

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2025 Informational General Membership Meeting
Date: September 8, 2025

Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

President Henry Waldron	PRESENT	Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Vice President Eric Kramer	PRESENT	First Deputy Chief James Mallilo	PRESENT
Secretary Lehti Laas	ABSENT	Second Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Treasurer Elizabeth Wood	ABSENT	Third Deputy Chief Matthew Philips	PRESENT
Brian Canty	PRESENT	Chief Dispatcher Patricia Tufo	PRESENT
Seth Fischer	PRESENT	Sunday Co. 1 Capt. James Kelly	PRESENT
Robert Franz	PRESENT	Monday Co. 2 Capt. Lily Poplawski	PRESENT
Bernard Poole	ABSENT	Tuesday Co. 3 Capt. Sheon Bacchus	PRESENT
		Wednesday Co. 4 Capt. Tiffany White	ABSENT
		Thursday Co. 5 Capt. Kenney Cadet	ABSENT
		Friday Co. 6 Capt. Eve Pollack	PRESENT
		Saturday Co. 7 Capt. Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Welcome to the September 8th, 2025 Informational General Membership Meeting.

The Meeting will come to order at 1930 hours

It was reported to President Henry Waldron that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 46).

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Jeffrey O'Neill – Please take a moment to remember all those who are serving in our Armed Forces and those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our Country. Please remember all of our departed HCFAS members.

The President and the Officers and Committees have posted all reports on the white board instead of giving oral reports. Any questions regarding the information on the white board should be asked when that office gives their report.

Get Well Wishes, Condolences and Prayers:

Our Special thoughts and prayers are with the Family of the Huntington Manor Fire Department, Member Mason Kraese #82, brother of Member Colton Kraese, Grandson of our Late Life Member Elizabeth Steenson and Son of Twenty year Exempt Member, Mary Beth Kraese. Also, relative of many members of the Huntington Manor Fire Department. Our deepenst sympathies to all our brothers and sisters of the Huntington Manor Fire Department for their loss.

Thank you to all that attended the Firematic Service last night and to those of you who attended on your own.

Congratulations to Members Suzie Biagi and Tim Quigley on their recent Marriage. We wish you both many years of good luck, the best of health and much happiness.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

40 Years of Service:

Karen Reim #596

15 Years of Service:

Melissa Anastos #1309

Joseph Grant #1304

5 Years of Service:

Lily Poplawski #1616

President Henry Waldron – Report Posted

Happy Labor Day!

It marks the ending of summer and the start of a new school year. To all of our members who are returning to their fall semester we wish you a great year. Hope to see you soon and to all of our members whose children are starting a new year we wish all of you the best.

Thank you to Melissa Anastos and Patty Tufo and ALL the Day Captains for collecting all the information for the PCRs for the MRN Coordinator at Huntington Hospital.

Standby requests must be made 30 days in advance. HCFAS does NOT do standbys for Private parties/Sporting Events or Commercial entities. Anyone requesting a standby must go through the website at standby@hcfas.org. No other way will be accepted.

Secretary's Report – Secretary - Absent

The July 14, 2025 General Membership Minutes will be presented at the October 2025 General Membership Meeting for approval as there is NO Quorum this evening.

The August, 2025 General Membership Minutes will be presented at the October 2025 General Membership Meeting for approval as there is NO Quorum this evening.

The September 8, 2025 General Membership Minutes will be presented at the October 2025 General Membership Meeting for approval as there is NO Quorum this evening.

Three (3) Thank You Notes were received. (Not Read in Open Forum)

Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Wood – Report Posted

August 13, 2025 to September 12, 2025

HCAD CDJ 51 checks and 5 Direct Debits Total \$85,293.64

HCFAS CDJ 7 checks and 1 Direct Debits Total \$1,714.01

Transfers:

From M&T to TOH \$237,550.28 on 9/10/25 (August Insurance Billings)

From TOH to HCFAS \$158,202.75 on 9/15/25 (Monthly Contract Amount)

HCAD Balance September 12, 2025 \$316,785.30

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey – Report Posted

Well, it is September already and with only 4 months to go in 2025. At this time I would like to remind everyone to make sure that your finger reads are up to date and not to wait until the last minute to get them done.

