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President's Report- Seth Fischer

Happy May!

Hope all of our Mother's enjoyed their weekend, and had a moment to relax with family and friends.

I am happy to announce our contract with the Town was officially signed and finalized, and we have started to see funding come in. Special thanks to our Board of Directors, and of course Tom Hogan for his help in getting this accomplished.

Please continue to obtain as much information as possible from our patients for billing purposes. This is extremely important. It is also critical that all PCR's are finished at the conclusion of your shift, no excuses please.

The April monthly review training must be completed immediately. Thank you in advance.

While the COVID numbers are on the decline, please continue to follow all protocols.

To our new members, we ask that you join committees within the next 30 days. If you have any questions about a committee please let me know and I can guide you.

Next month our GMM will be at the Larkfield Manor for members only. Details will be coming shortly.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. It is greatly appreciated.

Seth

Chief's Report - David Kaufman

Dear members,

In April we had to say goodbye to another one of our own. It's never easy, especially someone as kind and loved as Joe Nappi. Joe and I spent many hours in the chief's office over the past couple years and I got to know him well. He will be dearly missed. Thank you to everyone who attended Squad services. This is one of the many important things we can do out of respect for our fellow members.

Chiefs Council Scholarship applications are due to me by Wednesday May 19th. They will be submitted the following week. Members and dependents of members attending undergraduate institutions are eligible.

Please remember to submit baby pictures to Julia Vodopia ASAP.

The Town will be providing beach passes to resident members again this year. It will likely be a form on the Town of Huntington website again. I will pass along information as soon as it is available.

On Memorial Day we remember the soldiers of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. Please keep them in your thoughts on this solemn day. Unfortunately, the Town will only be hosting limited services.

EMS week is May 16th to 22nd. Thank you all for everything you do for the community and for each other. I wish everyone a happy Mother's Day as well.

Best regards,
David

1st Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

April was a tough month for HCFAS. My sincerest condolences go out to every member who was lucky enough to know Joe Nappi, especially his close-knit Tuesday 1900 crew. Joe was always genuine and kind and I am honored that I got the chance to know him over the past few years. Thank you to everyone that attended squad services and showed our love and respect for Joe. My condolences also go to Christy Stiles and her family on the loss of her husband, John. Thank you to everyone who attended the wake and showed Christy our support.

Although spring is upon us and the news surrounding COVID continues to be promising in our area, our internal policies have not changed. We are closely watching CDC guidance and are hopeful that there will be some policy shifts from the State. Until that time, please continue to wear masks, social distance, wash hands frequently, and disinfect surfaces. Regardless of if you have been vaccinated, continue to wear masks while in the building and on calls.

Please contact me if you are having any signs or symptoms of illness or if you have a positive COVID exposure (outside of the squad). Please follow NYS guidelines regarding testing and quarantine if you travel.

Thank you to Bernard Poole, Ann Maloney, Grant Werner, and Paul Bayer for providing standby coverage at Greenlawn Fire Department during the NYPD LODD Funeral for Officer Tsakos.

Thank you to Julia Vodopia for continuing to chair the standby committee and to those members that have covered or will be covering the fire standbys for Huntington and Huntington Manor. These are a great opportunity to make up hours and complete events for probationary members.

The second quarter is from 4/1/21 - 6/30/21; everyone needs 48 hours per quarter. Please remember to finger in and out on the same shift. If you are unsure about your hours or don't know if you need finger read corrections, please contact your Day Captain or send me an email to first.deputy@hcfas.org

Each quarter, you need 48 hours. To qualify for the end of the year gift card, you need 36 shifts by December 1st. Shifts only count if they are the full 4 or 8 hours.

Thank you for your continued dedication to HCFAS. Please contact me if you need anything!

2nd Deputy Chief – Jaclyn Rittershaus

May's review training topic is ALS for the BLS Provider. A PowerPoint presentation and quiz will be available through the hcfas.org website. John Mancino will then offer two in-person meetings. One will be an overview of ALS equipment, its location and uses. The other will be a scenario-based practice session. Thank you, John, for putting together this interesting training!

