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Volunteers since 1967

The “Heartbeat” of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Roger Winter

Spring has sprung and old man Winter is out. Wednesday is April 1, “April Fool’s Day”, being very wary, someone may play a prank on you. April is also National Minority Health Month, there are many religious holidays, Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday, Easter, Orthodox Easter, oh yes, I almost forgot, income taxes are due. Let us not forget Earth Day and Arbor Day. All these remind me of new beginnings. Things starting anew and some things that are traditional and just continue to go along as usual.

The squad is a little like many of the holidays that we will be celebrating. To some it is a new beginning to others it is business as usual. How does the squad just keep moving forward without a hitch? It all starts with you, its’ members who unselfishly volunteer over two hundred hours or more to this community. Many riding and administrative member’s average over four hundred hours a year performing tasks every day. I’m sure you know them; they are at the squad almost every day. We have members who are eighteen years old and a few octogenarians still hanging out dispatching and managing our administrative duties. I wonder if the younger members can find out who are the active Charter members. Drop me note and let me know who you think they are. We are surely a wonderful mix of people.

I am sure you know that there are many tasks that are done every day to make your life easier when you come on duty. Yea, like who fills those oxygen bottles? Who cleaned out that refrigerator every Monday night? How did those snacks get into the kitchen & who takes care of us when we have an injury and has to file that report? The supplies are just there for us to use on the ambulances - I wonder who ordered them? By the way, where do we get those ambulances? How does a committee write up those specifications, sometimes around eighty to ninety pages long? How did we get this beautiful building? Many members not only volunteer their four hours every week, but some put in just a bit more so that the whole business of volunteering can be accomplished. I happen to look at all these members and I am astonished at the accomplishments of HCFAS. So when someone does a back up call for you or helps out on a call, don’t forget to thank them.

If someone is setting up an event for you or your children, don’t forget to thank them. We will work together to accomplish any goal that we set for ourselves and HCFAS. This past month we surpassed a monumental goal- HCFAS handled its 150,000th call for its 42 year history! I will announce the crew that handled that call at the next General Membership Meeting. Remember the glass is always half full. Let us work together to insure our success. As always, my door is usually open ...

CHIEF'S REPORT

Dominic C. Heavy

Well with March behind us and Spring already started, I am looking forward to the summer. March was a very busy month for us all.

I would like to thank all those members that came out for the Work Details during the month, all the hard work paid off. YES we passed our Inspection, and were also informed that the Bikes did NOT need to be certified by the D.O.H.

To the 215 POST Members thanks for all your hard work, without your help we would have never finished. To President R. Winter and B. our thanks. Guys it shows that None Operation people can help out as well. To all the ALS Providers for going through the cabinets and the ALS Closet, great job.

To all that came out for the Installation Dinner Dance thank you all. Big thanks go out to Brian Canty for all the hard work. Phil Orlando and John Palmieri took on a job that no one would do and did great.

To Melville F.D. and Commack Volunteer Ambulance; thanks for covering our District during the Installation. To our Own Members; Crystal Mueller, Tylor Gibbs and Keith Rubenstein thanks for covering the Dispatch Office. To everyone that received awards congratulations from the Officer's.

What a great turn out for The St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had every Vehicle except for Second due and 2-15-25 on the Parade route. Everyone looked great and I was so proud to be leading you all down town. Mark did a great job on the music.

DISPATCHING:

Well it looks like we are ready to go LIVE on April 5th 2009 at 7am, with the CAD System. The Dispatch Committee has been working very hard to get ready for the BIG move. There will be flip chart/ cards to help all those in need. The committee will also be running classes for those that need them. We need to remind all DISPATCHERS that when an ALS PROVIDER answers up you MUST put this in the report. We have gotten a lot better at this, but still need some improvement.

CREW LEADER'S

Please Remember every time an Ambulance is dispatched to a call you MUST fill out a P.C.R. You MUST also get a signature at the Hospital for every Patient you drop off. Don't forget to fill out the paper work for those RMA's.

