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President's Report- Seth Fischer

Hope everyone is well and happy November!

It is the time of the year when we gather around the table with our families, and pause to reflect that which we are thankful for. I can say with confidence how thankful I am for everyone's hard work and dedication to HCFAS. HCFAS is in a phenomenal place right now on many levels and this is solely because we have the best group of volunteers giving back to our Community.

What we do is not easy; managing our families, careers, health, and every curveball life throws us, takes a huge chunk of our time, but we make sure we cover our shifts for our crews (who our second families), and for the residents of our Community.

Keep the suggestions flowing, we are checking off boxes based on your feedback, and making a difference. As a reminder, we cannot improve something if we do not know about it.

In closing, when you are enjoying your Thanksgiving dinner, please take the time to reflect on the lives you have positively affected and influenced at HCFAS, as well as to the residents of our community. Realize what we accomplish 24/7/365 is amazing, and your commitment and unwavering dedication is recognized and appreciated.

Be well, and please enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Seth



Chief's Report - Michael Como

Believe it or not, it's already gift card season at HCFAS. In accordance with the SOPs, a member must be in good standing (review trainings, hours, etc.) and have completed 36 shifts by December 1st to be eligible for a gift card. First Deputy Chief Wuestman has posted everyone's shift progress in the ready room. Likewise, Second Deputy Chief Como and Jim Malilo have posted everyone's review training progress in the ready room. If you have any questions about hours or review trainings, please reach out to Liz or Ryane.

On October 12th and 13th HCFAS provided EMS standby coverage for the Fall Festival. EMS operations were under the leadership of First Deputy Chief Wuestman and Third Deputy Chief Kaufman. Liz and Dave did an excellent job. Thank you to all of the members that participated. I am also grateful for the participation of the following agencies that were standing by to transport our patients to the hospital: Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department, Greenlawn Fire Department, Eatons Neck Fire Department, Dix Hills Fire Department, Halesite Fire Department, Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corporation, and Bayshore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance. The Fall Festival standby is a major undertaking and it was only successful because of the coordinated team effort that we had. In addition to the standby coverage provided by HCFAS, Post 215 also did an outstanding job at the Fall Festival. The Post provided Hands Only CPR demos to Festivalgoers.

With that being said, there is always room for improvement. On Saturday October 12th we had a surprise visit at the Fall Festival by Suffolk County EMS. They checked both of our Fall Festival rigs and found deficiencies in one of them. Thanks to Captain John Mancino giving County his word that we would promptly address all issues, we got by without any formal complaints against us. The deficient rig was immediately brought back to headquarters for a full BLS and ALS checkout. This "close call" needs to serve as a teachable moment for all of us that we need to be diligent with our part 800 checkouts during our shifts and before any standbys.

The Town of Huntington holiday parade will be on November 30th at 5:30PM. Danny Mugavero has agreed to take the lead on building the float again. Thank you Danny! There will be opportunities to help with float construction.

Thanks to the support of the Board of Directors, HCFAS is moving forward with an upgrade to our portable radios. For you radio buffs out there, we are getting the All-Band Motorola APX8000. With this portable radio, we will be able to communicate with HQ on the UHF band and communicate with MedCom on the 800Mhz trunking system. There will be a slight learning curve with the new radios. Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker will be helping with the training.

Chief's Report - Michael Como (cont'd)

The officers and I strive to make HCFAS run as smoothly and as well as it possibly can, but we can only do that with the input of the membership. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to me. You can always reach me by phone (631-223-5454) or email (chief@hcfas.org).

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

Thank you for all that you do!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Como, Chief

1st Deputy Chief – Elizabeth Wuestman

Happy holidays!! As we approach the end of the year, I hope the officers and I have set you all up for success throughout the year however ultimately it is your responsibility to track hours, shifts and LOSAP requirements. There is a shift count posted in the ready room, please confirm you are on track should you wish to receive holiday gift card. If you need finger adjustments please put them in my mailbox, I'll be happy to do them for you.

It has been great year so far let's keep it going!

Don't forget to come help set up the float for the holiday parade and to come down and participate November 30th!

