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Happy Spring to all...

I will continue to ask everyone throughout the year to please speak up, and let myself or our Board of Directors know if you think we need something that would be of value add to HCFAS, or if something needs to be changed to improve our volunteer experience. I am going to provide two examples of concerns that were vocalized, collaboration to put sequence of events in place, and now we have results. When we operate as a team, we get results as a team.

1. The Town of Huntington has voted unanimously and approved the two traffic signals to go up in front of our building. Our dispatchers will activate stop signals on these lights when our ambulances are exiting headquarters to alarms, and returning from the hospital to back into our garage. The safety of our members, and the safety of our residents is paramount and always will be, therefore this was the action that had to be taken. This took a lot of work, as there were many moving parts of this initiative, and we are thrilled with the results. Special thanks to Carol Nucci, Bob Biersack, John Palmieri, Chief Como, Chief Dispatcher Barker, Robert Franz, and David Mohr. Thank you!
2. Our Kitchen Committee felt as if they were not a part of the first 30-45 opening minutes of our GMM's because they could not hear, since there were no speakers in the Kitchen. Here are a group of phenomenal members, who just cooked an unbelievable meal, who are now cleaning up, that could not be a part of our GMM. Without members of this Committee telling me this was the situation, unfortunately I would have never known. That said, there is now a speaker in the Kitchen, and Bob, Angie, Lisa, Christy, Carol, and Greg can now hear my beautiful voice. Thank you guys very much for sharing this information. Special thanks to Brian Canty for getting this done. greatly appreciated.

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

Please vocalize to the right people how we can help as this is what we are here for.

In closing, I would like to send my condolences to our family and friends. Over the last few months, members of our family and extended families have dealt with extreme heartache and pain. I use the word "family" because that is what we are to one another. Dysfunctional, yes, but at the end of the day we are family. I am writing this because I have seen our members step up for one another to simply let them know you care and that you are here for them. When we bury a loved one, those days are the absolute hardest, but it is the days and the months that follow that we truly need our family by our side more than ever. I have personally seen extreme love and support since the beginning of the year, and it is truly inspiring and amazing. As crazy as we all are, it is a truly a blessing that life has taken each of us down this path, where we can play these roles in each other's lives.

Keep up the great work, and continue to be the best group of volunteers!

Seth

Chief's Report - Michael Como

The well-being of our membership is something that is very important to me. If at any time you feel that you or your crew can benefit from the CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) team, please let an officer know. Last month a CISM Team came to headquarters to do a session on grief, I personally found the meeting to be very helpful. At the request of a Chief Officer, a critical incident stress debriefing can be arranged 24/7. The team can be activated immediately and can even come directly to a scene or to HQ following a call if needed. More information can be found in this issue of The Pulse.

This year's NY State EMS Memorial Induction Ceremony will occur on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 on the grounds of the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Seven EMS providers that have given their life in the line of duty will be honored this year, including William Ryan, the father of HCFAS member Michaela Ryan (1537). If you are able to attend the ceremony, please sign up in the ready room.

EMS Week will be taking place from May 19th to May 25th. This year's theme is "EMS Strong: Beyond the Call". In addition to providing excellent patient care, EMS providers also care for the community and their fellow EMS providers. This theme of caring for our community and each other is alive and well at our agency. I sincerely thank you for all you do for our department and the community we serve.

1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman

We are nearly half way through quarter two! With that being said please take a look at where you stand on hours for the quarter. Staying late, coming in early or covering an additional shift is a great way to make up hours and stay ahead of schedule. With warmer weather approaching the call volume will increase so our community appreciates any extra time you have to spare.

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.

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

Keep up the hard work, this has been a great year so far and I look forward to seeing where we end up! 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 May Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is CPAP as over the next few months we will be holding in-service training for BLS CPAP. Gary Brandel (EMT-CC, Company 7) has taken on this task as lead trainer. Brian Canty, Liz Mohr and I will be assisting as trainers.

BLS CPAP has been implemented in Suffolk County as a BLS skill and will be included in the upcoming revised BLS protocols. All EMT-B crew leaders will be required to take the class to continue riding. Once the class is completed, EMTs may use the skill immediately. An audit form is required to be sent to County within 24 hours after every use.

