

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
May 2025 General Membership Meeting
Date: May 12, 2025

Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

President Henry Waldron	PRESENT	Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Vice President Eric Kramer	PRESENT	First Deputy Chief	N/A
Secretary Lehti Laas	PRESENT	Second Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Treasurer Elizabeth Wood	PRESENT	Third Deputy Chief Matthew Philips	ABSENT
Brian Canty	ABSENT	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	ABSENT	Tuesday Co. 3 Capt. Sheon Bacchus	PRESENT
		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 May 12, 2025 General Membership Meeting.

The Meeting will come to order at 1930 hours

Acting Secretary Christine Tedone reported to President Henry Waldron that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 56).

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Henry Waldron – Please take a moment to remember all of those who are serving in our armed forces and for those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our country.

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.

Get Well Wishes, Condolences and Prayers:

Get Well wishes are being sent to James Barkocy. He is getting better. Our thoughts and prayers will remain with James for a complete recovery.

Our deepest condolences are being sent to Karen Martin Mohr's #1116 (Mother) and David Mohr's #748 (Mother-in-Law), Pauline Hallinan. Our thoughts and prayers will remain with Karen and David and their family during this difficult time.

Motion made by Roger Winter and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to change the order of business for SOP Change #06-2025All in Favor

John Palmieri informed the membership that since SOP Change #06-2025 was not published in the April 2025 Pulse, we cannot have a vote. It is necessary for an official publication of notice prior to the membership voting.

Roger Winter Withdraws his Motion to change the Order of Business in lieu of the foregoing.

Secretary Lehti Laas was granted permission by President Henry Waldron to call into the May 2025 General Membership meeting via phone in lieu of her active out of State FEMA Deployment. Lehti was present at the meeting via speaker phone. Welcome Lehti!

President Henry Waldron – Report Posted

Acting Secretary’s Report – Christine Tedone

The April 14, 2025 Minutes will be presented at the June 2023 General Membership Meeting for acceptance and approval.

Treasurer’s Report – Elizabeth Wood – Report Posted

Dates: April 11 to May 14, 2025

HCAD CDJ 80 checks and 11 Direct Debits Total \$ 145,161.14

HCFAS CDJ 0 checks and 1 Direct Debits Total \$ 2,507.65

Transfers:

From M & T to TOH \$ 228,554.47 on 5/12/25

From TOH to HCFAS \$ 158,202.75 on 4/26/25

Chief’s Report – Dominic Heavey – Report Posted

First Deputy Chief – Vote Pending for First Deputy Chief - No Report Available

Second Deputy Chief – Keith Rubenstein – Absent – Report Posted

Hello All,

Upcoming CMA on May 27th at 1900 hours on Cardiology, Shock and Resuscitation at our HCFAS HQ. Please register online.

At the last board meeting the Board approved the use of Ladder Suite app. Please download the app from either App Store for Apple or the play store of Android it is called Ladder Suite. Once downloaded please create a new profile and our access code is 2150. This app will be used to check vehicles as well as for getting calls and you will be able to listen to our dispatch frequency. An email will also be going out with all this information today. Any questions or problems please feel free to reach out to me.

The Third Deputy Chief is working with the vendor on installation of the iPads for our vehicles these can be used as mobile dispatch terminals with medcom to reduce radio traffic as well as updated with our cad through Ladder Suite.

Thank you all. As a reminder please allow time for your CME if you have questions about when your cards go down feel free to reach out to me.

Third Deputy Chief – Matthew Philip – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Lily Poplawski

Hi All,

Sorry, I am unable to attend the meeting tonight. Unfortunately, I have to work tonight.

Repairs needed as of 05/01/25:

16 In service - Had an engine coolant leak Mileage: 81589 Miles

17 In service - Overhead Fans replaced Mileage: 24609 Miles

18 In service - Liquid Spring sensors recalibrated Mileage: 52574 Miles

19 In service - Steering Column and Hydroboost repaired Mileage: 84560 Miles

20 In service - OOS Mileage: 87346 Miles

21 In service - Wiper blades changed Mileage: 36450 Miles

25 In service- Mileage: N/A Miles

80 In service - Mileage: 9340 Miles

81 In service - Mileage: 96257 Miles

82 In service - Mileage: 44172 Miles

88 In service - Mileage: 27270 Miles

110 89 In service - Mileage: 105496 Miles

111 Gator In service - Mileage: N/A Miles

112 The new narcotic safes are being added to the ambulances one by one. The new narcotic safes
113 are being added to the vehicles. 16,17,19 and 21 have the new safes in them and 18 will be the
114 next one to go.

