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President's Report- Seth Fischer

Happy July, hope everyone is enjoying the summer!

A tremendous thank you to all of our members, as we are running on all cylinders and doing extraordinarily well.

From a billing perspective, over the last few months we have seen an uptick in comprehensive narratives and fully documented PCR's, leading to an increase in our billing revenue. Special thanks goes to our Second Deputy Ryane Como leading the charge with her team for perfection.

Our new ambulance is in New York, and should be in-house within the next month. Special thanks goes to our Treasurer Brian Canty, Third Deputy David Kaufman, and Bernard Poole for getting this done. It is not as easy as most may think, but our Vehicle Committee stays committed and focused on making this a reality.

This past month the Board approved our 2020 Budget that we will be sending to the Town of Huntington. Special thanks goes to Treasurer Brian Canty, and Fernando Rivadeneira who put in a great deal of time and effort. Very impressive job thank you both for your hard work.

In closing, a huge thanks goes to our Chief. In just 6 months he has made an amazing impact both within and outside our organization. I see consistent smiles and laughter throughout the day, our neighboring departments have nothing but compliments regarding his leadership and collaboration, and we have actually received kudos and thanks from our elected officials from the Town of Huntington. From a Board level, we cannot be more proud of the job he has done, and we are anxious to see what the road ahead brings. He truly is a born leader, who is creating a legacy of greatness.

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

Lastly, a big thanks goes to our members. Please keep up the great work that we continue to do for our Community.

Have a wonderful and safe July 4th, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Squad Picnic on Sunday July 28th!

Seth

Chief's Report - Michael Como

It's hard to believe that with June behind us we are now half way through the year. All of the 2019 operational officers have been going above and beyond to make the squad run as smoothly as possible. I am seeing the same effort from the membership as well. The work we do here at 2 Railroad Street is undoubtedly a team effort and I appreciate everyone's contributions. I can speak for all of the officers when I say that we want everyone's HCFAS experience to be as enjoyable as possible, but we can't address a problem if it hasn't been brought to our attention. With that being said, if anyone is unhappy with anything that is going on or doesn't like the direction we're going in please let me know.

The blood drive in memory of Brian Plante was a huge success. The Plante family was overwhelmed with the turnout and expressed their tremendous gratitude to HCFAS for hosting the event. There were a total of 76 donors during the drive. Thank you to all of you that showed up.

We have a number of parades to look forward to this summer. Sign up sheets are posted in the ready room.

The upcoming parades are as follows:

- Eatons Neck 4th of July Parade - Thursday, July 4th
- Huntington Manor Parade - Wednesday, July 17th
- East Northport Parade - Wednesday, August 7th
- Greenlawn Fireman's Fair Parade - Thursday, August 29th

Also, please remember that the CISM team is a resource that is always available to you through County. At any time (24/7) you can let a Captain or Chief know if you would like the team activated and we immediately set the process in motion.

Thank you for all that you do!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Como, Chief

1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman

We have a lot of standbys coming up and being asked of us. For probationary members if you need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to stand by committee Julia Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

July 11th- HFD Yaphank standby- 1730-2200 full crew needed.

July 16th-20th- HMFD fair standby- 1800-0000- reach out to Julia/check sign up sheet

July 31st-HMFD Yaphank standby- 1745-2200- reach out to Julia/check sign up sheet

Finger reads... Please take a look at your breakdown of shifts and determine if you need any corrections made so you can fill out the finger reader adjustment form. Please remember to punch in and out on the same shift. If you are here for a double and DO NOT need LOSAP points you do not need to punch out between shifts.

Members interested in becoming drivers, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

Laminated certifications... This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please remember this as it is also a state requirement. If you need a copy laminated place in my mailbox with a note stating so! I am only laminating those that ask specifically for it.

Bike team is also looking for new interested members! Contact Keith Rubenstein 631-404-0018 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566.

Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/email me 631-418-5596 or first.deputy@hcfas.org

2nd Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

Review Training / EMT-B In-service Class

The July Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is BLS 12 Lead. Thank you to Jeff Brenner for holding BLS 12 lead in service classes. Thank you to Martha Brenner for posting 12 Lead and CPAP instructions on the bulletin board outside of dispatch.

The due date for June's mandatory compliance review training was June 30th. Thank you to those that completed the training on time.

Please remember that to remain in good standing you must not be missing more than two review trainings.