On behalf of the Officer's, I would like to extend our thanks to all the Members who showed up for all the Funeral Details. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Golinsky Family in their loss. The Officer's would also like to thank Halesite F.D. for covering our District for the EMS Service.

*Thank you,
2-15-30*

CHIEF DISPATCHER REPORT
Richard Stone

CAD DAY APRIL 5th!

Spring is here and it is time for the CAD system to finally be implemented. Now don't panic! All this means for the time being is that the FCC log will no longer be filled out.

There will also be a simplified manual in the dispatch office that will make it easier for non-permanent dispatchers to get going with the CAD. This manual will tell you what information must be entered for each run. Failure to do this results in members not getting their LOSAP points and ALS responses going unreported.

I would also like to arrange a refresher class for anyone that needs to review the system. Several changes have been made since we first had the classes and since every member is supposed to be able to dispatch this will be a good opportunity to get everyone up to speed.

We still need help on our day shifts, particularly the 1100-1500 on Wednesday. Even if you only have one day a month to help out, let me know.

I have temporarily suspended giving out radios until I determine where the radios are and if any are lost. I have appointed a committee to archive all the radios and make a list of radio assignments. So if you come across a radio that is not yours or isn't assigned to a particular vehicle let me know.

*Thanks,
Richard Stone 2-15-35*

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Sal Signorelli

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Robert Franz

Good & Welfare

*Congratulations to Pam and Paul Biersack
on their recent marriage...*



*Congratulations to Bruce Hafner
on his recent marriage..*

Letters to the Editor

Last month I needed a ride to H.Q. for an early CME class. I would like to thank everyone who responded to my request for a ride so early on a Saturday morning! Over two dozen members contacted me with an offer and again I would just like to say thank you and I appreciate all of your offers, Joanne Vogel was the lucky winner! p.s. Brian and Joe, thanks for a great breakfast and lunch!

Eileen Burns

IN MEMORIAM: David F. Wadsworth, # 43, LIFE MEMBER

By Bruce Blower, # 37, Past President

"A perfect gentleman" is the impression of those who came in contact with former HCFAS 1st Deputy Chief David F. Wadsworth, member # 43. "Consummate ambulance volunteer" is how those who served along side him described Dave, as he worked his way up through the HCFAS ranks. Dave, set the standard for new members by his cheerfully being available to do whatever needed to be done during our early, formative years. Whether it was helping to raise funds--which paid for everything in those days, before we received tax dollars--or doing extra duty tours on operational ambulance crews to fill daytime shifts--Dave was always there. As a major airline pilot Captain, Dave was often available daytimes when most volunteers were at work. Dave even recruited several other airline pilots who joined HCFAS which helped immeasurably to keep our in-house crew operations functioning 24/7.

Deputy Chief Wadsworth exhibited the best of professionalism and leadership while an active HCFAS volunteer. When the U.S. Secret Service asked HCFAS to provide EMS to cover a visit to Huntington Station by The President of the United States, where he was making a speech at the Huntington Town House, Deputy Chief Wadsworth was chosen by HCFAS to handle all the security liaisons with the authorities, to set up operations, and to be our officer-in-charge at the scene.

Under Dave's unassuming leadership, this daunting honor for HCFAS was performed without a hitch.

There is no doubt that because of his dedication and talent, Dave Wadsworth would have gone on to be elected Squad Chief had he not retired and moved to Cape Cod. Once there, Dave volunteered and was teaching EMT courses on the Cape for a time. Unfortunately, because of health concerns, Dave was not able to be at our 40th Anniversary celebration last year.

Second only to devotion to his family, was Dave's love for HCFAS. As a token of our esteem, David F. Wadsworth was awarded HCFAS' highest honor--Life Member. Now that Dave has made his "last call," all of us at HCFAS express our heartfelt sympathies to his family. HCFAS also thanks 1st Deputy Chief Wadsworth for his major role in leading the way to our continuing success. Well done, Dave!!!

Scholarships or Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Information on available scholarships or tuition assistance programs sponsored by various entities will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the dispatch office as information is received or the Squad is made aware of a program. Please read the eligibility criteria and recipient requirements of each program carefully. If you require any additional information, please see Bob Franz or put a note in his mail box. Many of the scholarships do not require a health related field of study.