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	November 7
GMM	November 11
Officers Meeting	November 13



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

2nd Deputy Chief – Ryane Como

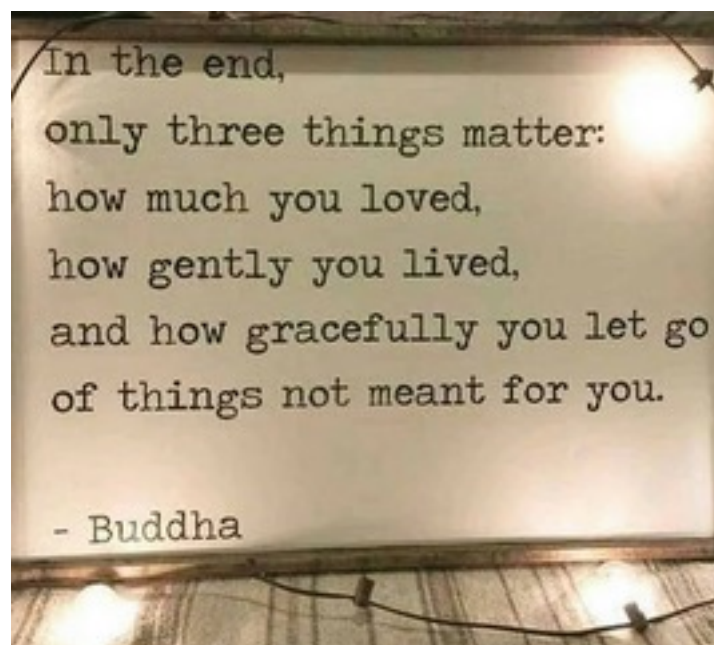
The November Review Training has been posted. The topic is "Respiratory Illness."

Dr. Crupi came to present this talk on October 19th and graciously allowed me to share his materials. While this will be a repeat for those who attended the lecture, the topic is always important to review especially as we head into the colder months when respiratory problems can be exacerbated.

Dr. Brandler will be coming on November 6th at 1900 to present a call review pertaining to chest pain and stroke. These topics have been the focus of QA/QI and Dr. Brandler will touch on protocol adherence as well as documentation. Please try your best to attend! RSVP to CME@hcfas.org so that food can be ordered.

As a reminder, the October Review Training is mandatory for all EMT B, CC and P providers as it is the NYS BLS protocol update. This is due by October 31st. Non - credentialed providers can still complete the training for credit. Please note that the October results will be delayed in showing in SCM as it will be entered manually once certificates are received. Please remember that per the SOPs, all members must not be missing more than two review trainings to remain in good standing.

As many of you may have heard, Michael and I had our baby boy early and are anxiously awaiting his homecoming from the hospital. While I may not be physically present for a little while, I am available by email or phone if needed. Thank you to everyone in our squad family who has reached out with well wishes. We are eternally grateful for all the love and support.



3rd Deputy Chief – David Kaufman

Hello members,

I hope you all had a festive Halloween.

I have seen some really nice things recently such as compassion and caring on calls and comradery in the building. The Board is doing a great job with some building improvements such as making our logo in the lobby really shine.

Let's remember to drive cautiously with our own safety and the safety of the public as top priorities. Wear your seatbelt in both the front cab and in the patient compartment.

We are close to repairing the final ambulance- 17, but I need your help to make sure this the last one. I have seen some new damage lately, none of which was reported. 16 hit objects twice, and 20 hit objects twice. These were the first due ambulances in recent weeks. If you want to practice backing up or any other skill, I am certain our driver trainers would be happy to practice with you before something happens.

16 also has damage from the doors being opening into the wall between north 4 and north 5. Would you open your own car doors into a concrete wall?

Please remember to make sure the vehicles are plugged in. Deep battery discharges shorten the battery life dramatically.

Congratulations to Chief Como, Chief Como and Jeffrey Brenner on the births of their children.

Thanks to Bob Biersack and Gary Brandel for helping me move some vehicles around to repair places.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Fall Festival. For the most part, everything went smoothly. When you go to a standby always remember to do a checkout before leaving the building. The blue bag on the outside near the flashlights has extra supplies. Do you know what's in there?