The in-service class is approximately 3 hours long. We have adapted the slide show for the class into video format so that everyone may view it and take a pre-test to ensure an understanding prior to the class. Thank you to Brian Canty for posting the video.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the ready room for classes at different times to try to accommodate everyone's already very busy schedules. You must complete the review training prior to attending.

If you have taken the CPAP at another agency, please forward me a copy of your completion forms.

Although this training is focused on BLS providers, it is a great refresher for ALS providers.

Upcoming CME Opportunities

- Thursday May 9th 1900: Colby Rowe (SBH) and SCPD Marine Bureau Sargent John Vahey "Watercraft Trauma" (2 hours "Operations" non-core CME credit)
- Friday May 24th 1900: Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) "Compassion Fatigue Education and Prevention for First Responders" (2 hour "Preparatory" non-core CME credit) **please register through the county website**
- July 2019 BLS Core Refresher with Mark Brenner **MUST register through county**

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

ePCR Reminders:

Please remember to collect insurance information from patients. If they do not have their cards, check at the hospital (on their chart or at registration). For MVAs, be sure to get the automobile insurance information for the car the patient was in OR if a pedestrian, the car that struck them. If you are unable to secure insurance information, please do your best to get a valid address and phone number so that the billing company can search for information.

On the signatures page, the third option (patient unable to sign) should only be completed if the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing. Valid reasons are that they are unconscious, restrained, or AMS. A valid reason is not that they are with the nursing staff or that they are in the bathroom. Try to obtain the signature of a non-emergent patient while en route to the hospital or immediately upon transfer to the hospital bed. In all cases, patient care is always paramount.

3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman

Hello members,

Happy mother's day to everyone .

Let me start off with saying thank you to the the vehicle maintenance committee and supply committees. You all have been off to an excellent start this year. Bernard Poole went through quite an effort to get 16's heavy truck inspection done. Kristen has been continuing to work on the bag project. Please make her or me aware of any feedback you have.

Mike Capotoso and Jordan Drelich were extremely helpful at the work detail, assisting me in ensuring the loaner ambulance meets Part 800 requirements, and going through the gator and 25 looking for any issues. Eric Nazinitsky and Andrew Taylor helped with the initial stocking of the borrowed 21. It is now in service.

As many of you know we will be getting an emergency vehicle signal. Here's what the FHWA Manual for Uniform Transportation Control Devices has to say about such signals:

"Section 4F.03 Operation of Emergency-Vehicle Traffic Control Signals

Standard:

Right-of-way for emergency vehicles at signalized locations operating in the steady (stop-and-go) mode shall be obtained as specified in [Section 4D.13](#).

3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman (cont'd)

As a minimum, the signal indications, sequence, and manner of operation of an emergency-vehicle traffic control signal installed at a midblock location shall be as follows:

- A. The signal indication, between emergency-vehicle actuations, shall be either steady green or flashing yellow. If the flashing yellow signal indication is used instead of the steady green signal indication, it shall be displayed in the normal position of the steady green signal indication, while the red and steady yellow signal indications shall be displayed in their normal positions.
- B. When an emergency vehicle actuation occurs, a steady yellow change interval followed by a steady red interval shall be displayed to traffic on the major street.
- C. A yellow change interval is not required following the green interval for the emergency-vehicle driveway.

Emergency-vehicle traffic control signals located at intersections shall either be operated in the flashing mode between emergency-vehicle actuations (see [Section 4D.12](#)) or be fully or semi-traffic-actuated, to accommodate normal vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the streets.

Warning beacons, if used with an emergency-vehicle traffic control signal, shall be flashed only:

- A. For an appropriate time in advance of and during the steady yellow change interval for the major street; and
- B. During the steady red interval for the major street.

Guidance:

The duration of the red interval for traffic on the major street should be determined by on-site test-run time studies, but should not exceed 1.5 times the time required for the emergency vehicle to clear the path of conflicting vehicles.

Option:

An emergency-vehicle traffic control signal sequence may be initiated manually from a local control point such as a fire station or law enforcement headquarters or from an emergency vehicle equipped for remote operation of the signal."

Source: <https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/HTM/2003/part4/part4f.htm>

Have a great month.

Chief Dispatcher - Michael Barker

As a general rule, the Medic stays in our district. If a crew responds to a signal 24 in another district, the Medic does not respond unless specifically requested. Check with your Captain or a Chief if there is a special situation.