I will be away on vacation between September 3rd and 18th. If you have any problems, please contact your Day Captain and you can also reach out to our First Deputy Chief as well.

Please be safe and keep up the good work.

First Deputy Chief – James Mallilo – Report Posted

Members, there are (5) EMT original courses currently running in Suffolk County, sign up early as classes will be cancelled if County does not get 20 signed up for a class.

Refresher EMT, There is only one refresher in Suffolk County.

Remember to keep track of your expiration dates on your certifications, ultimately you are the responsible party to do so.

ELOA do not even submit unless there is a class schedule showing your class workload, not the school calendar. A two week notice is required per our SOPs

Standbys: All requests for a standby must come through the standby email address. Standbys@HCFAS.org with a two week lead time. No phone call requests will be directed to the website.

MLOA require a doctor to fill out an MLOA, a doctors note will also suffice, stating that you are unable to perform your duties with a from and to date on their letterhead with a signature. Extensions have the same requirements.

RTD Your doctor must fill out the RTD, citing what duties you are able to perform.

Second Deputy Chief – Keith Rubenstein – Report Posted

Thank you to John Stevens for taking over QA/QI committee. He will be scheduling call reviews. The fall festival signup is down stairs please sign up for classes.

Please remember to finish your PCRS by end of shift if you feel like you cannot please log into esosuite.net and you can finish them on any internet connected device. Per Part 800 of the DOH can impose a fine regarding open PCRS. Please keep this in mind.

Also, without any warning the county switched to plain language instead of signals. Please only use what those signals mean. Also, our ID will be Huntington and then Ambulance # - If you have any questions please feel free to ask. We apologize there was not more warning but they decided to implement it without any prior notification.

The Fall festival is upon us again. Looking for crew for Saturday October 11th and Sunday October 12th Times for both days is 1030-1430 and 1430-1830. Signup sheet is at HQ.

Third Deputy Chief – Matthew Philip – Report Posted

Repairs needed as per 08/27/25:

16 In service- Mileage: 85684 Miles

17 In service- Mileage: 30719 Miles

18 In service- Mileage: 56957 Miles

19 In service- Mileage: 87959 Miles

20 In service- Mileage: 91020 Miles

21 In service Mileage: 39757 Miles

25 In service- Mileage: N/A Miles

80 In service- Mileage: 12290 Miles

81 In service- Mileage: 99490 Miles

82 In service- Mileage: 49552 Miles

88 In service- Mileage: 28010 Miles

89 In service- Mileage: 107322Miles

Gator In service- Mileage: N/A Miles

If anyone sees anything new or wants to bring something up don't hesitate to reach out to my cell at (631)-553-3135.

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

161 Alarms.....567

162 Average calls per day.....18.3

163 Signal 24's.....18

164 Signal 24% rate.....3.17

165

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

167 Sunday.....7 (ytd=22)

168 Monday.....1 (ytd=08)

169 Tuesday.....0 (ytd=08)

170 Wednesday.....3 (ytd=17)

171 Thursday.....3 (ytd=16)

172 Friday.....2 (ytd=05)

173 Saturday.....2 (ytd=09)

174 HCFAS had 2 Mutual Aids (16/24) for the month of August, (1) to/for Greenlawn and (1) to/for
175 Melville.

176 Year to date # Alarms.....4,422, an INCREASE of 129 calls, compared to this same time in
177 2024.

178 Year to date # Signal 24's.....84, a DECREASE of 16, compared to this same time in 2024.

179 Year to date Signal 24% rate.....1.89%, as compared to 2.32% this same time in 2024.

180 Year to date Multiple Alarms running.....60.0%

181 Year to date Average # calls per day.....18.2

182 **Congratulations to the following members for completing and passing the Dispatch**
183 **Training Course:**