BLS CPAP training classes are ongoing. We would like to have everyone trained by August 1st before the new BLS protocols come out. Thank you to Liz Mohr, Brian Canty, and Gary Brandel for all of their help holding classes.

ePCR Reminders:

We had a well-attended ESO lecture last month. Thank you to those that joined and asked a lot of great questions. Next month's review training will focus on ESO and proper documentation. If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to me. Any ePCR specific complaints or questions may be directed to epcr@hcfas.org. Remember that we can only work on solutions to problems if you tell us!

With that said, we had our best month with billable PCRs last month. Out of 428 pcrs reviewed only 15 could not be billed due to poor documentation. That is a 90% improvement!! Keep up the great work.

We also had our best month in billing revenue in May. The billing company has relayed that there has been a marked increase in us securing insurance information. Thank you to everyone for their continued diligence with this.

Despite improvement, we are still losing out on significant billing revenue due to missing or inaccurate insurance information, particularly with MVAs. Please remember to get the insurance company name of the vehicle the patient was in. This can easily be obtained by the driver or FA on a call with minimal disruption to patient care. The police officers are happy to provide this information if the patient themselves does not know.

Also, please try to capture a patient's SSN and phone number in case we have obtained insurance information from the hospital that is no longer valid. As always, patient care comes first.

3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman

Greetings Earthlings,

I have a television recommendation for you courtesy of Chief Michael Como. He strongly recommends Star Trek Discovery.

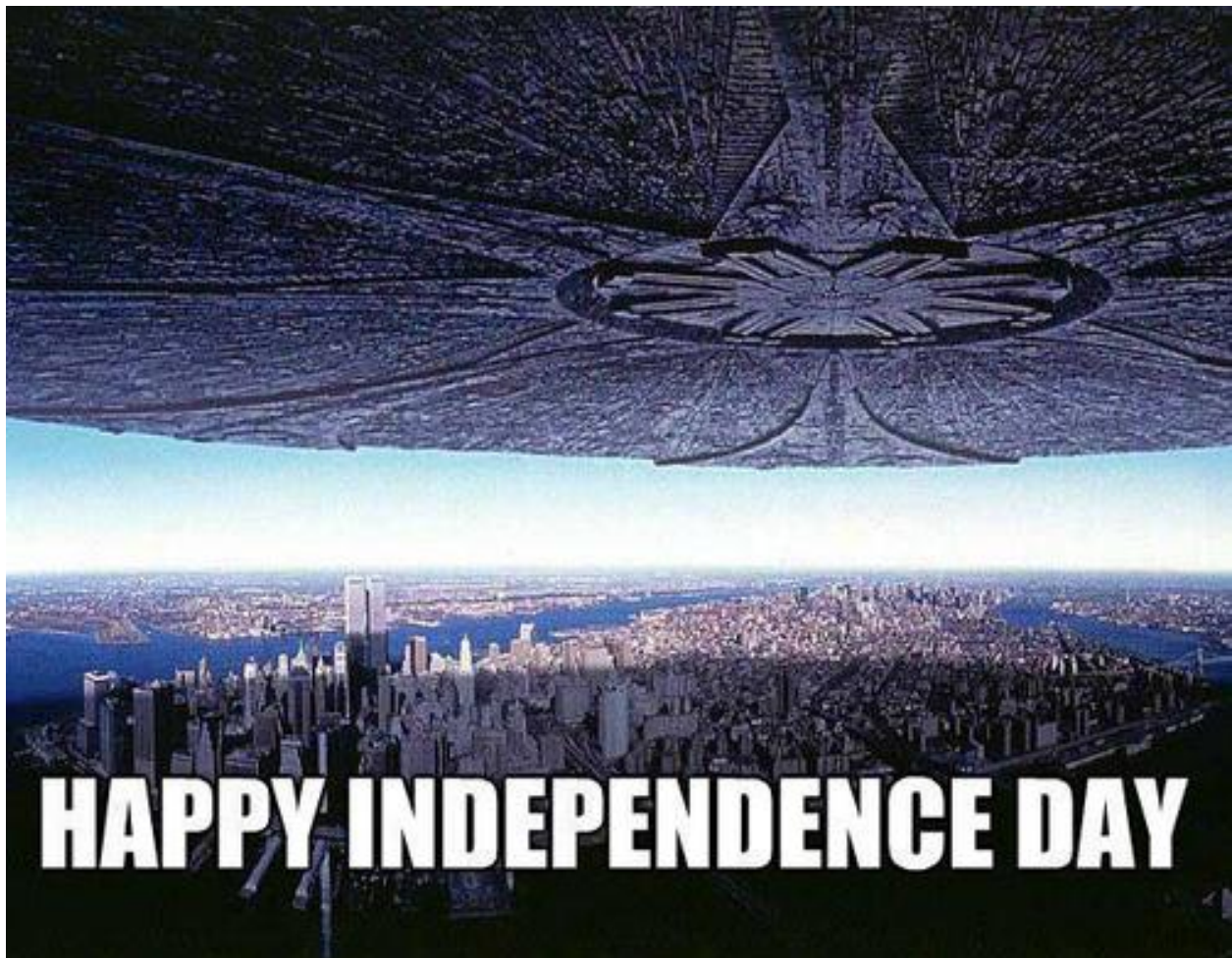
I hope you have a great Independence Day. The movie Independence Day is also a movie, which involves aliens.