Huntington Hospital is now allowing one visitor per patient in the Emergency Department. The visitor can swap out with another to remain only one at the bedside. We still prefer that visitors travel to the hospital in their own vehicle, unless traveling in the ambulance with the patient for translation purposes, accompaniment of a minor, or another justifiable reason. We want to limit the amount of people in the back of the ambulance as it is a small space. Any guest passengers in the ambulance must be wearing a mask/face covering.

If anyone needs CPR or RTE recertification, please sign up on the Google form. Links and QR codes can be found on flyers all over the ready room and dispatch office. If you need me to resend the link to you, send me a message. Don't forget to send me a copy of your certification when it has been updated so that the SCM data is accurate. Thank you, Alex Bayer and Andrew Taylor, for teaching classes this month!

Please continue to wear your PPE. If you need to be fit tested for an N95, please contact me ASAP before you start riding on the ambulance.

Enjoy this beautiful spring! And Happy Memorial Day!

Sincerely,

Jackie

3rd Deputy Chief – Bill Connolly

Hello Members,

I hope you are well. April was a difficult month for members with the loss of Joe Nappi and Christy Stiles' husband, John Stiles.

Joe Nappi served on Tuesday evenings. He was a loyal member of the squad, a special friend to many and a mentor to me. Because of Joe, my job was made easier. His experience in administrative knowledge had great depth and he never hesitated to share it. I will miss his support and camaraderie. Please keep Joe and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

In addition, please keep Christy Stiles and family in your thoughts and prayers with the loss of her husband John Stiles. On a personal note, I had the privilege of knowing John through work. He was an amazing man, and he will be greatly missed by many.

This month I hope to have all the safety belts on the stretchers replaced. Also, this month there will be a work detail, date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Connolly

Chief Dispatcher - Mike Capotosto

Dispatch Training: Congratulations to our newest dispatchers, Amina Sadiq, Merida Flythe, Landary Rivas Argueta, Michael Morrell, and Ori Baer.

Statistics: We closed out March with 441 total calls, transporting 86.2% of calls, back on track for our “typical” transport rate.

We had only 71 Priority 36 calls this month, down from 96 in February. Please make sure you continue to take precautions and wear your PPE.

We had 6 mutual aids as of writing (4/25/2021). We also had people respond to the building as backup personnel 34 times this month.

Keep an eye out on the truck room door for the latest information on road work and closures! We have a few public work projects expected through mid-May that may impact operations.

Last week was National Dispatcher Appreciation Week, so I would like to send out a belated thank you to everyone for coming in and getting our trucks out on the road and keeping our crews safe. Keep up the good work everyone.

Pagers are available for anyone who lives in district and is willing to answer up. If you're interested, speak to your captain.

Thank you,
Mike Capotosto

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Save the Date!

The HCFAS Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the June 14th GMM will be taking place at the Larkfield from 6:30 to 10:00 PM. We will have a cocktail reception utilizing the garden room and outside patio. It is our plan to conduct the business that usually takes place at our Annual Installation.

Due to limitations on public gatherings, this will be an HCFAS member only event.

Keep an eye out for an electronic invitation.

Join us on ZOOM for the January GMM on Monday May 10th at 7:30 PM.

Check your email for information. Reach out if you need any help.

Company 1 – Captain Dale Bartolomeo

SUNDAY

Happy May everyone!

If you haven't completed your review training up to May, please complete them ASAP.

Many thanks to those members that filled in on shifts and answered up during the month. All of your help is always appreciated.

As always, please remember to Clock IN and OUT after completing either your 4 or 8 hour shift. The new finger reader by dispatch and the back door allows members to see what time they clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift.

Company 2 – Captain Paul Bayer

MONDAY

Mondays are the Best
Ev'ryone so competent
It's a joy to see

Many schedule holes
Plenty opportunities
To make a difference

From early morning
To a close-knit overnight
Ev'ryone Enjoys!

Thank Sharyn and Bob
Checkout the rigs early morn
Thus the day goes smooth

Doug, Robin and Jill
Hold down the fort for midday
We can lunch with peace

Mary dispatches
As she's done so well for years
Crews come home safely

Steph - the Mama Bear
Welcomes us home every time
David feeds us well

Sleepy overnight
Huntington begins to rest
Please let us rest too!

I'm so proud of us
My adopted family
I know I belong

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

Congratulations to the newest crew leaders on Tuesday! Felipe, Leslie and Lauren. We are very excited that you finished training and are on your own! Congratulations as well to Nikki who passed her driver training test and is finishing up calls with the driver trainers. Thank you to Eric and Dale who are covering me when I am not around in early May, I really appreciate it.

