a lot of work by committee people who are always in the background. From the inception of what the theme of the party will be to the way the room is set up, the Coordinators go through a lot of work. Thanks to our Decorators Joanne, Sue, Brian, Heidie Magerle, Lindsay Magele, Max, Nick, Joe, Meyda, Kiki and Kim. Thanks to anyone else that helped out that I may have missed. Lets see what the committee decides for next year.



Bleeding Control Basic Huntington Community Course



**Trauma is the leading cause of death age 1-44 in the United States and bleeding is responsible for 35-40% of deaths in first 24 hours!
Learning what to do while waiting for first responders to arrive can save lives!**

B-Con is designed for laypeople with no medical training in response to active shooter and mass casualty events, but skills learned can be used in the event of ANY life-threatening bleeding!

B-Con teaches basic life-saving interventions including:

- Recognition of life-threatening bleeding
- Bleeding control with a commercial or improvised tourniquet
- Wound-packing using hemostatic gauze
- And much more!

Dates: January 17, 2019

Time: 7 PM

Please park in LIRR commuter parking East side of the building

Location: Huntington Community First Aid Squad
Training Room
2 Railroad Street
Huntington Station, New York 11746

Register via email: [John Mancino RN, EMT-CC \(jmancino@optonline.net\)](mailto:John.Mancino@optonline.net)
[Fiona Witkowski EMT \(Fiona.witkowski@gmail.com\)](mailto:Fiona.witkowski@gmail.com)

"The fate of the wounded lies in the hands of the ones who apply the first dressing."

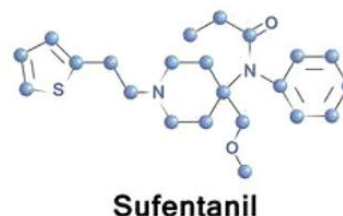
-Dr. Nicholas Senn,
founder of the
Association of Military
Surgeons of the United States
(1898)

For additional information about the Stop the Bleed campaign:

Colby Rowe, MS, EMTP
Stony Brook Trauma Center Educator and EMS Outreach Coordinator
Office: 631-638-2861
Colby.Rowe@stonybrookmedicine.edu



SYNTHETIC DRUGS



The Dangers to First responders.

Fentanyl, Carfentanil and what's coming up next????

THE HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST AID SQUAD in partnership with the LONG ISLAND PREVENTION AND RESILIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (Long Island PREP) is hosting a lecture on the dangers being faced by first responders in this day of Synthetic Opiates on the street. **Presented by Paul Vecchione and Keith Scott**, learn what has happened in the past to EMS, PD/SWAT and DEA who have been accidentally exposed to these drugs. Understand where these drugs came from and how they are now being abused and the dangers first responders face. Learn to protect yourself, your crew and your family.