Dispatchers, there is an updated Fire Stand-by policy posted in the dispatch office. The main component is the requirement to send two ambulances to every working fire in the district, while having one crew in the building to handle other calls.

Ambulances should be sent before first responders are utilized - except of course for the Medic. There needs to be ALS at the scene to handle the Cyano kit, which you send on the first ambulance every time.

There is an updated Cyano Kit Response Team list also posted in the dispatch office.

Please read the entire Fire Stand-by Policy the next time you are in dispatch.

If you start a Signal 15 stand-by, please add information in the Description box explaining where the ambulance is going and what it will be doing. The LOSAP Committee needs this information to properly credit members for doing a stand-by.

If the ambulance transports to a hospital other than our beloved Huntington Hospital, please add this information in the Description box. An abnormally long signal 6 time begs the question unless you let us know you responded to Stony Brook or wherever.

When starting a call, look for the red Alert light which when clicked unveils important information that can assist your crew to reach the patient expeditiously. Access gate codes, lock box or hidden keys, hearing difficulties, patients on a ventilator, or warnings about a particular address are important to your crew!

Crews, if you find a situation that warrants adding an Alert code to assist future calls at that location, let us know so we can add them to the CAD.

Finally yet importantly, please do not prop open any doors. The weather may be getting nicer but there is still a \$1000 fine from Homeland Security for open doors.

Thank you for all you do. michael

Company 1 – Captain Bill Connolly

SUNDAY

I would like to thank all the Company 1 members who keep Sundays running smoothly from staying for additional shifts, teaching new members, and demonstrating reliability in any situation. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Congratulations to Julia Vodopia for becoming an EMT, Jaclyn Ritterhaus on completing a Driver training, and Fabrizia Maiello on becoming a Dispatcher. I would like to acknowledge the 07:00 crew who responded on April 14, to a 3 car MVA with 5 patients. Crew members are Sheryl Roach, Tom Schrippa, Fabrizia Maiello, Nancy Barker, Felix Medina, Michael Capotoso, Bill Connolly, Eileen Burns, Jim Barkocy, Alex Mullin(Medic), and Chief Michael Como.

There is help needed on the 11:00 for a dispatcher, 19:00 dispatcher and the 23:00 for a second due crew and a dispatcher.

Regards,
Bill Connolly

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy

MONDAY

I hope you all had a happy Easter/Passover.

Unfortunately, I did not get my April Pulse out to the membership. Please forgive me as my life was super busy. I would like to acknowledge everyone for such a great job on a call we received on March 25th during the 1900 shift. At 2000 hours a Delta call for a high velocity massive injury was received. A 16 YOM accidentally ignited an M80 in his left hand. The pt lost parts of 3 fingers and lots of tissue, along with having shrapnel and bone fragments covering him all over, mostly to his face. First on scene was Jimmy Garside and our paid medic Matthew Bessen who did a wonderful job controlling the bleed, then next to arrive David Mohr, myself, Suzette Crespo, Equislaure Gabriel aka Kiki and our awesome dispatcher Stephanie Caracciolo. This pt was given the best of care to his injuries, along with being kept calm and keeping the parents calm as well. Thank you all for the great work that you do. It is calls like this that make me proud to be a member at HCFAS, with the kindness and compassion shown by these members.

I would like to welcome back ex Captain/member John Connors 1554 to Monday 1900.

Last week Monday was slammed with calls rolling in one on top of the other. During the 0700 a forth call was received causing our first 24 this year. The 1100 shift was hit with 10 calls all of which were covered. Great thanks to all the members who worked so hard on such a crazy day.

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy (cont'd)

MONDAY

I am happy to say thank you to Co 2 members for continually coming in and completing CL /DR check-outs at the start of your duty tour, for restocking after a call and keeping the rigs clean. You are all simply “the best”. Co 8 and those that listen up , you guys rock too!!!

Monday needs help in the following;

0700 1st due CL, 2nd due CL, ALS, FA's

1100 1st due CL/DR, 2nd due CL, ALS, FA

1500 1st due ALS, 2nd due DR/CL, FA

1900 2nd due ALS

2300 1st due ALS, 2nd due CL, ALS and FA.