Don't forget Stranger Things Season 3 is released on Netflix July 4th. What a great heat wave activity!

Here are some parting words of wisdom.

Never look a gift cat in the mouth.

See you all soon. Thanks for all you do.



Chief Dispatcher - Michael Barker

We are half way through the year, and the dispatch training process continues to do well. Both college students back from ELOA passed their dispatch test expeditiously. The two April / May new members will be taking their test very soon, and the two June new members are ready for Class #2.

Dispatch Basics:

1. If a member does a back-up call, please add "Rescue" next to their name on the personnel list for that call. There is no need to put any other label on that list.
2. If the Medic is dispatched on any call, please put "P" next to the first responder icon in the CAD. If a Critical Care provider goes, add "CC" next to the vehicle they are in. This is true for all calls, not just Charlie / Delta / Echo.
3. If the ambulance does not transport, please click a reason in the "signal" drop-down box: "Call Cancelled, RMA, Unfounded, or Signal 50."
4. If the Medic goes to the hospital, please click "ALS Run Call" from the drop-down menu. If a CC does ALS on any call, also add "ALS Run Call".

Dispatch Clarifications:

1. There is no reason to click "E" to signify that an EMT is on the ambulance. The ambulance cannot leave the building without an EMT of some level aboard.
2. On "signal 9 on a 16 / VIP" calls, the ambulance and responders get a 2 when they first leave the building for their signal 9 location. When they arrive at the signal 9 location, they get the signal 9 time. They get a 21 when (and if) they arrive on scene.

Please do not give the signal 9 time first, and then a later second 2 when they head to the scene. The call MUST start with a signal 2. The incident information will not be correctly transmitted to the ePCR if the signal 9 time is before the signal 2 time.

And yes, before you ask, if the rig(s) simply roll out on the ramp to await clearance, the signal 2 and signal 9 time will be the same. As Carly Simon said: *"That's the way it should be."*

3. If the ambulance transports to a hospital other than our beloved Huntington Hospital, click on the ambulance icon and select the name of the receiving hospital from the Destination / Hospital box.

Thank you for everything that you do. michael

Company 1 – Captain Bill Connolly

SUNDAY

Happy summer everyone! Sunday members have been doing a great job and have been staying on top of their ambulance check-outs and monthly training.

I would like to welcome a new member to Sundays. Aaron Surette is on the 07:00 as a dispatch trainee.

The 11:00, 19:00 and 23:00 shifts need a dispatcher. The 23:00 is in need of a second due crew leader and driver. Enjoy your summer and I will see you at all the parades.

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy

MONDAY

I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start filled with many family adventures and new beginnings.

Last Monday on June 17th the 1900 received a call for an infant cardiac arrest. By God's grace the baby started to cry prior to EMS arrival. Mom had been feeding her baby boy who at the time was 2 days old and the baby turned blue and stopped breathing then pulseless. The mother of baby turned him over and patted his back till he started to cry. I wanted to acknowledge the crew members for their fast response and simply doing a great job. Thank you to Stephanie Caracciolo and John Connors for dispatching, Thank you David Mohr, Karen Martin, George Reeder, Anthony Cambareri and Joel Paul for your quick response and thank you to Mark Brenner and Matt Bessen for also doing such a wonderful job and discovering that the baby had high pitched wheezing otherwise known as Stridor. This little infant was transported to the hospital safely and is doing well. You should all be proud and remember all the good that we all do as volunteers. Everyone plays a part big or small and all those parts count and matter. Thank you again.