Thanks to Michael Capotosto for installing the final SafeStop device and replacing the plug ends on the truck room vehicle cables.

Thanks to Dale Bartolomeo for vehicle maintenance help.

Have a Happy Election Day and Thanksgiving and a thoughtful Veterans Day.

Best regards,
David

Chief Dispatcher - Michael Barker

Dispatch Training: Steven Conroy #1572 (Wed 1500), Michael Mahoney #1564 (Sun 1900), and Jesse Annunziata #1569 (Thur 1100) passed their dispatch tests.

There are pagers available for crewleaders and drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

Last month we talked about what Dispatchers should do when they arrive for their shift:

1. Make sure you are on "HCFAS Ops 1."
2. Have an alarm worksheet, scrap paper, and pen ready to take down information.
3. Determine that your scheduled crews have arrived and a Medic is available.
4. Check the truck room to confirm the equipment is where it should be.

Excellent. You are ready to dispatch. You re-read the Dispatcher Job Description on the top of the Dispatch Overview posted on both sides of the console:

The Dispatcher manages Squad resources – manpower and equipment – to get the right personnel and the right equipment to the right scene, as quickly and safely as possible.

Let's say an ALS (Charlie / Delta / Echo) call comes in and your first due launches. The Medic should be right behind. But no signal 2? What to do?

Take a quick look on the monitor to see if 81's door is open.

If the Medic may be out of the building, call them on the radio: "81, this is 0."

Quickly page the building: "Medic, we have an ALS call."

Send another member of your shift to the ready or bunk room, or run yourself.

Are you absolutely sure there was a Medic at the start of the shift?

Remember, the patient comes first. If for whatever reason you cannot raise the Medic, you now need to do a signal 3 on a 16 for ALS response.

Do three pages and then advise the responding crew if ALS will be responding.

That is why checking the building at the beginning of the shift is so important. When the alarm phone rings, you instantly know who should be rolling.

If it's not happening, you need to know what to do to make it happen.

Thank you for everything that you do. michael

Company 1 – Captain Bill Connolly

SUNDAY

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work that keeps Sundays running smoothly. Help is needed on the 07:00 shift for 2 crew leaders and dire help is needed on the overnight shift, needed are 2 crew leaders and a driver. I would like to welcome Kathi Bonessi back to Company 1 as permanent dispatcher on the 07:00. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy

MONDAY

The end of the year is almost here along with many events, parties and holidays. Co 2, you guys are the best, it seems I never have to tell you to make your hours, get coverage, do a check out, clean up after yourselves and so on. Trust me I am still a very busy Captain, however you make my job that much easier, thank you!

As always I am going to brag that we are holding the record with those two 24's. I feel like if I do not mention this then you know what will happen.....shhhhhh

Monday 1100 has a new member, Waldir Cruz Catota #1575. Please come into HQ and say hi to him.

On September 30th the 1100 were dispatched to a delta unconscious. Upon arrival an adult male was found unconscious with labored breathing at about 4 times per minute, post seizure, by first responders Paramedic Hayley Schultz and EMT-CC Gary Brandel. The patient's respirations began being assisted via BVM by G.Brandel and a few minutes later, the patients respiratory effort was reassessed and the patient was found to be completely apneic, as well as a heart rate in the 30's. With the quick thinking of G. Brandel another ambulance was requested for additional personnel under the circumstance that the patient goes into cardiac arrest with his condition. It was determined that the patient had no gag reflex, and was successfully intubated by H. Schultz. The patient's heart rate increased to 90 with a secured airway. Before the patient was loaded into the ambulance, he began to regain consciousness and had to be chemically sedated to prevent the patient from pulling out his ET tube. The patient was transported to Huntington Hospital by both ALS providers. The outcome of the patient is currently unknown. Also on scene Bazeel Walters , Carol Nucci , Beatrice Martinez and myself. Dispatched by Jill Decker and Elizabeth Bernfeld. Every member worked together so smoothly. A job well done by all.

On September 30th we also had over 30 calls that were all handled without a single 24. Thank you to Gary Brandel for constantly coming in and handling multiple shifts on Mondays and listening up on the 2300. Thank you to Carol Nucci and Tom Lemp for riding the Monday 1100 shift most of 2019 in addition to your normal Tuesday shifts. Great thanks to Bobby Loysch and Brett Dowling for coming to the rescue this same day.