Wednesday February 6, 2019 at 7PM

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

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

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

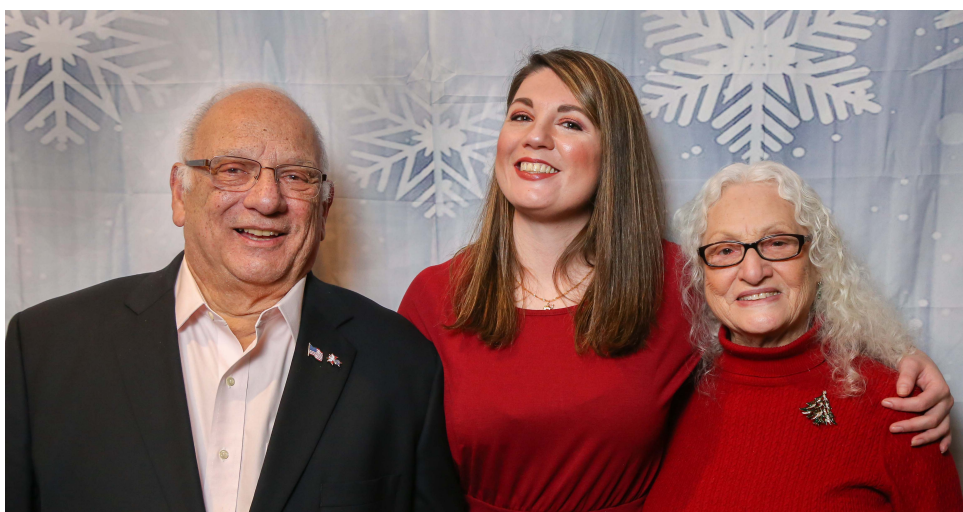


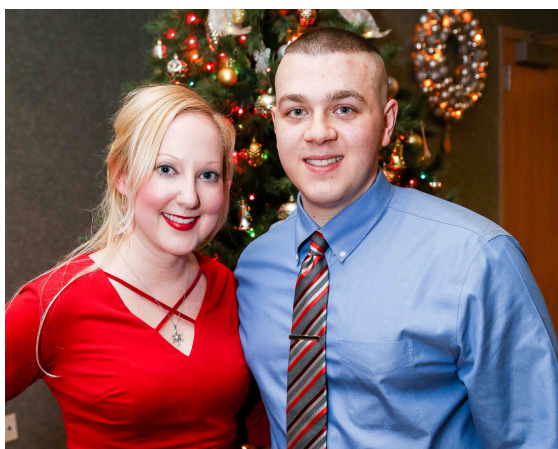
<https://www.longislandprep.org>



HCFAS 2018 Holiday Party







BASICS – January 2019
Preparatory
By Mark W. Brenner

Happy New Year! The new year is a time for resolutions for personal improvement, and for many, a time to organize personal effects while putting away the holiday decorations. As a matter of fact, as I write this column, my wife is out purchasing plastic bins in that we will use to do some January reorganizing.

To that end I wish to highlight the need for BASICS in all that we do as EMS providers. ON Monday, January 14, 2019, immediately following the General Membership Meeting I will be offering a Non-Core CME for the members of HCFAS. The class will be two parts:

Part 1 will be a one-hour class on the parts of the Public Health Law that pertain to Emergency Medical Services and a slide show of detailing “a number of errors” that have been spotted when doing ambulance check-outs.

Part 2 will be a “laboratory session”. Every member who wishes to earn two hours of Non-Core CME credit MUST attend the classroom session and then perform either an ambulance check-out on the third, fourth, fifth or sixth due ambulances or an ALS check-out on the third through sixth due ambulance. This additional check-out is in addition to the required check-out of the first or second due ambulance and/or fly car.

This additional ambulance check **cannot be done as a team approach** (four members getting credit for one check-out.) Additionally, in order to earn credit a full-ambulance check-out must be performed. Members will have up to and including February 14, 2019 to complete this lab requirement.

What will this accomplish?

1. Members will be able to earn two hours of Non-Core CME credit in the Preparatory category.
2. The ambulances will be better prepared for responses.
3. By doing additional check-outs we can change our habits as operational members.

Additionally, I am working on a date in January for BLS Core CME: Trauma which will be sponsored by Suffolk County EMS. Watch for a posting on the REMSCO website. And as always you must register for the course via Suffolk County EMS by telephone or e-mail. Walk-ins will not be permitted. And please be mindful to park in the commuter lot.

January

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Lori Bennett		Anum Mahmood	Karen Browne	Andrew Taylor
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rich Rudolph, Ali Russo & Kevin Schwartz	Elizabeth Steenson & Philip Schmidt				Paul Mori	Jaclyn Rittershaus
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Steeven Jean		Will Cohn, Emily Schaffert & Sean Harkins	Melissa Flores & Michele Miller		Tom O'Leary	Danielle Raynor
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Jill Decker & Erica Alicea	Annette Hershkowitz	Chris Roulo		Al Szigethy & Bency Jean-Baptiste		Evelyn Cruise, Kevin McCann & Rodriguens Gabriel
27	28	29	30	31		
Susan Seibel	Jennifer Ladd	Sue Manning	Andrea Golinsky			