Please reach out to me if you are ever available to cover these spots.

Be safe and be happy.

Kelly Murphy
Monday Day Captain

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

Way to go Tuesdays!!! We have had such a busy month. Including a week where we had 28 calls in one day, great job to the 0700 shift who handled 11 calls during the shift. Please remember if you are not coming in you need to notify the day captain and find a replacement. When you don't come in you end up making your crews ride short.

We are one Month into the 2nd quarter, please remember to take a look at your hours on SCM and make sure you are up to date. Thank you to everyone who comes in each and every week, it does not go unnoticed. Please remember you have to do checkouts on your shift, it is important to make sure all the equipment is on the ambulance. Also with your checkouts you need to have your credentials on you at all times.

Help is always needed on Tuesdays, 1st and 2nd Due Crew for the 2300, 2nd due Driver for the 0700 and a second due driver or crew leader for the 1500. If anyone is available please let me know. Thank you again for all the hard work.

Company 4 – Captain Katie Donegan

WEDNESDAY

Happy May! Thanks to those who are consistently in helping out and answering on Wednesdays- Bob Biersack, Steven Benjamin, Fiona Witowski, Seth Fischer, Israel Cortes, Hank Waldron, Tom O'Leary, Andrew Guisto, Chief Mike Como, 2nd Deputy Ryane Como, Spencer Newman and many others, I'm sorry if I forgot to mention you. Wednesday could always use help on the 0700, 1100 and 1500 as well as a dispatcher on the overnight. Let me know if you're ever available.

Thank you for all you continue to do!

Company 5 – Captain John Mancino

THURSDAY

Not too much to report this month, everybody's doing a great job and I really appreciate all the people who've been stepping up to help fill the open spots and keep us (Thursday)24 free as of this writing.

If you have some good calls that can help us brag about the great work the agency does and have the opportunity to snap a few photos let me know and I'll get it Facebook page. We currently have more than 700 followers.

Enjoy the spring and stay safe.

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

Happy Spring, finally!! I hope everyone had a Happy Easter, and a Happy Passover. Shout out to all who made the kids Easter egg hunt work perfectly, even though it was a wet day. Thank you!!!

I would like to welcome Katerina Kallerges to the Friday 0700.

Please continue to do your checkouts and keep up with your review training.

I'm looking forward to EMS week, please come join us for the open house.

Stay safe and love each other.

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor

SATURDAY

I wanted to say Congratulations to Lenise Booth 1246 for passing her AEMT.

I wanted to say Congratulations to Jordan Drelich on getting off probation.

Thank you to all Company 7 crews, Those that responded on the 3 on 16: Chief Michael Como, Chief Ryane Como, Chief David Kaufman, Sunday Day-Captain Bill Connelly, Monday Day-Captain Kelly Murphy, Tuesday Day-Captain Liz Mohr, Thursday Day-Captain John Mancino, Chief Jeffrey Brenner, Dispatcher Alexa Aviles, Dispatcher Lauren Aviles, Robert Loysch, Lenise Booth, Bency, Jody, Steven Benjamin, Thomas Curry (T.C), Gary Brandel, Kimberly Prestin, Pam Best and Esteban Lopez, Matthew Valle, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Deborah Rudilloso, Timothy Quigley, Robert Biersack, Andrew Giusto, Paul Bayer, Brian Canty, Christina Denker, Friday 2300 shift: Allison Aievoli, Karl Forsberg, Joseph Grant, Chief Ryane Como, Israel Cortes, Henry Waldron, Thomas Lemp, Jonathan Domanick, Paramedic Eric Nazinitsky.

Thank You to our Paramedic's Matthew Bessen, Hector Feliciano-Nieves and Gregory Pierre and other agency/departments: SCPD Officer James Garside, Huntington Manor Fire Department, Commack Fire Department, Greenlawn Fire Department.

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

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	May 2
GMM	May 13
Officers Meeting	May 14
BOD Meeting	May 16



*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

2019 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2019 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary members or family members of non-probationary members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester (minimum two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2018 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2019 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse on the next page and is posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad.

Incomplete applications submitted to the Secretary will be returned and not processed – all required documentation must be attached.