We are now entering quarter 3 (07/01-09/30) I know all of Co 2 members have kept up with their hours and now we can start the new quarter off fresh. Please continue to look for coverage if you are not going to be here. Monday still stands at only two 24's for this year thus far and to me that is pretty good considering how busy we are. If you want to come help out the 0700, 1100, 1500 and 2300 need DR's and or CL's for 2nd due crews. I normally post the schedule on our private Facebook page, in addition hang it in the ready room over the mail folders by Friday. I welcome EVERYONE. Please reach out to me if you are ever available to cover these spots.

Be positive and be blessed thanking God for everything.

Kelly Murphy
Monday Day Captain

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

Thank you to all the amazing Tuesday members, Company 8 Members and those who regularly help out on Tuesdays! Welcome back Sean from nursing school, we are happy to have you back on the overnight shift! Congratulations to Zach and Nikki for passing ambulance orientation.

We are always looking for first aiders and a second due driver for the overnight as well as a dispatcher every other overnight. If anyone is available please let me know and I am looking forward to a great summer with everyone!

Liz

Company 4 – Captain Katie Donegan

WEDNESDAY

Happy July! I cannot believe we're already in the second half of 2019! I hope everyone enjoyed a happy Fourth of July. There are many opportunities coming up to spend time with our members, with parades and picnics coming up, and I hope to see so many of you there!

Thank you to everyone who helps out to ensure that Wednesdays have been running smoothly! There's room on Wednesday to help out on almost all shifts but a first due DR is needed on the 1500 and a dispatcher is needed on the overnight, so those are priority! Let me know if you're ever interested in coming down!

Congrats to 1900 member Cindy Cairl on 30 years of service! Your dedication is outstanding!

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer; you deserve it for all you do!

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!

GMM	July 8
Officers Meeting	July 9
BOD Meeting	July 18
HMFD Parade	July 17
HFCAS Picnic	July 28



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

Company 5 – Captain John Mancino

THURSDAY

I want to thank everybody for all the extra hard work they been doing for the first six months of this year, we've done some really amazing things and I know there's great things in our future.

We had our first 24 the second week of June which is pretty incredible that we made it that far and I can only attribute that to the outstanding people on my Thursday shift and all the wonderful people who answer up every time we blow a signal 3.

We have quite a few openings on our shifts especially during the day and the overnight, if you have the opportunity to ride some extra hours I would love to have you.

A lot of people have been very concerned when they don't have a paramedic on the shift. Just remember it's BLS before ALS and without an outstanding BLS provider such as you, ALS is totally useless. When in doubt fall back on your skills and your training and do your best to get the patient to the appropriate medical facility. I know that you all know what to do and I have absolutely no concern that you can get the job done. This agency saves a lot of lives and that can only be attributed to the dedication and the skills that you have.

Have a great rest of your summer, be safe and again thank you for all your hard work and all the effort you give to the squad.

Best Regards,
John Mancino

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

I can't believe we are in July already! I hope everyone had a happy and safe 4th. I am always looking for 2nd due driver on the 0700 and 1100. If you're can help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Tommy Romano #939. President Seth Fisher and Chief Mike Como presented Tommy his life membership badge last month. He was surrounded by his crew and we are all so proud of you. You truly are an amazing person Tommy! Thank you for your dedication and service.

Stay safe and love each other.

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor

SATURDAY

Help is needed on the following shifts:

1900: Permanent Dispatcher

2300: Dispatcher, 1st due CL and DR and 2nd due CL and DR.

I wanted to Congratulation on Kimberly Prestin on completing her Ambulance Orientation and will be starting her ACL, soon.

Thank you to all Company 7 crews, Those that responded on the 3 on 16 Chief Michael Como, Chief David Kaufman, Monday Day Captain Kelly, Tuesday Captain Liz Mohr, Pamala Brenner, Brian Canty, Brian Block, Michael Jacoby, Jake Levinsky, David Villegas, Mary Sisinni, Robert Biersack, Samantha Ryan, Timothy Quigley, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Laura Treulich. I wanted to Thank Chief Jeffery Brenner, Deborah Rudilosso, Gary Brandel.