184 **1. Arianna Cuevas # 1765**

185 **2. Noor Elfeky # 1777**

186 **3. Amelia Calvin # 1782**

There are currently 12 new members is Dispatch Training. A Big Thank you to the Dispatch Committee Chair, Mike Barker and the Dispatch Committee members, for their time and effort, as this is no easy task.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain James Kelly – No Report

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Lily Poplawski – Report Posted

Hey everyone, Happy September! We were able to finish August with 1 24. This leaves us with a YTD total of 7 at the time of me writing this.

Thank you to everyone who came down to help the last few weeks: Lauren Groser, James Kelly, Barry Winter, Shannon Gore, David Kaufman, Ben Curry, Hank Waldron, Matthew Philip, Bobby Loysch, Brian Canty, Anthony Toledo, Steeven Jean, Andrew Taylor, Jake Levinsky, Sasha Santamaria, Mike Gallagher, Mariana Rivas, Isilma Reyes, Pam Brenner-Davis, Keith Davis, as well as all the hardworking dedicated Company 2 members and many others. Your help is truly appreciated.

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

0700 Shift: 3rd Due DR

1900 Shift: 2 DRs

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

With the summer coming to an end my paramedic course is now in full swing. We are now in the territory where you will unfortunately be seeing me a lot less for the rest of the calendar year. I want to thank all the help on Mondays to keep everything running smoothly as my class falls on the majority of the day and I am sadly unable to be here.

Some fun News! Please give a warm welcome to all the new Monday Members:

#1773 - Lara Strunk (1100 DISP)

#1778 - Corine Batista (0700 CC)

#1779 - Rafid Hoque (FA 1500)

#1781 - Alec Dobler (FA 1900)

#1782 - Amelia Calvin (FA 1900)

#1784 - John Cloonan (FA 1500)

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

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Sheon Bacchus – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Andrew Taylor

Good Evening HCFAS Members,

A Special acknowledgements to the following members for helping on Tuesdays:

Dany Portillo, Jim Mallilo, John Stevens, Dana Silverstein, Esteban Lopez, Christian Caballero, Andrew Taylor, Bob Biersack, Bobby Loysch, Betty Wood, Spencer Newman, Barry Winter, Daniel Fischer, Chelsea Keatley, Dan McNamara and Hank Waldron.

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

This Tuesday 9/9/2025, we have some needs:

1500 Shift – Second and third due Driver

2300 Shift – First due Driver and second due Crew

Tuesday permanent shift needs are:

1500 Shift - First due Driver, Second due full crew

2300 Shift – Dispatcher, first due Driver, second due Full Crew

Again, allow me to stress the need for help on the overnights. We will end up burdening the surrounding Departments with signal 24s.

ACL preceptors are also needed on the 2300 Shift. F/As and ACLs are welcome on any shift. Please just email or call me to request to be added to the schedule.

Thanks for all that you do for our community!

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Tiffany White – Absent – No Report

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

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Eve Pollack – No Report

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Andrew Taylor – Report Posted

Good Evening Everyone,

A special thank you to all members of Company 7, Company 8 and everyone who has dedicated their time on Saturdays to ensure our operations run smoothly. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated!

A heartfelt thank you to the following individuals for their contributions to our successful Saturday operations: Chief Matthew Phillip, Day Captain James Kelly, Adam Ellenhorn,

Suzanne Phillip, Seth Fischer, Robert (Bobby) Loysch, Jeffrey Brenner, Chief Michael Barker (Dispatching), Paul Bayer, John Stevens, Tommy Romano, Michael Jacoby, Andrew Ganley, Joseph Grant, Michael Capotosto, Angie Mata, Steven Benjamin, Dany Portillo, Jake Levinsky and Anthony Toledo.

Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

Unfortunately, on Saturday, we had multiple signal 24s on August 30, 2025 overnight shift due to unforeseen circumstances. Chief Dominic Heavey and Captain Taylor resolved the matter.