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 16, 2019. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing will be returned to the Squad and posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President with a copy to the Secretary. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained with supporting documentation, if applicable. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

**Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc.**

2 Railroad Street Huntington Station, NY 11746

Business Number: 421-1263

Fax: 421-0666

Scholarship Application-2019**Deadline July 1, 2019****Applicant's Name:** _____**Applicant's Address:** _____**Home Phone Number:** _____ **Cell** _____ **email** _____**School Attending:** _____**Sponsoring Member's Name:** _____ **#** _____**Sponsoring Member's Address:** __________ **email** _____**REQUIREMENTS:**

-Applicant must be a non-probationary HCFAS Squad Member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary HCFAS Squad Member in good standing. Only one application per applicant will be accepted.

-Applicant must have at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year.

-Applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (minimum of two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school for the preceding year.

- Applicant cannot be a 2018 HCFAS scholarship recipient.

-Deadline: Application and required documents must be received by HCFAS Secretary by July 1, 2019

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

-Completed application.

-Proof of enrollment (academic transcripts) for the preceding year (two semesters) with at least six (6) college credit hours per semester or the equivalent at a vocational school and a 2.0 Grade Point Average for that year.

-Proof that family member applicant resides in the same home as HCFAS Squad Member.

I certify that the information provided is true and correct.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date _____

For Internal Use Only:

I certify that the above applicant or if not the applicant, then sponsoring member is a non-probationary member in good standing in accordance with HCFAS By-Laws/SOPs.

HCFAS Chief's signature: _____ **Date** _____

I certify that the application received meets the requirements:

HCFAS Secretary's signature: _____ **Date** _____

CISM Info from Chief Michael Como

Critical Incident Stress Management

A Chief Officer or his/her designee can arrange for a critical incident stress debriefing by calling the hot line at:

(631) 924-5435

The Suffolk County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team was established in 1984 to provide critical incident debriefing and related services for Suffolk County's emergency response personnel. A critical incident is defined as "an event which negatively impacts the responders in such a way that it interferes with their performance at the scene as well as their overall well-being". Critical incident stress debriefings have been shown to mitigate the effects of a critical incident and to assist emergency response personnel with the healing process. The Team operates a 24-hour-a-day hotline for debriefings and related services.

All requests are handled promptly, often immediately. The Team's services must be requested by the emergency response agency; the Team will not respond to an event or arrange for a debriefing unless it has been requested to do so.

If an individual is having problems of a personal nature, please encourage them to contact the Team. **The Team does not take third party calls; the individual must call the Team.**

Qualified health professionals, assisted by trained peer counselors, (many of which have extensive volunteer experience with their local response agency) conduct all debriefings.

The Team provides the following services:

- *Demobilization:* The Team is called upon to respond to the event location to observe personnel as they perform their duties;
- *Defusing:* The Team speaks to the emergency response personnel before they are dismissed from the event;
- *Debriefing:* The Team meets in a group session with those who participated within 48-72 hours of the event.
- *One-on-one counseling* is also available through the hot line number.

Lobby Updates- Martha Brenner

"DID YOU KNOW" BULLETIN BOARD

I hope you have all noticed the new look of the bulletin board that is to the right outside of the dispatch office. With the enthusiastic support and cooperation of the operational officers I have been posting some general operational information of the things that don't come up often. Most of us can't always remember the details.

Some of what is up there now: what to do after using the AED, who to reach out to for Uniforms/key update/exercise room approval/cyano kit usage, what to do after a potential exposure. Still pending is who to contact for questions/issues with assisted meds.

Any ideas you may have are welcome. Simply email me at marthabrenner236@gmail.com.

HOCPR- Chair Kathy Castillo

We have been asked to do a demo for Assembly of God on NY Ave, June 1st at 11 am. This will be a huge community event and we're hoping to teach as many of our neighbors this life saving skill. We will also be setting up demos for our open house, June 2nd. If you are interested in helping out for either of these events, please reach out to myself, or Monday Captain Kelly Murphy. I'm looking forward to these events!! Hope to see you there!!!

New Member Spotlight- Martha Brenner

Welcome Katherine (Kat) Kellerges #1555 to the Friday 0700!

Kat has known for some time that she wanted to find a volunteer activity. Several years ago her Dad suffered a heart attack (he has fully recovered). She felt helpless to do anything but call 911. She was impressed with the actions of the EMS crew who were calm and efficient. When she learned of HCFAS she decided this was where she would volunteer.