A special Thank You, Martha Brenner for taking all the pictures and information about our new members.

Notable Calls: none noted

Reminder: ALL EMT'S, Please make sure you have taken either CPAP or BLS 12Lead EKG or both classes. All are required. Please contact:

Please contact Jeffrey Brenner for BLS 12 Lead (EKG) Jeffrey.brenne@gmail.com

Please contact Ryan Como for CPAP at second.deputy@hcfas.org.

If you need a CPR Cards. Chairperson Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible, to get in a class. MICHAEL JACOBY (michaeljacobymph@yahoo.com).

Saturday continues to need help throughout the day, especially the overnight. If anyone is ever available to help out, please let me know. Again, thank you, all. Be safe 🕶️

Andrew Taylor
Saturday Captain
Personal cell:631-896-3284
BLS CPR/AED INSTRUCTOR
saturday.captain@hcfas.org

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 1st – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be received by August 1, 2019 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 1, 2019 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.

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 June 2019 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 \$2,735.
- 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 up to 120 lifetime credit hours (Bachelor’s Degree) (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours and limitation due to prior credit hours earned).
- The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Fall Semester is October 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.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz (cont'd)

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Reminder to review and update your beneficiary(s) especially if you went through any life changes, such as marriages, divorce, death or birth of loved ones.

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).

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 2017 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you in August 2018.

Register to Vote – Bob Franz

When you register to vote, you become part of a larger group with the same EMS concerns and interests. Together we can make our voices heard at the ballot box.

New York State Voter Registration forms are available on top of the mail folder cabinet. To vote in an election, you must mail or deliver this form to the Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than 25 days before the election in which you want to vote.

Member Mail Folders – Bob Franz

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.

HOCPR Committee- Kathy Castillo, Chair

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out wit Hope Day, the open house, and the youth group at St. Hughs. We have been doing an amazing job training our community.

We also have recruited some potential new Post and adult members. If you are interested in joining our awesome team, please reach out to Kelly Murphy or myself.

On a side note, we lost 2 mini Annies during the open house. If anyone borrowed them or know where they are, please let me know.

50th Anniversary Committee- Martha Brenner, Chair

There are 5 Blue 50th Anniversary hoodies remaining. If you are off probation and did not receive one I have these remaining:

2 medium

2 large

1 x-large

Test or email me with the size you would like.

Martha Brenner

631-432-4958

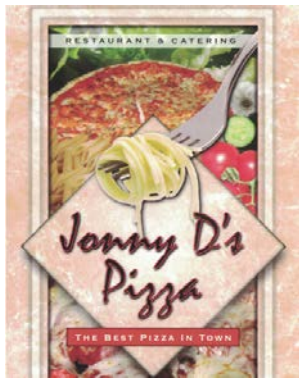
marthabrenner236@gmail.com



HELP NEEDED! A new committee is being formed to create a "NEW MEMBER HANDBOOK". There is so much that a new member needs to learn during the first weeks/months of membership. We have never had a single source location for a member, new or seasoned to go to with questions. We can't expect our officers to have all the answers! I am looking for several new members to join in. Those of you who are newest are the best source of what questions you have and how we can better prepare you during your first year at HCFAS. It would also be great to have some seasoned members, particularly past captains who are always at the front line of providing information. This committee will require only one or two meetings; most of our work will be done by email. If you would like to join or if you have some questions before you commit please call, text or email me at: marthabrenner236@gmail.com 631-432-4958.

Squad Discounts- Director David Mohr

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



Jonny D's Pizza

946 New York Avenue

631-385-4444

15% Discount

Show Squad
Membership Card



15% Discount

Show Squad Membership Card



**15%
Discount**

Show Squad
Membership Card



10% Discount

Show Squad Membership Card

Picnic Announcement- Special Events Committee Chair Brian Canty



HCFAS Annual Picnic

Date: July 28, 2019 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 12:00 noon til 4pm (Food is served until 3pm)



**331 Mt. Misery Rd
Melville, New
York 1747**



Facilities include:

- Pools
- Soccer & Softball fields
- Basketball
- Tennis Courts
- Floor Hockey Rinks



Please sign up in ready room or on the web.

Please read the Below protocols.

IX. Protocols

A. Social Committee Protocols

3. Squad Picnic

The Squad Picnic is a special thank-you event for the families and loved ones from whom so much time is taken away. The following are entitled to attend.