A Big Congratulations to Andrew Ganley #1750!

Congratulations to Grace Weigle #1742 and Christopher Leslie #1760 for becoming New York State EMTs.

Operational Update –We need additional coverage for Dispatcher shifts at 1900 and 2300, Second due crew at 1100, 1500 and 2300 and ALS coverage at 1500 and 1900 shifts.

Delegate & Committee Reports

LOSAP 2024 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2024 LOSAP benefit statements were distributed to all participants in your member mail folder or by the USPS. Upon receipt, please review this statement carefully and if any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in Director Bob Franz's mailbox. If you require a change of beneficiary, please use HCFAS Form # 430 which can be found on the form rack outside the dispatch office or on the Squad website or server. Please make sure your legal name and address is correct.

Many thanks go to Christy Stiles, Joan Florio and Meg Callinan for their assistance with the statement distribution. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz robo4200@hotmail.com).

LOSAP participants who are currently receiving a benefit payment should have received their 2024 earned benefit with the September benefit payment and also received a separate payment for their January to August 2024 earned benefit in August.

Audit: The Town of Huntington notified us that their CPA firm will be conducting an audit of the 2024 Points in the coming month.

LOSAP 2025 Points – Bob Franz

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

The 2025 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, 2025 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2025. Review Trainings should be completed on a monthly basis, please do not do more than a maximum of two review trainings in a single day.

The Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Service (SERVES) -Bob Franz

The SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board and is available on line – Go to www.suffolksbravest.com.

Suffolk County resident student volunteers may attend a college or university in Suffolk or Nassau County or take on line courses from accredited institutions of higher education or Attend an authorized workforce vocational training program in Nassau or Suffolk County.

The application and supporting documentation for each semester must be submitted no later than the 8th Friday of the academic calendar.

Some highlights of the SERVES program follow.

The program is a reimbursement program with an award payment made directly to the student-volunteer at the completion of each semester.

- SERVES provides a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College - i.e. as of July 2024, the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an “A” would be \$2,915. The student-volunteer will receive reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA.

- The number of credits supported by the program; **full or part time**; covers a Bachelor’s Degree or up to 120 credits (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours). If you already earned 120 credits of higher education, you are not eligible for SERVES.

- The student-volunteer agrees to use SERVES funds only to supplement any tuition not covered by sources of free financial aid (TAP, PELL, APTS and etc.)

- The student-volunteer must maintain acceptable volunteer activity and training during their entire course of study. There is also a volunteer service obligation of one to five years after attendance at a college or university based upon the number of credits taken under the program.

- Applications are date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

SUNY RECONNECT – FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ADULTS IS HERE

Free Associate Degrees for individuals Age 25 to 55 with no current degree. Students can earn degrees in growing fields like health care, automotive service specialists, computer science, **EMT – Paramedic**, Nursing etc. etc. Half of NYS paramedic programs are offered at SUNY and CUNY institutions – attend a program and come out with an Associate Degree.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz

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 VFIS Group Term Life Insurance or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in Director Bob Franz's mailbox 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 2024 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you recently.

NYSVARA Annual Meeting & Pulse Check 2025

The Sunday October 5, 2025 annual meeting of the Association will take place at the Rockland County Fire Training and EMS Academy, 35 Fireman's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY. The annual meeting will include the Memorial Service and Scholarship & Awards presentation. Prior to the meeting will be a several hour Pulse Check 2025 presentation on "Today's Youth Tomorrow's Future". The Board approved attendance at this event and if any one is interested in attending please contact Andrea Golinsky.

Vital Signs 2025

In Syracuse, NY November 12-16, 2025. For more info see: www.vitalsignsconference.com

Suffolk REMSCO CPR Lifesaving Award Ceremony 11/1/25

Awards presentation is at South Country Ambulance on Saturday 11/1/25. Applications must be received by October 1, 2025 to be considered for this ceremony.