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

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

120 **Alarms.....548**

121 **Average calls per day.....17.7**

122 **Signal 24's.....9**

123 **Signal 24% rate.....1.64**

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125 **Signal 24's by Day of Week:**

126 **Sunday.....4 (ytd = 10)**

127 **Monday.....1 (ytd = 06)**

128 **Tuesday.....0 (ytd = 05)**

129 **Wednesday.....2 (ytd = 11)**

130 **Thursday.....2 (ytd = 10)**

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

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

133 **Year to date # Alarms.....2655, an INCREASE of 44 calls, compared to this same time in**
134 **2024.**

135 **Year to date # Signal 24's.....48, an INCREASE of 1, compared to this same time in 2024.**

136 **Year to date Signal 24% rate.....1.80, EQUAL to this same time in 2024.**

137 **Year to date multiple Alarms running.....59.2%**

138 **Year to date average # calls per day.....17.6**

139 **DISPATCHERS - This months teachable moment is...**

140 **82 MEDIC 1**

141 **81 MEDIC 2**

142 Why is this? Why can't it be 81 Medic 1 and 82 Medic 2? Are they trying to confuse us even
143 more? No, we are not. The simple answer is that the 82 VEHICLE contains specialized life
144 saving equipment that the 81 VEHICLE does not. So, that means your 1st Medic will always
145 take the 82 VEHICLE. (ergo...82 Medic) and if your lucky enough to have a 2nd Medic, that
146 Medic will take the 81 VEHICLE. (ergo...81 Medic 2)

147 **What is this specialized equipment? It is known as RSI, or Rapid Sequence Intubation?**

148 RSI is a method of emergency airway management that rapidly induces unresponsiveness using
149 an anesthetic agent and paralysis (using a neuromuscular blocking agent) to facilitate
150 endotracheal intubation (insertion of a breathing tube into the airway) It is used when a Patients
151 airway is at risk of being compromised. (i.e. trauma, cardiac arrest, respiratory failure) just to
152 name a few.

153 Thank you Drivers, Crew Leaders, EMT'S, First Aiders, ALS/Paramedics and Dispatchers for
154 your continued efforts on your response and management of calls! You are all doing a wonderful
155 job!

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157 **Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain James Kelly – Report Posted**

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159 Hey Everybody,

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161 As always, a huge thanks to everybody who's come out to pick up an extra shift on Sunday!

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163 I'll keep it brief tonight. I'm sure you all know we've got quite a few permanent spots to fill,
164 so, if you can grab an extra shift, you would be most welcome to join us.

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166 **1100 Shift : Crew Leader**

167 **1500 Shift : Full Crew**

168 **1900 Shift: Crew Leader and Full Crew**

169 **2300 Shift : Dispatcher, Full Crew**

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171 This Sunday we will also need ALS on all shifts during the day so if any ALS providers are
172 able to join us, that would be most appreciated.

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174 Additional ALS, First Aiders and ACLs are always welcome (especially ALS) so if you can
175 join us, please reach out to me.

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177 I hope everybody is doing well and I hope to see you on Sundays! Stay safe and stay awesome.

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179 Best Regards.

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Lily Poplawski – Report Posted

Hey Everyone - Happy May!

We were able to finish April with 0 24s and we currently have 1 for May from earlier this morning at the time of me writing this. This leaves us with a YTD total of 6.

Thank you to everyone who came down to help the last few weeks: Liz Perro, James Kelly, Barry Winter, Shannon Gore, Eve Pollack, Ryane Como, Alex Bayer, Hank Waldron, Danny Portillo, Steve Zeth, Colin Weigele, Matthew Philip, Bobby Loysch, Melissa Anastos, Carolyn Mullen, Dale Bartolomeo, Brian Canty, John Menard, Patrick Donegan, Andrew Taylor as well as all the hardworking dedicated Company 2 members and many others. Your help is truly appreciated.

Please consider picking some Monday shifts! The following are PERMANENT openings!!! These need help EVERY week on top of vacancies that open up regularly.

1100 Shift: CL/DR

1900 Shift: 2 DRs

2300 Shift: 1st Due DR & 2nd Due DR

Today has been absolutely crazy with calls! Big thank you to the Monday 0700 and 1100 crews and all of our Signal 3 help today to try and get as many calls covered as possible. At some point this morning we had 4 ambulances all on scene and were trying to get out for a 5th alarm. Not many other days in this organization have been able to rally up that many crew, so I applaud all of you for such a great job and hard work. The people of Huntington and myself truly appreciate your dedication and service.

Another CME is being held on TUESDAY, 5/27/2025

Probationary members! Please remember you need 5 meetings and 5 events as well as all RT's to come off probation. Also, if you are looking to start driver training and you are a Company 2 member please come see me.

Please continue to do your checkouts and keep radios on and with you on calls. Keep up the great work!