Please remember to complete your review trainings and perform checkouts! They are a very important part of being a riding member. Thank you again to everyone who has helped out and continues to help on a weekly basis.

Liz

Company 4 – Captain Eric Nazinitsky

WEDNESDAY

No Report.

Company 5 – Captain Colin Weigele

THURSDAY

Hello again everyone!

I'd like to thank everyone on Thursdays for their help this month. I would also like to thank everyone who has come in to help cover open spots throughout the day, such as Annette Hershkowitz, Andrew Taylor, Dana Silverstien, Jim Mallillo, Steven Zeth, Jake Levinsky, and Kenny Cadet.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Debruin #1581 and Hila Baer #1605 on both becoming Crew leaders! Jackie and Hila have been ACLing and were just cleared earlier this month to begin Crew Leading, so congratulations to Jackie and Hila on a job well done!

Also congratulations to Brett Dowler #1546 on completing driver training this month!

Earlier this month we responded to a 7-D-OF for a Fire standby. We ended up treating two patients on scene, one being a fellow first responders of SCPD who was treated and denied transport on scene, and safely transported one of the residents of the home to Huntington Hospital. Afterwards, the Huntington fire department on scene called us to thank us for our help and for the great job we did, so I would like to thank everyone who helped on that call including, Ann Schwartz, Ann Maloney, Fiona Witkowski, Jeff O'Neill, Joe Losquandro, Jonathan Bram, Hila Baer, and Robert Biersack. Also special thanks to Andrew Taylor and Kenny Cadet for answering up on a 3 on a 16 for an additional call we received during the fire standby and helping cover the call. Thank you all for your amazing help!

Some help is still needed on Thursdays:

A driver is needed on the 1500 and 2300

A crew leader is needed on the 1900 and 2300

If anyone is able to help please let me know!

Colin Weigele 1553

Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

No Report.

Company 7 – Captain Casey O'Riordan

SATURDAY

No Report.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz

The 2020 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 13, 2021. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing was 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.

The listing shows that 246 members made 50 or more eligible points which qualifies for a year of service credit for 2020.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2020 – Bob Franz

If eligible (see instructions on back of Form), you can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2020 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Form IT-245.

2021 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 non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2021 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 1st with the appropriate application form, as supplied by HCFAS, and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are non-probationary Squad members in good standing or family members of non-probationary Squad members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must submit documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding school year. The applicant must have been enrolled for and completed a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (a minimum of two semesters is required) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2020 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2021 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse 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.

All 2021 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year.



Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc.

2 Railroad Street Huntington Station, NY 11746

Business Number: 421-1263

Fax: 421-0666

Scholarship Application-2021

Deadline July 1, 2021

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 school year.
- Applicant must have been enrolled for and completed 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 school year.
- Applicant cannot be a 2020 HCFAS scholarship recipient.
- Deadline: Application and required documents must be received by HCFAS Secretary by July 1, 2021.

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

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

CME Program- CME Coordinator Pam Brenner

It's been just about a year since Suffolk EMS initiated the changes to the CME program curriculum. Just about the same time NY state extended EMT cards for an extra year. So right about now, many of you are starting to wonder where you stand with your renewal, what courses you need to take, and when you need to submit. So, let's hit the highlights...

The new tracking sheets, breakdown of topic hours, information about the CME program and breakdown of Alphabet courses can be found [here](#). If you're in the CME program, please read [this packet](#) so you have a clear understanding of your obligations.

All certification paperwork must be submitted, in person, to the Deputy Chief of Education at Suffolk EMS no later than 60 days prior to expiration. If you're an overachiever you can submit, at max, 9 months prior to expiration.

All participants must have a current CPR card with a minimum of 6 months remaining at the time of their renewal. Please reach out to the CPR committee if your EMT expires in the next year or so and get that ball rolling.

The county is currently accepting classes through in-person and online study. So, check out the Vital Signs Academy or CareerCert.com for some great courses that can be taken from the comfort of your own home. All Suffolk County classes can be found [here](#).

Participants must be credentialed in Suffolk County and must maintain continuous practice at the level of their recertification. This means you MUST be a riding member who regularly appears on PCR's.