- Squad members may bring their children, plus their parents/guardians and any siblings if they live at home with them, and one guest.
- Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the Social Committee and require a fee to be determined by the Social Committee Chairperson and approved by the Board of Directors to offset the additional cost to the Squad.

All Squad members must sign up prior to the deadline with the appropriate number of guests attending. Squad members and their guests below the New York State legal drinking age are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages under any circumstances.

Please be advised that the Picnic falls within the Article IX - Protocols Section 1 - Social Committee Protocols, 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 Period 12/28/2018 — 6/28/2019, and must have completed at least 4 Review Trainings.

New Member Spotlight- Martha Brenner

CYDNEY BROWN # 1556

Saturday 1100 Cydney was graduated from Cold Spring Harbor High School this spring. She will be attending Tulane University in New Orleans this fall. She has joined us under the college student program that requires extra shifts when the student is at home. Cydney is a past volunteer at Huntington Hospital. She became aware of us through our own Robin Smiles! Cydney is one of four siblings, 1 boy and 3 girls, along with 3 dogs this is a full house! In her leisure time Cydney likes to read and play tennis.



MACKENZIE O'BRIEN #1559

Sunday 2300 Mackenzie has recently graduated from SUNY Farmingdale with a business degree. While exploring his future options he is working at WPW Growers. Mackenzie is considering a future in the medical field and felt that an EMT certification would be a good first step. He learned about HCFAS by a chance conversation with our own Brian Canty! Mackenzie is a graduate of Walt Whitman High School and is the youngest of 4 boys.

AARON SURETTE #1560

Sunday 0700 Aaron is another of our long list of legacy members; he is the grandson of Rich Gierbolini member #1124. Aaron has moved back to Huntington after living in: Maine, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina and Colorado! Wow! Aaron spent some time in culinary school before another move forced him to withdraw. He now plans to return to school seeking a chemistry degree. As Aaron's grandfather is a permanent dispatcher it is likely that Aaron will sail through this training as he has a tutor at home!





HOPE Day Community Festival 2019 June 1st

Manor Field Park

all event
photos
courtesy of
Tony Cruz



On June 1st 2019, HCFAS and Huntington Hospital conducted a MCI drill along with their aviation unit. It was coordinated by 2nd Deputy Chief Ryane Como and Executive Director Nick Fitterman. These drills are conducted to improve our skills and communication to work better as a team. Thank you all who participated.

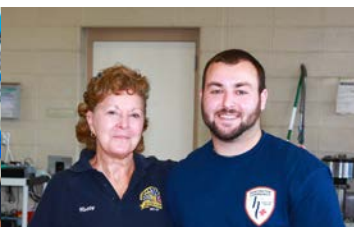
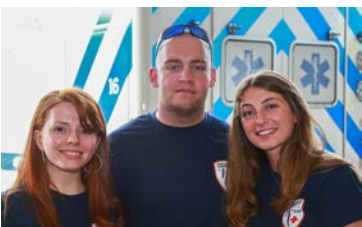




2019 HCFAS Open House

June 2nd

Thank you to
the HCFAS
Members and
Explorers for
making the
event
enjoyable
and
informative
for the
community!
We had a
TREMENDOUS
turnout and a
wonderful
day!



Public Relations- Andrea Golinsky PIO

HCFAS participated in the “Touch a Truck “ event held at the South Huntington Public Library, Saturday, June 22nd. It was a beautiful day (no rain) and there was a good crowd that came to look at the various trucks on display. Several Town of Huntington trucks were there including a dump truck – with a very loud air horn, a pay loader and a plow. There was a military Hummer and SCPD cars. Huntington Manor brought a fire truck and the ASPCA had rescue dogs there to be petted. HCFAS brought 2-15-19. Little kids , and some big ones, got a chance to go in and see what the ambulance has on board. A very popular display was the power stretcher. Thank you to Dominic Heavey for driving the rig and operating the stretcher. About 100 children got a chance to go in the ambulance and their parents asked some interesting questions. A good opportunity to let the public know what we do.



BASICS – July 2019
Trauma Notification and NEW BLS Protocols
By Mark W. Benner, CIC, RF

The last couple of weekends in May saw some warmer weather and a blossoming of trauma calls. We have reviewed choosing the right destination hospital for our trauma patients. Now, let's review what we need to do while we're enroute to the hospital and when we arrive.