Company 2 – Captain Kelly Murphy (cont'd)

MONDAY

In addition October 7th was hit with over 30 calls and thanks to Captain Liz Mohr and member Bedel Saget for answering up and responding to some of those 911 calls.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad is blessed to have so many people give so much.

I am usually short 2nd due crews on all shifts, please feel free to contact me if you can come in and ride or listen up.

Thank you ALL.

Kelly Murphy

Company 3 – Captain Elizabeth Mohr

TUESDAY

I can't believe it's already November, this year has flown by! Thank you to everyone who continues to come in on Tuesdays, your help does not go unnoticed. I'd first like to welcome two new members to Tuesdays, Jack and Rachel. Both are joining the Tuesday 1100, Jack is currently a Nationally Registered EMT who is applying for his card here and Rachel has already registered for an EMT class that starts this month.

Help is needed on the Tuesday 1100 shift, a full second crew is needed each week. If anyone is available please let me know. I'd like to thank Bobby for coming in each week to ride as the driver for the 1100 shift. Bobby does this as one of his extra shift's and I can't thank him enough for this help. Also, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are on Tuesday's this year. I will be posting a sign up soon to help cover the day. Food will be served!

Thank you again to everyone!

Company 4 – Captain Katie Donegan

WEDNESDAY

Happy November! The year is quickly coming to an end and the holidays are upon us! Wednesday is lucky to have both Christmas and New Years Day coming soon! Look out for sign ups if you're available either of those days.

Wednesday is still in need of an overnight dispatcher if anyone has available time let me know! We could also use a full second due crew on the 1100 and a second due driver on the 1500.

Congratulations to both the Comos and the Brenner's on their new additions!

Have a wonderful month and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Katie

Company 5 – Captain John Mancino

THURSDAY



I like to think we are a family, a little dysfunctional at times but what family isn't.



Please spend a few moments making sure things are ready to go for the family coming in behind you, and thoes answering up on a signal 3's without time to do a rig check.



Thank you for being there and getting the job done.



**WE MAY BE VOLUNTEERS
BUT WE'RE PROFESSIONALS**



Company 6 – Captain Kathy Castillo

FRIDAY

Congratulations to Mike and Ryane on the birth of your beautiful son. He has no idea how much he is so loved. I can't wait to meet him!

I am in need of a 2nd due driver for the 0700 and 1100 every week. I also need a dispatcher 2nd due crew for the 2300 shift. Enjoy the Fall!!

Company 7 – Andrew Taylor

SATURDAY

No Report.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz

LOSAP 2019 Points – Bob Franz

The 2019 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31, 2019 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2019.

It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2019 so that any subsequent correction of posting errors (such as, activity posted to the wrong member account, duplicate activity posting etc.) will not cause the member to have less than 50 points and therefore not qualify for a year of service credit for 2019.

Proposed SOP Changes – Bob Franz, Secretary

At the October 10th Board meeting, the proposed SOP 01-2019 to update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge program was tabled.

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots – Secretary Bob Franz

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December 9th meeting (November 29th).

The Secretary shall secure all ballots and keep a log of all ballots received. On the day of the election, the Secretary shall place all sealed absentee ballots into the ballot box.

The vote auditors will verify that all absentee ballots were sealed and that the number in the box corresponds to the Secretary's log.

Notes from Board Secretary Bob Franz (cont'd)

HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the Candidates' Qualifications – Secretary Bob Franz

The following motion will be presented for approval by the Board of Directors on 8/6/19: Authorize and approve candidates for office in 2020 a single use of HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the candidates' qualifications and other pertinent information to members to solicit their votes. Upon request of the candidates, James Mallilo will facilitate the transmittal of the candidates' emails to the membership. There is a maximum of 3 emails sent a day (nominee for Board of Directors, Chiefs and Captain) and the last email will be sent on 12/6/19).

Voting Times for Squad Annual Election December 9, 2019 – Secretary Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the following voting times for the Annual Squad Election on Monday December 9, 2019 as follows: 0800 hours to 2000 hours. (A suggestion for the Sunday overnight crew is to vote via an absentee ballot if you are not able to vote between these hours).