All course completion documents, updated certification cards and other related documentation must be submitted to the HCFAS CME Coordinator in a timely fashion. That means, regularly, make copies and drop them in my mailbox.

I'm doing my best to keep up with all of you and your certification needs. I aim to answer your questions and provide guidance wherever needed. I appreciate all your dedication to HCFAS and to maintaining your status. Let me know how I can help by reaching out to me at pamelabrenner@gmail.com or 516-521-6550

Remembering Joe Nappi- by John Palmieri



2021 is only a third done and it feels like we are being crushed with an enormity of loss. The world has lost over 3 million persons to Covid, the US is struggling under increasing Covid cases and gun violence is taking so many of our citizens. The Squad had lost Matt Sisinni earlier this year and this week saw John Stiles and Joe Nappi say goodbye. President Fischer has been the solid leader who we depend on to deal with all these horrendous waves of grief breaking over the Squad and I want to apologize for not stepping up at Joe's wake to let everyone know what Joe meant to those of us who really knew him.

I am proud to say that I rode on the 1900 Tuesday shift with Joe for over 30 years. I, we, depended on him. He was a powerful, peaceful presence on the rig. He was always able to communicate with our patients with his calm and reassuring way of talking to those in pain or confusion. Most every call ended with the patient laughing or at least, smiling, because of the sincere, friendly treatment that Joe gave to everyone.

He greeted us all with "Thanks for coming in". Or if we got to say it first, he came back with, "I had nothing else to do". He took part in all the joking that our crews constantly hit each other with. But he never had an angry or a derisive comment for anyone. He was always there to be a Notary Public for all who needed his help. And he was constantly, totally consumed with the welfare of Laura, his wife, and his daughters and grandkids. We were his extended family and we were confident that he was always someone that we could talk to, confide in, and know that it went no further. He always took time to talk and especially, to listen. He was there for everyone, not himself. He never sought the spotlight, but ended up in the forefront because he wanted to help and he cared.



Those that have ridden with Joe over the years- he started off on Friday nights and then switched to Tuesday 1900 after a couple of years- were always confident in his ability and competence. He was one of the original 'Seniors on the Run'. Mark and Martha Brenner, Roger and Mary Winter, Andrea Golinsky, Claudia Bauer, and myself. He could ride with anyone on the Squad, and they all looked to Joe for his calm assurance.

Joe Nappi is a man who I will always remember and thank for his friendship. We all join the Squad for essentially the same reason- to help our community- Joe's friendship was the icing on the cake. That friendship kept us coming back, year after year, because being in EMS can be exhausting, frustrating, and depressing at times, but it's the people that we turn to and count on that we treasure. Joe was Tuesday's Senior and Leader of the Day.

Thank you Joe for brightening every shift that we were privileged to share with you.

Photos courtesy of Martha Brenner

ALS

For the BLS provider

While the ALS protocols are written for a single provider, during a serious call the ALS providers have their hands full. Any help to provide better patient care and having an extra set of hands and eyes to avoid mistakes is always welcome.

This will be a three part series training BLS providers to be more involved to assist the ALS providers in the house and on the ambulance.

Part 1 May review training highlighting a case study with a poor outcome.

Part 2 An in person review of all the ALS equipment, Location/Use.

Part 3 Some hands on practice based on the May review training.

The video is on YOUTUBE: https://youtu.be/vjYN5_KM-fc

Equipment Review May 11, 2021 1900 hr.

ALS simulated call June 3, 2021 1900 hr. (You Must Come To The Equipment Review And Complete The May Review Training)

HCFAS Discounts- Dave 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



Flowerdale by Patty

"Elegance with a personal touch"

1933 New York Avenue

10% Discount

Show Squad Membership Card

BASICS – May 2021
Which Hospital?
By Mark Brenner, CIC

Have you ever wondered how I select the topic for each BASICS column? The most frequent inspiration is from a CME that I attended. In second place is when a fellow provider asks me a question. As a teacher I learned a long time ago that if one student asks a question there are others who are also wondering about the same thing but are afraid to ask. The motivation for this month's column comes from a suggestion by Eric Kramer. Thanks, Eric, for this suggestion.

Our agency is fortunate to have a hospital in our district. And, Huntington Hospital has developed from a community hospital to one that been designated a Stroke Center, a STEMI Center, and a Level III Trauma Center.