1. When giving a trauma note to the destination hospital, we should strive to give it with at least _____ minutes of advance notice.
 - a. 5 minutes
 - b. 10 minutes
 - c. 15 minutes
 - d. 30 minutes
2. We should notify the hospital of the following information regarding our trauma patient EXCEPT:
 - a. Patient's age and gender
 - b. Patient's weight
 - c. ETA
 - d. CDC Box 1 or 2 criteria
3. Once we arrive with our trauma patient, we should use this format to make our bedside presentation:
 - a. MVA-CVA
 - b. MVIT
 - c. MCATS
 - d. MBLHT
4. What does the M stand for?
 - a. Mechanism of Injury
 - b. Detail description of the Most Severe Injury
 - c. Paint a Mental Picture of the scene for the ER doctor
 - d. None of the above
5. Which vital signs do you report?
 - a. Lowest blood pressure/highest pulse
 - b. Highest blood pressure/highest pulse
 - c. GCS/pupils
 - d. Both a and c
6. After vital signs you would next report:
7. The "T" represents?
 - a. Treatments
 - b. Time of dispatch
 - c. Timing (or duration) since injury?
 - d. Both a and c

ANSWERS: 1c, 2c, 3b, 4a, 5d, 6 Interventions, 7C

Coming August 1, 2019 - New BLS Protocols

Although the protocols have been approved and are posted on the State website, the educational component to prepare providers for these has not yet been set-forth. There may be an on-line course, or it might be left to the regions for training to transition to the new standards. The good news is that if

Suffolk County is tasked with this, the county has already used an on-line platform to in-service ALS providers to their last protocol update. More to come.

But for now, here are some highlights:

The protocols have new categories:

Extremis/Cardiac Arrest Protocol includes:

- Obvious Death

The General Adult and Pediatrics Medical Protocols include:

- CO exposure
- Sepsis/septic shock
- Technology Assisted Children
- Total Artificial Heart
- Ventricular Assist Device

The Trauma Category includes:

- Avulsed Tooth
- Patella Dislocation

If you wish to learn more, click this link to be directed to the upcoming New York State EMS BLS Protocols. All providers are encouraged to view them.

https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/docs/bls_protocols.pdf

There are still some openings in the daytime BLS Core Content CME refresher being held at the Squad during the week of July 15. Call Suffolk County today to register 631-852-5080. Walk-ins will not be allowed.

The classes have been capped at 30 to allow for parking in our lot. Duty crews – thank you for your understanding.

July 15, 2019 (Monday: 9:00am – 12:00pm)

Class 1 – Preparatory, EMS Operations, Special Needs Patients (3 hours) 9am to 12pm

July 16, 2019 (Tuesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm)

Class 2 – Airway, Respiratory (3 hours) 9am to 12pm

Class 3 – Patient Assessment (3 hours) 1pm to 4pm

July 17, 2019 (Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm)

Class 4 – Pharmacology, Med. Admin., Emergency Meds., Cardiology, and Shock & Resuscitation (3 hours) 9am to 12pm

Class 5 – Immunology, Toxicology, Endocrine, Neurology, Psychiatric
(3 hours) 1pm to 4pm

July 18, 2019 (Thursday: 9:00am – 5:00pm)

Class 6 – Abdominal, Geni-Renal, GI, Hematology (3 hours) 9 am to 12pm

Class 7 – Geriatrics, Obstetrics, Neonate, and Pediatrics (4 hours)
1pm to 5pm

July 19, 2019 (Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm)

Class 8 – Trauma (4 hours) 9 am to 1pm

To register: Call Suffolk County EMS 631-852-5080.

These may be taken as a course or any session individually.

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Fernando Rivadeneira & John Domanick	Israel Cortes		Bob Franz & Mark Brenner	Josephine Cunningham	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Paul Terenzi	Tom Curry, Claire Tesoriero & Liz Wuestman	Marty LoCascio & Jim Mallilo		Keith Tetrault & Ali Alveoli		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bazeel Walters, Susie Martin & Eric Nazinitsky	Betty Wood, Tom D'Antonio & Sara Manning		Justin Cook	Tommy Romano, Gary Brandel & Bridget Kennedy	Ann Schwartz	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Leslie Wissner, Nicole Calderone & Matt Valle		Julia Vodopia			Eileen Burns	
28	29	30	31			
Jeff O'Neill						