Suffolk Educational Program for Recruitment & Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) Scholarship
The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program (www.suffolkcountyny.gov – scroll down and click on SERVES Scholarship Program) or call Joe Trzepizur at FRES 631 852-4885). The application deadline is May 1, 2009 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall semester. See the Administrative Guide on the bulletin board or visit their website for the Guide, application form and other information. The program is administered by SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services and provides for payment of full or part time tuition at SCCC. In exchange for the Scholarship, the member must have an active service commitment with the Squad during their schooling and the period following their degree attainment. (If you have already earned 80 college credit hours then you are not eligible for this program).

NYS HESC Volunteer Recruitment Service Scholarship

A squad member nominee may be chosen for the NYS Higher Education Services Corp Volunteer Recruitment Service Scholarship before the deadline date of May 1, 2009. Please see a copy of the Squad's selection policy on the bulletin board to determine your eligibility and visit their website www.hesc.org. The award may cover up to 4 years of an undergraduate degree program based upon funding availability. The award will not exceed the amount of the tuition charged by SUNY. If eligible, please contact Chief Dominic Heavey ASAP.

NYSVA&RA SCHOLARSHIP

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association annually awards up to three \$500 scholarships to applicants who are individual members of; or an immediate family member of a member of a squad in good standing in the NYSVA&RA. These scholarships must be used by applicants to furthering their education in a medical related field, and may not be used for EMT and / or CFR courses. For additional information see application form on bulletin board or visit the nysvara.org website or contact Bob Franz. The deadline is August 1, 2009.

Fire Chief's Council of the Town of Huntington

Application forms for a \$500 scholarship are posted on the bulletin board. The application form must be submitted to and signed by the Chief Dominic Heavey prior to the Fire Chiefs meeting on April 27, 2009.

Other scholarships, some are healthcare related, that are or may be available during the year are Bound Tree Medical (www.boundtree.com/training/scholarships), Adelphi 9/11 Memorial Scholarship, Emergency Nurses Association and HCFAS.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2008 – Bob Franz

The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has issued Form IT-245 to claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2008. As per the instructions, if you receive a volunteer ambulance real property tax exemption you cannot claim this credit. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the entire year for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245 is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

HCFAS New Members



Laurie Hoffman
#1243 - Sunday 2300 x 0700

- *Resides in Huntington Station*
- *Has two wonderful children, a 3 yr girl & 1 yr boy*
- *Graduated from Huntington High School*
- *Join HCFAS to help the community*
- *Currently attending the EMT course*
- *Future goal is to become a paramedic*

Welcome!



Jeremy Boehn
#1225 - Friday 2300 x 0700

- *Resides in Huntington*
- *Graduated from Huntington High School*
- *Employed as a tow truck driver*
- *Former member of the Huntington Manor Fire Dept Explorers*
- *Joined HCFAS to help the community and enjoys volunteering*
- *Is interested in becoming a paramedic/crewleader/driver*

Welcome!



Christopher Mallilio
#1234 - Friday 1500 x 1900

- *Resides in Huntington Station*
- *Graduated from Walt Whitman High School*
- *Graduated from SUNY Oneonta with BS in Earth Science*
- *Currently studying Special Education at Dowling College*
- *Employed at Eastern Suffolk BOCES*
- *Former member of the SUNY Oneonta SES (EMS)*
- *Enjoys volunteering at HCFAS*
- *Future goal is to become a teacher*

Welcome!