Help Needed for Election Day December 9, 2019 – Annette Hershkowitz

Help is needed on Election Day December 9, 2019 when the polls will be open from 8AM to 8PM. Please contact Annette Hershkowitz if you can help out and what times you would be available 631-748-4591.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

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

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.

Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2018 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you in August.

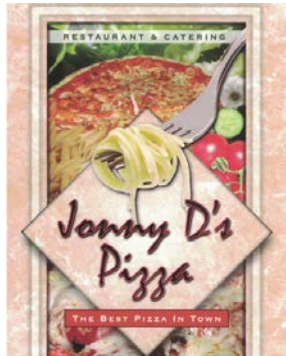
HOCPR Chair- Kathy Castillo

I want to thank Post 215 for your amazing help during the Fall Festival. You all did a great job teaching this life saving skill. Thank you

If you are interested in joining this committee, please let me or Kelly Murphy know. 631-637-1881

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

HCFAS Public Relations- Andrea Golinsky



The REMSCO Awards Dinner was held Saturday, October 19th at the headquarters of the Community Ambulance of Sayville.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad is proud of Explorer Post 215 member Alex Hastava who received the Youth Provider of the Year Award for 2018.

Pictured left to right is REMSCO Chairman Phillip Cammann, Alexander Hastava, and Dr. Gregson Pigott

**Congratulations to Solange Rich
#1499 on her Community
Service Award, presented at
the Town of Huntington 25th
Annual Hispanic Heritage
Celebration on October 18th!**

HCFAS is lucky to have you!

New Member Spotlight- Martha Brenner

#1570 Leonardo Terrones-Numez Wednesday 1100

Leo learned about HCFAS from his friend, member #1474 Vinny Castillo. He then spoke with Captain Castillo and learned how our organization works and how to apply. He is currently a student at Stony Brook University with a major in biology. In his spare time he is a soccer player and fan. He is the oldest of 3 boys and the family includes a dachshund named Winner!



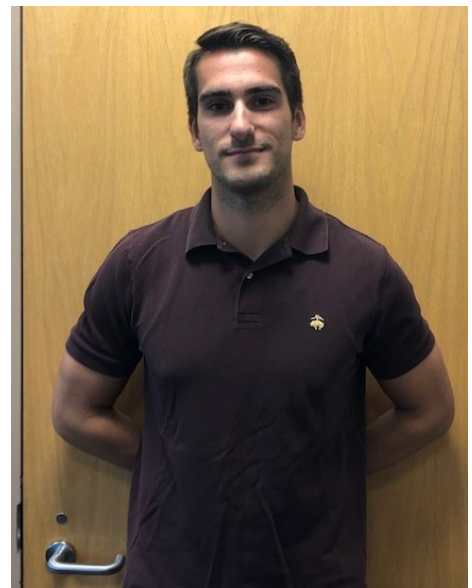
#1571 Vera Farina-Ehlers Wed 0700

Most legacy members are the children of current members. Vera is the mom of 1st Deputy Chief Liz Wuestman and ex-captain John Connors. Vera has worked community based volunteer groups most of her adult life. She has been part of The Parent Initiative that works with local and county governments to improve the community. Vera plans to move her career into the medical field in some way after obtaining her EMT. She has her own business, V&T Cleaning. In her free time she enjoys walking on the beach and spending time with her grandchildren.



#1572 Steven Conroy Wednesday 1500

Steven is currently in school full time and handling a full time job as a medical tech at Citi Med. He has a degree in psychology from SUNY Stony Brook. He obtained his EMT in college and is anxious to put it to work. Steven is one of 3 boys and studies Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He has recently completed his first Jiu Jitsu competition where he won 2 and lost 2. Interesting side note, Steven's father is one of 13 including 3 sets of twins of which Dad is one of the 3rd set.



New Member Spotlight- Martha Brenner (cont'd)



#1574 Jack Campbell
Tuesday 1100

Jack is a graduate of University of North Carolina Wilmington with a BS in environmental science. He has obtained a National Registry EMT and is waiting on NYS/Suffolk County certification. He is currently working two jobs in the food service industry. He plans to use his new EMT certification for employment as well as an HCFAS volunteer.