But there are times that our patients need to be transported to a specialty facility. It's important to remember that transporting the patient to the right facility saves time by transporting them to the correct facility which helps to promote a better outcome for the patient. As providers, we need to remember to make the right transport decision and as drivers we need to know how to get to those facilities. Keep in mind that Medical Control is a great resource when deciding the destination hospital. Here are a few questions that allow us to reflect on which hospital is the correct one for our patients. In addition to providing the answers, I have also included the reasoning behind the transport decision. I hope that you will find it educational.

1. You respond to a female patient who is the victim of an assault. Once the scene is safe and you have been cleared to enter, the 30-year-old patient tells you that she was raped. You assess her. She is conscious and alert and sobbing. Her pulse is 90 strong and regular. Her respirations are 22. Her SpO₂ is 99% on room air. Her blood pressure is 116/82. Her pupils are equal and reactive. Her lung sounds are clear. Her temperature is 98.9. Which hospital will you transport her to?
 - a. Huntington Hospital
 - b. Good Samaritan Hospital
 - c. Stony Brook University Hospital
 - d. St. Catherine of Sienna Hospital
2. Your BLS crew responds to a call for an adult male with chest pains. The paid medic is already on another call. You are credentialed in 12-lead EKG. Your patient is 66 years old. He has substernal chest pain which he states is an 8 on a pain scale of 1-10. His pulse is 102, weak and irregular. His blood pressure is 152/102. His respirations are 20 and regular. His lungs are clear bilaterally. There is no accessory muscle usage. His skin is cool, pale, and clammy. His SpO₂ is 90 on room air. His temperature is 98.6. His pupils are equal and reactive. You perform a 12-lead EKG, transmit it to Medical Control (Stony Brook), and call to consult. To which hospital would you expect to be directed by Medical Control?
 - a. Huntington Hospital
 - b. Good Samaritan Hospital
 - c. Stony Brook University Hospital
 - d. The closest hospital

3. You are at the home of a 52-year-old female patient who is experiencing nausea and vomiting for the past 24 hours. Taking COVID precautions, you assess the patient in appropriate PPE. She has a radial pulse of 94 that is weak but regular. Her blood pressure is 104/76 which she says is a little low for her. Her respiratory rate is 20 and they are regular and non-labored. Her skin is pale, warm, and diaphoretic. Her oral temperature 100. Her lungs are clear, her SpO2 is 98% on room air, her lungs are clear bilaterally and she has no difficulty breathing. She has no history of respiratory, cardiac, or diabetic problems. She wishes to be transported to Northwell/ Syosset Hospital. Her house is in Audubon Woods which is off of West Jericho Turnpike, near the Nassau County border. Where would you transport her?
4. You are dispatched to the home of an 88-year-old male who was choking. Upon arrival you find the patient is conscious, alert, and complaining of a sore throat after choking while eating lunch. His is a Korean War Veteran and his son tells you that he was discharged from the Northport Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital two days ago after being hospitalized for a week for the treatment of a kidney infection. The patient is alert but lacking the energy to hold a conversation with you. His respirations are 22 and shallow. His lungs are clear and his SpO2 is 92% on room air. His pulse is 84, regular but weak. His blood pressure is 142/90. His skin is warm, pale, and moist. His temperature is 99.9. His son is insistent that his dad gets transported to the VA. What would you do? Where would you transport the patient?
5. You respond to a 40-year-old male who has fallen from the second story roof of a private residence near the intersection of East Jericho Turnpike and Park Ave. There is no Medic scheduled for your shift and there is no response on the ALS pages. He is unconscious. You take c-spine precautions. He tolerates an oropharyngeal airway. His chest is intact, his lungs are clear. He is breathing at a rate of 16/minute. His lungs are clear and there is equal expansion of the chest which on palpation feels intact. He has a weak carotid pulse of 60 beats per minute. His blood pressure is 160/94. His skin is cool, pale, and moist. His pupils are unequal. There is a large bump on the back and right side of his head. Aviation is not available. What hospital would you transport him to?
6. What if this call happened on the west side of our district; such as in the vicinity of Round Swamp Rd and West Jericho Turnpike. Where would you transport the patient?
7. You respond to a Medical Office on Route 110 for a child with an eye injury. The boy is two and a half years old. He was playing under the garment racks at a clothing store in the mall and his mom says he got poked in the eye with a metal wire clothes hanger. You ask if "things look fuzzy" out of that eye. He responds that it does. What would be the closest, most appropriate facility for this pediatric trauma patient?
 - a. Huntington Hospital
 - b. Good Samaritan Hospital
 - c. Stony Brook University Hospital
 - d. South Shore University (Southside)Hospital