BASICS - April 2009
Basics - Childbirth
By Mark Brenner



1. ***Which of the following is a pre-delivery emergency?***
 - a. Breech presentation
 - b. Abruption placentae
 - c. Crowning
 - d. Cephalic presentation

2. ***Signs and symptoms of a miscarriage include:***
 - a. Cramping abdominal pains
 - b. Bleeding
 - c. Delivery of the fetus prior to the 28th week
 - d. All of the above

3. ***Your patient is a 23 year old experiencing labor pains. What questions will you ask to determine if delivery of the baby is near***
 - a. How long have you had labor pains?
 - b. Has your bag of waters broken?
 - c. How often are the contractions?
 - d. All of the above

4. ***As the baby's head delivers, you see that the amniotic sac has not broken. You should:***
 - a. Gently push on the baby's head to delay delivery
 - b. Use your gloved finger to puncture the membrane
 - c. Cover and protect the membrane from laceration
 - d. Continue with the delivery as the bag will rupture as the baby delivers

5. ***As the baby's head delivers, you notice the cord is wrapped around its neck. You are unable to loosen or slip the umbilical cord from around the baby's neck. You should:***
 - a. Delay delivering by gently pressing on the baby's head
 - b. Clamp the cord in two places and transport
 - c. Clamp the cord in two places and cut the cord between the clamps
 - d. Cut the cord and apply direct pressure to the cut ends of the cord until the bleeding stops.

6. ***As the baby's head delivers, you should:***
 - a. Suction the mother's nose and mouth
 - b. Suction the baby's mouth and nose
 - c. Provide the baby with two rescue breaths
 - d. Provide chest compressions until the baby takes a spontaneous breath

ANSWERS: 1b, 2 b, 3d, 4b, 5c, 6 b

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



STEVE LEVY
SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

HUMAYUN J. CHAUDHRY, D.O., M.S.
Commissioner

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DOCUMENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

March 5, 2009

Chief Dominic Heavey
Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2 Railroad Street
Huntington Station, NY 11746

Dear Chief Heavey,

On behalf of the Suffolk County Division of Emergency Medical Services, I would like to commend the actions of your providers that responded to the call on February 16, 2009 at 0953 hours. The quick response and the decisive action of the entire crew was responsible for a resuscitation of a seventy-eight (78) year old male, who was initially found unconscious and in cardiac arrest. Paramedic Laurence Scott was able to successfully obtain intraosseous access and provide ventilations with an advanced airway. The rest of the crew continued with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The combination of both Basic and Advanced Life Support skills was able to convert the patient to a life sustaining rhythm. On arrival at Huntington hospital, the patient had both a strong heart beat and adequate blood pressure. The patient was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit. Sadly the patient later succumbed to his illness. The Suffolk County Division of EMS would like to apologize that we do not have the names of all of the providers that participated in this fine example of excellent care. The Suffolk County Division of EMS would like to acknowledge your agency's dedication to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care to the citizens of Suffolk County.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lateulere
Education and Training
Suffolk County EMS Division

Cc: Agency Medical Director
Laurence Scott



April 2009



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1	2 BOD Meeting  Happy Birthday! Daniel Kelly	3  Happy Birthday! Spencer Newman Susan May	4  Happy Birthday! Karen Martin Jonathan Stone
5  Happy Birthday! Keith Davis Jody Kavanagh Carolyn Niceforo	6	7	8  Happy Birthday! Donald Roulo Ferdinand Rocke	9	10	11
12 Happy Easter! Happy Birthday! Mike Milo Pete Nakelski 	13 General Membership Meeting Happy Birthday! Donna Artola	14  Happy Birthday! Kathi Bonessi Jeffrey Brenner Karen Martin	15	16 BOD Meeting	17	18  Happy Birthday! Ozlem Bilgen
19 2:00p Recruitment Open House. Happy Birthday! Chuck Brady Janet Rubel	20  Happy Birthday! Fritz Barreau	21  Happy Birthday! Karen Blackburn Mary Conover Philip Orlando	22  Happy Birthday! Luke Bartolomeo Paul Biersack Mike Smith	23	24  Happy Birthday! Monica Mulchandani	25  Happy Birthday! Angelina Kalodukas Linda Osborn
26	27	28  Happy Birthday! Brian Canty John Maier	29  Happy Birthday! Donna Maltese	30		

In honor of Sal Signorelli (40 years) and Bob Franz (30 years), Dinner will be at 7:30.

Please join us for this special celebration.

2009 Installation Dinner



St. Patrick's Day Parade!