Thank you all for your consistent hard work and dedication on Mondays. Please be safe and I look forward to seeing you all around at some point! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can reach me at Monday.Captain@hcfas.org or my personal cell 631-374-5663

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Sheon Bacchus – Report Posted

Good Evening HCFAS Members,

Firstly, thanks to all of you who answer up and pick up extra shifts. It is appreciated!

This Tuesday 5/13/2025, we have some needs:

2300 - First Due Full Crew, Second Due ALS

Tuesday permanent shift needs are:

1100 - Second due full crew

1500 - Second due full crew

2300 – Dispatcher, first due driver, first due crew leader, second due full crew

I again stress the need for help on the overnights. We will end up burdening the Surrounding departments with signal 24s.

ACL Preceptors are also needed on the 1100 and 2300 Shifts.

F/A & ACLs are welcome on any shift. Please just email or call me to request to be added to the schedule.

Thanks for all that you do for our community!

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

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for all that they do for HCFAS. Your continued dedication and support are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Ben Curry, Captain James Kelly, Captain Lily Poplawski and Captain Andrew Taylor for helping the last couple of weeks. I truly appreciate it.

Again, this month, we've only had (1)-24. Keep up the great work.

Wednesday's needs are as follows:

0700 - First Aider's,

1100 - First Aider's,

1500 - Full 2nd/3rd due crews,

1900 - 3rd Due Driver

2300 - 2nd Due Crew Leader, full 3rd Due Crew.

Thank you all, once again for all that you do for HCFAS. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Kenney Cadet – Absent - No Report

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Eve Pollack – Report Posted at Meeting

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!

Welcoming Arianna Cuevas (#1765), who will be starting with us this Saturday at 15:00. Congratulations to Andrew Ganley (#1750) on your CPR Save Award.

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, Steven Morrel, Robert Loysch, Jeffrey Brenner, Michael Barker (Dispatching), Paul Bayer, Daniel Fischer, Chelsea Keatley, James Mallilo, John Stevens, Tommy Romano, Michael Jacoby, Andrew Ganley, Joseph Grant, Michael Capostosto, Angie Mata, Steven Benjamin, Dana Silverstein, Dany Portillo, Michael Terry, Jr. Alisha Suhail, Sweta Kumararaja, Nourshine Zaman and Alex Hastava. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

Operational Update – (2) signal 24s on April 19, 2025, between 19:00 and 23:00. These were our third and fourth alarms.

1917: (17-B-4) Israel Cortes (Driver only) and given to Melville. 1917 (2-C-1) - Israel Cortes (Driver only) and given to Halesite FD

We need additional coverage for Dispatcher shifts at 1900 and 2300 shifts, Second Due Crew at 1100, 1500 and 2300 shifts and ALS coverage at 1500 and 1900 shifts.

Happy Birthday Mike!

Delegate & Committee Reports

LOSAP 2024 Points – Robert Franz

The 2024 LOSAP Records List was posted for the mandatory 30 day period in compliance with General Municipal Law and has been returned to the Town of Huntington for further processing.

317 **2025 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz**

318 The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred-dollar (\$500) Squad
319 scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a
320 direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the
321 non-probationary HCFAS member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2025
322 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to Director Bob
323 Franz as of July 1st with the appropriate application form, as supplied by HCFAS, and with the
324 required qualifying evidence. Director Franz will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those
325 applicants are non-probationary Squad members in good standing or family members of non-
326 probationary Squad members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the
327 applicants, who must submit documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point
328 average for the preceding school year. The applicant must have been enrolled for and completed
329 a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (a minimum of two semesters is required)
330 or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2024 scholarship winners are not eligible for
331 the 2025 scholarship drawing. The application form will be included in the June Pulse and is
332 posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter
333 at the Squad. Incomplete applications submitted to Director Franz will be returned and not
334 processed – all required documentation must be attached. All 2025 winners will be precluded
335 from entering the drawing the following year.

336 **LOSAP 2025 Points – Bob Franz**

337 The LOSAP point committee puts incomplete submitted LOSAP forms for your correction in a
338 basket on the mail folders counter top. Please check this basket and immediately, make any
339 required corrections and return the form to the LOSAP point committee. Please use the proper
340 LOSAP form and enter the required information in a legible manner. All Finger Read
341 Adjustments must be submitted to your Day Captain for correction within 30 days of the event.

342 **Grants, Affordable Housing / Rentals – Bob Franz**

343 The TOH Supervisor, Ed Smyth, devoted a portion of the TOH May Newsletter “The Liberty” to
344 thank ambulance and fire volunteers for the sacrifices that we make to keep the community safe.
345 A copy of his letter is posted on the bulletin board. Also included in the Liberty is information
346 from the Huntington Community Development Agency regarding buying or rental of affordable
347 housing which is also posted on the bulletin board. A resolution was passed by the TOH Board
348 that gives preference to first responders on the Town’s affordable housing registry. I suggest that
349 members read the Liberty on the TOH website. Other affordable housing opportunities that come
350 to the Squad’s attention will be posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Louis Dell by email,
351 LouisDell88@gmail.com if you have any questions or if an affordable housing opportunity
352 comes to your attention.