#1577 Rachel Bellack
Tuesday 1100

Rachael is looking forward to obtaining her EMT certification. She has an associate's degree and plans to pursue employment in the medical field. Currently she is a professional house cleaner. Rachel is a graduate of Huntington High School, the mother of a 3 year old son and enjoys artistic endeavors and being outside.



Good and Welfare October 2019



It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce the passing of Patrick Donegan, father-in-law of HCFAS Ex-Captain Ann Donegan (692), grandfather of Captain Katie Donegan (1460) and Ex-Captain Pat Donegan (1383). Please keep the Donegan family in your thoughts during their time of grieving.



It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce the passing of Erika Vogel, mother of HCFAS members Joanne Vogel (#861) and Heidie Magerle (#1163). Please keep Joanne, Heidie, and their families in your thoughts.





It is with deep regret that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce the passing of Maria Ramirez, mother of HCFAS member David Villegas (#1472). Please keep David and his family in your thoughts.



David Mohr who had a procedure done and is completely recovered.



Well wishes to Sheryl Burke who was briefly hospitalized and is doing much better now and back on duty.

Congratulations



Congratulations to
Anthony Cambareri on his
engagement to Gretchen
Lajara Hiwatig



Congratulations to George Reeder
and Pam Brenner on promotions in
the work place.





IT'S A BOY



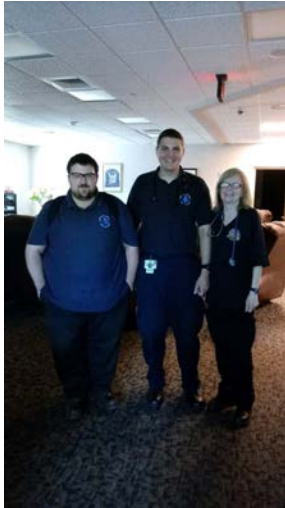
Congratulations Jeff and Tanya Brenner on the birth of their baby boy Jameson Leo. Jameson came into this world at 6lbs 11 ounces. Proud Great Grandma Mary Brenner, Grandma Martha Brenner, Grandpa Mark Brenner, Aunt Pam Brenner Davis, Uncle Keith Davis, and Uncle Kevin Brenner.



Congratulations to Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como and Chief Mike Como on the birth of their son, Theodore Michael Como born on 10/19/2019. Our hearts cannot contain the love that we have for this little man
Grandparents H. Thomas Hogan, Judy Hogan



Thank you for your help and encouragement



Alex Hastava thanks Eileen Burns and Michael Capotosto. Last day with the Sunday 07:00 and 11:00 crews for the time being 😞. You all mean the world to me, and I eagerly await the day we reunite in the near future! I cannot thank them enough for being exceptional mentors who go out of their way to educate and inspire!



Keith Tetrault and members of HMFD take part in the Tunnel to Towers run & walk.



Anne Maloney and Nancy Barker finishing the Tunnel to Towers run & walk

It's a Boy

On Saturday September 28, 2019, The Huntington Community First Aid Squad was activated at 1054 AM to the report of a maternity with imminent delivery in Huntington Station. Advanced Life support First responder vehicle 2-15-82 staffed with EMT-Critical Care Jeffrey Brenner and EMT Pamela Brenner, First Responder vehicle 2-15-81 with EMT-Paramedic Hayley Schultz Along with Ambulance 2-15-20 with driver EMT-Critical Care Tim Quigley, EMT Suzie Biagie and first aider Roxanne Cortes, all arrived on scene to find an adult female who reported she was having contractions. The patient was evaluated and carefully moved to the ambulance and transported to Huntington Hospital. After registering the patient, the crew was instructed to bring the patient to the labor and delivery unit. As the crew transported and the patient through the hospital hallways and were about to arrive at the elevator, the mother spoke to EMT Jeffrey Brenner and concerned, he checked the patient to find she was actively delivering the baby. The patient and EMT Jeffrey Brenner, with Roxanne Cortes encouraging the patient, delivered a crying healthy baby boy alone in the hallway of Huntington Hospital. Hospital clinical staff met the crew, mom and baby back in the Emergency Department and the hospital staff continued to care for the patients.