Kat is a freelance "stedicam" operator. Currently she is working on Police Live and the new show Rescue Live. She is a black belt in Brazilian jujitsu and is also learning muay thai that is a bit like kick boxing.

Kat is engaged to be married, date still pending.

Please welcome Kat to our HCFAS family.



Good and Welfare



It is with deep regret that the Board of Directors and Operational Officers announce the passing of Ex-Chief Joseph D'Andrea Sr, Founder and Charter Member #2.

Joe was a Melville fire commissioner and along with several other people within the township he was asked by the town supervisor to develop recommendations on how to solve the problem of having no emergency ambulance service in the town of Huntington. It took over a year of meetings and obtaining information about other organizations, but finally the recommendation was to form a volunteer rescue squad.

The committee then had the task of outlining how the new organization would operate, obtain members, find a location, and raise funds to buy an ambulance. While this work went on, the outline of operations was formed in a revolutionary way by having on-duty crews and allowing women to be active members.

Once Huntington Community First Aid Squad was operational, Joe continued to be an active member for many years. Joe was our first Chief and served in many elected positions including Chief again in 1971, 1972, 1974, Director in 1976, and president in 1980.

The US Flag will be flown at 1/2 staff for 30 days. The Funeral Bunting will be displayed for the entire 30 days also.



It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce the passing of Honorary Chief Gregory Hallinan of Huntington Fire Department, father of member Karen Martin. Please keep Karen and her family in your thoughts during this time of grieving.

It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce the passing of Founding Member Margaret (Colligan #34) Life Member Cornelius, #704 has passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019.

The US Flag will be flown at 1/2 staff for 30 days. The Funeral Bunting will be displayed for the entire 30 days also.



It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors share with you the passing of Active Squad Member Patricia Reciniello (740). Trish served our Squad and our community with distinction and commitment for 33 years. Whether as a Crewleader, Dispatch Trainer, member of the Christmas Holiday Party Committee, or while on duty as a dispatcher, she exemplified that which we all strive to achieve and that is to serve our community with ability and compassion.



Our hearts and prayers go out to Trish's entire family, including her husband Vito, daughter Mary, and son Vito, Jr., (VJ).

The US Flag will be flown at 1/2 staff for 30 days. The Funeral Bunting will be displayed for the entire 30 days also.

It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors share with you the passing of Joan M. Franz sister in law of Past President and current Secretary Robert Franz. Joan was a loving wife of Edward and a devoted mother of Terry. Please keep Bob and family in your thoughts during this time of grieving.



*Hospital Stays and
Child Births*



Pete Nakelski was hospitalized last month. He is home recuperating. Pete is anxious to return to his Fund Drive duties at the Squad. He misses everybody. Calls and emails are appreciated.



Audin Delva's wife Yennifer gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Audin and family are very excited for the new family member. Audin said "When I Said 4th and DONE! That's what I mean! Lollll"



Please keep in your thoughts Mary Jane Woznick. Mary Jane has been out of action for some time and we are sure that she needs calls and visits.



Jim Ingwersen has been again, out of action with some medical issues. Calls visits and emails would be appreciated.

Delivery of the Baby in the Field

Presenter: Robert F Scanlon, Jr. MD, MBA, FACOG

TOPIC: Delivery of the baby in the Field

Points highlighted:

- **Questions to obtain answers to quickly**
 - Is the baby full term
 - Have there been any complications
 - Has there been a prior c-section
 - What has happened to prompt the call
 - Bleeding
 - Painful contractions
 - Water broke
- **One must possess a sound understanding of the normal physiology of childbirth**
 - Typical baby position
 - Function of the placenta
 - Understanding of the baby's "first breath"
- **An awareness of abnormal conditions, or pathophysiology**
 - Malpresentations
 - Breech
 - Transverse
 - Sunny side up
 - Head out, shoulders stuck
 - Cord wrapped around the neck
 - Abnormalities of the placenta
 - Placenta Previa
 - Retained placenta
 - Partial placental separation
 - Infant who struggles to breathe
 - To be continued with a neonatal resuscitation class
- **An understanding of interventions or actions to facilitate normal physiology**
 - Dry, wrap and cut the cord
- **A discussion about abnormalities that cannot be dealt with in the field**
- **A discussion about the importance of clear communications to the accepting facility**
 - Review of the TeamSteps tool called SBAR
 - S- explain the Situation about which you are calling
 - B- give relevant Background information
 - A- let them know your Assessment and any Actions you have taken
 - R- state your Recommendations and await a Reply