353 **Mets Baseball Raffle – Bob Franz**

354 Tonight, we will raffle two sets of two tickets each to the Washington vs NY Mets game on

355 Wednesday, 6/11/25 at 7:10 PM courtesy of our insurance broker Hubbinette Cowell Associates.

356 **Golf Outing July 9th Raffle – Bob Franz**

357 At the June meeting, we will draw four names for a foursome at the Hubbinette & Cowell
358 Associates 40th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday July 9th at the Hamlet Wind Watch Golf
359 Club (8am shotgun followed by brunch and awards). Brian Canty will post a sign-up sheet.

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

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363 **Building Committee – Roger Winter** – The ALS Safes are being worked on. The Ambulances
364 need to go to Proliner. Only one ambulance can go at a time. This is an ongoing process.

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366 **CME Committee – Pamela Brenner By Mark Brenner – BLS Core CME – Class #4 Shock**
367 **and Resuscitation – Instructor Mark Brenner** - Tuesday, May 27th from 7:00 – 11:00 PM at
368 HCFAS HQ. Call SCEMS at 631-852-5080 to register. Non - EMTs are welcome.

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370 **BLS Core CME Rapid Refresher – Instructor Mark Brenner** - Monday, July 14th, Friday,
371 until July 18th 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM at HCFAS HQ. Watch for further information including
372 how to register.

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374 **Driver Training Committee – Jeffrey Brenner & Dominic Heavey** – It is Summer time,
375 so please be extra careful when driving. Also, remember to report any and all accidents and
376 the proper paperwork must be completed in the event of an accident. . If anyone is interested
377 in becoming a Driver, please place a copy of your NYSDL in the Driver Training Committee's
378 mailbox.

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380 **Fund Drive Committee – Joan Florio & Carol Nucci** – As of May 8, 2025 the total amount
381 of \$46,116.63 in donations has been received.

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

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385 **Stand-By Committee – Kenney Cadet, Peyton Kalb & Suzanne Philip** - Please look for sign-
386 up sheets posted in the ready room. If you are available to help us out please sign up. Your help
387 is always appreciated. Thank you.

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389 **In Closing:**

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391 Has everyone fingered in?

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393 **Thank you to those who have helped prepare tonight's dinner:**

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395 **Social and Kitchen Committees:** A Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Kevin McCann, Angie
396 Kalodoukas, Carol Nucci, Joann Cunningham, Christy Stiles and Claire Tesoriero

New Business:

Seth Fischer – Voiced his concerns regarding Signal 24's coming from the Family Dollar Store parking lot where there is a large homeless population. The Family Dollar is located in our jurisdiction. He spoke to the Second Precinct about his concerns with the high call volume. President Waldron commented that we will be compensated for the work that we do and that we will continue to respond to calls at that location. Further discussions were held in open forum.

Kevin McCann – The Annual HCFAS Open House Event will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025 commencing at 9:00 AM. All members are welcome to attend.

Mary Sisinni – If an on duty Dispatcher requests that an Ambulance repeat an on the air transmission, please comply with the Dispatcher's request to repeat. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Henry Waldron – President – Walked the floor during the meeting and encouraged all members to speak. He stated that all comments, opinions and thoughts are encouraged and welcomed and this will be the only opportunity that will you get to voice your concerns. So, speak up and don't be shy.

Elizabeth Wood (Treasurer) - Motion by Betty Wood seconded by Eric Kramer to approve the purchase of up to 350 gifts for all HCFAS members (including Inactive Life Members) in honor of EMS Week. Committee Chair and Coordinator is Friday Captain Eve Pollack. The BOD approved motion unanimously via email vote 4-27-25. Total amount NTE \$6000 - HCFAS Funds – Betty thanked Day Captain Eve Pollack for her assistance and efforts in obtaining the EMS Week gifts.

Old Business: None

Various Raffles:

Cheesecake Factory Gift Card \$25.00 – Mary Winter

Lowe's Gift Card \$25.00 – Eve Pollack

Old Navy Gift Card \$25.00 – Carolyn Mullen

Target Gift Card \$25.00 – Solange Beltre

Fishing Trip with Captain Barry Winter – Michael Como

Bottle of Wine – James Kelly

Bottle of Wine – Keith Davis

Mets Tickets with Parking – Tim Quigley

Mets Tickets NO Parking – Andrew Ganley

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 56, Probationary Members 3, Total: 59

Motion made by Mark Brenner and seconded by Robert Franz to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2021 hours.

.....Motion Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Assistant Secretary

Lehti A. Laas

Secretary

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