Chief Mike Como wishes to thank all HCFAS and Post 215 members who participated in the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival.

Great day at the Huntington fall festival today! Thank you to everyone that came down and helped make it a successful day!





Chief Como would like to thank all of the HCFAS members & explorers for helping with coverage at the Long Island Festival. The weather & temperature was pleasant and everyone did a great job. Thanks to Bob Biersack for providing us with some home cooked goodies.

Photos Courtesy of Tony Cruz

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER AWARDS 2019



35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Annette Hershkowitz is awarded her 35 year pin by Chief Mike Como and President Seth Fischer. Congratulations to Annette on your 35 years of service.

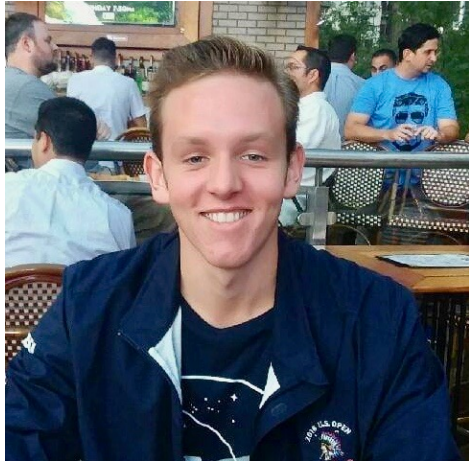
15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Chief Mike Como awards pins and congratulations for 15 years of service to Karen Martin and Jim Ingwersen

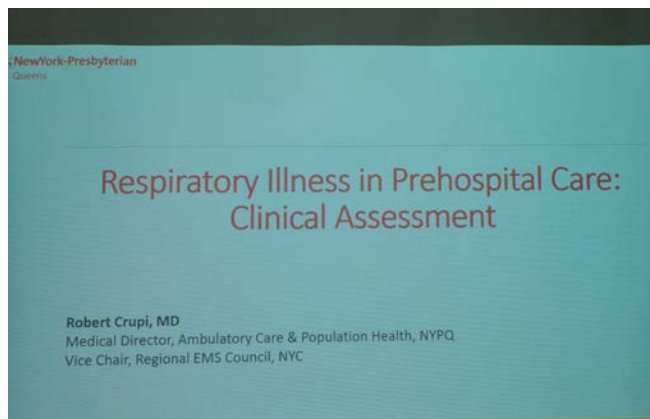


Presentation of Badges

Gary Brandel #1493 & Esteban Lopez #1519 Receiving their Membership Badges from Chief Mike Como



3 on a 16 raffle winner- During the month of September HCFAS had **one** signal 24. There were 107 “RESCUE” personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winner of the September “3 on a 16” raffle is Brandon Eybergen. Brandon, we thank you for all that you do!



Thank you Fiona Witkowski, Matt Valle and Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como for inviting Robert Crupi, MD to lecture on Respiratory Illness in Prehospital Care: Clinical Assessment. The lecture was well attended by 30 pulse members and members from adjacent departments



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday December 7th, 2019 2:00PM to 5:00PM



Children of HCFAS members 10 years old and younger are entitled to a gift from the squad.

Grandchildren of squad members are eligible to attend (\$40 must be paid to the committee before 11/15/2019).

Sign-up cutoff date is Friday November 15th, 2019
No private gifts will be given by Santa.

In fairness and respect to all, kindly note that gifts will be given to children based on youngest (and their sibling & family) first. Please note there will be no exceptions.

November 2019

HCFAS Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Michael Campanelli & David Kaufman
3 Tomoko Hirasawa & Dale Bartolomeo	4	5 Arlene Lindsay & Carmen Schlieben	6 Tim Quigley	7	8	9
10	11 Gina Angevine	12 Laura Treulich	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Leyda Mata	20 Pam Brenner	21 Casey Orr	22	23 Karen Reim
24 Martha Brenner & Doug Mayer	25	26	27	28	29	30

November Length of Service Awards
to be presented at the November GMM

5 Years- Suzette Crespo #1438

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