ANSWERS:

1. B. Good Samaritan Hospital is a SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) center. When a patient who is the victim of a sexual assault or rape is stable, transport them to a SANE center. There, they will receive private, sensitive victim-centered medical and forensic health care. FYI, Stony Brook, Long Island Community Hospital, Peconic Bay, North Shore Manhasset are SANE centers. But in question #1, Good Samaritan Hospital is closer in distance and transport time than Stony Brook.
2. A. Huntington Hospital is a STEMI center and is the nearest STEMI center. Stony Brook University Hospital, Peconic Bay Medical Center, Long Island Community Hospital, South Shore University (Southside) Hospital are Suffolk County STEMI centers. Last year, Huntington's STEMI Center was used for COVID surge and STEMI patients were diverted to South Shore University.
3. This patient is stable. In Suffolk County, stable patients can be transported to an appropriate destination hospital of their choosing provided that the transport time is no greater than 10 minutes beyond the closest facility. In this case, the patient can be transported to Northwell/Syosset. You can give the hospital notification through Nassau Med Com by calling (516) 572-6277. You can use that number to make a notification for any hospital in Nassau County. Remember, Nassau University Medical Center is a Level 1 trauma center. So please enter that telephone number in your cell phone now. Go ahead. I'll wait.....Good. Thank you.
4. The Northport VA is NOT a 9-1-1 receiving hospital. Patients are NOT to be transported by 9-1-1 ambulance to the VA. New York Senator Charles Schumer sponsored legislation which allows Veterans who require emergency transportation to receive care at the nearest appropriate emergency department to have their hospital bill covered through their Veteran's benefits and will also cover the cost for the veteran to be transferred to the VA hospital once they are stable should they require further care. Tell this to the family. And most importantly, a patient who was choking and now has a sore throat may develop an inflamed airway that would become obstructed. The most appropriate facility for this patient is Huntington Hospital.
5. According to the CDC Trauma Triage Protocol, this patient needs to be taken to a Level 1 Trauma Center. The nearest one to scene is Stony Brook University Hospital.
6. From this location, Nassau University Hospital (also a Level 1 trauma center) would be closer than Stony Brook.
7. B. Good Samaritan is a Level II pediatric trauma center. Huntington Hospital is not.

My thanks to Eric Kramer for suggesting this topic. I hope that this helps. I also hope that you enjoyed this format. I felt it would be beneficial to provide explanations in addition to the correct answers.

Strive to take trauma patients to the highest level of trauma care possible, in accordance with the CDC Trauma Triage Guidelines. Keep in mind that not every adult trauma needs to be transported by helicopter. Learn the routes to the other hospitals to which we might transport our patients.

Please place the number for Nassau Med Com in your cellphone: (516) 572-6277.

2011 Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients:

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May 2021

HCFAS Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Stephanie Cortes
2	3 Nick Oberle	4	5	6 Matt Moran	7 Eric Autz & Alyssa Sorensen	8 Lorraine Healy & Liz Mohr
9	10 Mary Winter, Lisa Mohr & Dino Macharola	11 Bill Connolly	12	13 Patty Tufo & Breanna Tahany	14	15 Mary Brenner & Chrissy Tedone
16 Tom Schirripa	17	18	19 Esteban Lopez	20 Joel Paul & Michaela Ryan	21	22 Kelly Murphy & Audin Delva
23	24	25 Bedel Saget & Luke Towers	26 Mike Como	27 Sheryl Burke, Tiffany White & Michael Giarrizzo	28	29 Casey Stone & Michael Mahoney
30 Sue Otto, Cecilia Melgar, Jake Levinsky & Ben Curry	31 Vincent Castillo					

May Length of Service and Longevity Awards to be presented at May GMM

25 Years
Ann Maloney #921

15 Years
Pam Brenner #1157

Thank you for your continued service!