Easter / Passover Egg Hunt





BASICS – May 2019
By Mark W. Brenner, CIC
Anaphylaxis

Spring is the time of year when we expect to see patients with a suspected severe allergic reaction as the result of a bee sting (although allergic reactions can occur year-round for a variety of reasons.) After the scene size-up, primary assessment, history and vital signs, we will perform a physical exam consistent with the chief complaint.

So, what kind of physical exam would you perform on a patient with an allergic reaction? Look at the skin. Since it is the largest organ of the body, a rash, hives, urticarial might be prominent. That's if you have gotten past the obvious airway problems typical in anaphylaxis. The tongue might be swollen, and the patient might be unable to swallow and may be drooling. Their lips might be swollen.

If these are present, the patient is having respiratory and circulatory compromise and can then be treated according to the NYS BLS Allergic Reaction Protocol.

Please keep in mind that we are all now trained to use epinephrine with a syringe. The syringe has two markings: an "A" for the adult dosage and a "P" for the pediatric dosage. We would draw-up the dosage appropriate to the patient.

Now, let's review some protocol-driven questions:

1. Which of the following can be a cause of an allergic reaction?
 - a. Shell fish
 - b. Peanuts
 - c. Bee/wasp/insect stings
 - d. All of the above
2. According to the NYS BLS Protocols, what must an allergic reaction patient have in order for the EMT to administer epinephrine via auto injector?
 - a. Respiratory compromise
 - b. Circulatory compromise
 - c. Both a & b.
 - d. None of the above
3. You are attending to a 34 year old man who you suspect is having an allergic reaction from a bee sting. In addition to asking about the history of the present illness, you should also :
 - a. Ask if they have an epi-pen
 - b. History of allergic reactions to bee stings
 - c. If they have initiated any interventions (administered an epi-pen or taken Benadryl)
 - d. All of the above.
4. You respond to a call for a 7 year old female who was stung on the arm by a bee at a town park. She is with a day camp group, has a prescribed Epi-pen, but its back at camp. She is showing swelling to her arms, legs, chest, neck and face. Her tongue is swollen and she is drooling. This 7 year old weighs 52 pounds. You would:
 - a. Transport without delay
 - b. Ask the camp counselor call the camp to have the Epi-pen brought to the park
 - c. Administer an Epi-Pen (0.3 mg)
 - d. Administer an Epi-Pen Jr. (0.15 mg) and transport without further delay

- 5 Based on the above scenario, as you transport, the patient does not improve. Her respirations continue to fall, and her blood pressure is dropping. According to protocol you would:
- Administer another Epi-Pen Jr.
 - Administer an Adult Dose Epi-Pen (0.3 mg) since the Epi-Pen Jr. did not work
 - Contact Medical Control to request another dose of an Epi-Pen Jr.
 - Divert to a Level I Trauma Center

ANSWERS: 1d, 2c, 3d, 4d, 5c

Reminder:

BLS CME Core Refresher July 2019

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2 Railroad Street

Huntington Station, New York 11746

Instructor: Mark Brenner EMT-CC, CIC # 50554

Pre/Co-requisites ICS 100, ICS 700 and HazMat Awareness

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.

May

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			1 Stephanie Cortes	2	3 Nick Oberle	4
5	6 Matt Moran	7 Eric Autz	8 Liz Mohr	9	10 Mary Winter, Lisa Mohr & Mike Allison	11 Bill Connolly & Erik Krisch
12	13 Patty Tufo	14	15 Mary Brenner, Christine Tedone & Lauren Aviles	16 Tom Schirripa	17	18
19 Esteban Lopez	20 Joel Paul & Michaela Ryan	21	22 Kelly Murphy & Audin Delva	23	24	25 Bedel Saget
26 Mike Como	27 Sheryl Burke & Tiffany White	28	29 Casey Stone	30 Sue Otto, Cecilia Melgar & Jake Levinsky	31 Vinny Castillo	