REMSCO's 2024 Agency of the Year Award is Southold Fire Department. Rescue. Other award winners are noted in the REMSCO July 8 draft minutes posted on the bulletin board. The award presentation ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday October 22 at the Southold Fire Department.

NYS Legislation Update

Waiting for the four bills related to EMS to be delivered to the Governor for her approval and signature or veto. One of the bills removes EMS from the limit (2% cap) on real property tax levies by local governments.

NYSVARA Unofficial Notes

Briefings on NYS DOH Division of EMS calls RE: EMS Agency Leadership and Providers and Education Town Hall for EMS Course Sponsors and Instructors are sent to NYSVARA members and a copy is posted on the bulletin board.

Meetings:

SEMAC / SEMSCO – 9/9/25 – 9/10/25 in Troy, NY

Suffolk REMSCO – 9/16/25 at SCEMS Yaphank

NYSVARA District 7 – 9/16/25

SCACA – 9/17/25

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

Building Committee – Roger Winter – All windows have been cleaned and will be finished tomorrow. The Thermostat in the Dispatch Office has been repaired.

Driver Training Committee – Jeffrey Brenner & Dominic Heavey – Any and all accidents must be reported immediately and the proper paperwork must be completed ASAP. If anyone is interested in becoming a Driver, please submit a copy of your New York State Drivers License and place it in the Driver Committee's Mailbox. Thank you to all the Drivers, you are all doing a great job.

Fund Drive Committee – Joan Florio & Carol Nucci - As of August 28, 2025 a total of \$65,573.86 in donations has been received.

Membership Committee – Andrew Taylor, Sheryl Roach & Luke Weiner – We have 14 New Members, 10 new members are in progress and 15 new applicants.

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

Stand-By Committee – Dominic Heavey, James Mallilo & Henry Waldron –

Help is Needed! Please see below Upcoming Standbys. Thank you for your assistance and participation.

9/13/25 - Unity Fun day at Stimson Middle School - Fly Car only - CL ____ - FA ____ 1000-1500

9/19/25 - Whitman Football at WW High School - DR S. Fischer - CL M. Brenner - FA ____ 1800-2100

9/20/25 - Huntington High School Homecoming - DR ____ - CL E. Arboleda - FA ____ 1300-1600

9/27/25 - Huntington High School Football - DR S. Santamaria - CL C.Orr - FA ____ 1300-1600

10/25/25 - Walt Whitman Homecoming - DR Fischer - CL M. Brenner - FA ____ 1800-2100

In Closing:

Has everyone fingered in?

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

Social and Kitchen Committees: A Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Bob Biersack, Angie Kalodoukas, Carol Nucci, Gregory Orr, Christy Stiles and Claire Tesoriero

New Business:

Paul Bayer inquired about Recruitment status.

Brain Canty had questions regarding the New 2-15-25 in service for Drivers. The Old 2-15-25 is being donated in memory of Terry Farrell.

Kevin DiDonato complained about missing equipment and ambulances not working properly.

Eve Pollack inquired at to why members are leaving due to morale issues and other problems.

Casey Stone stated that HCFAS should speed up the Crew Leader Program.

Mary Winter inquired as to how many members are on an ELOA, How many members are Not renewing their certifications. She also inquired about the Driver Training Program.

There is now a TV in the Board Room. Now members may zoom into the Board Meetings.

Old Business: None

Various Raffles:

Cheesecake Factory Gift Card – Mary Winter

Chipotle Gift Card – Carol Nucci

Home Depot Gift Card – Joel Paul

Panera Bread Gift Card – Paul Bayer

Bottle of Wine – Gregory Williams

Bottle of Red Wine – Joanne Cunningham

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 46, Probationary Members 11, Total: 57

Motion made by Roger Winter and seconded by James Mallilo to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2045 hours.

.....Motion Approved Unanimously

508 Respectfully Submitted,
509

510 *Christine A. Tedone*

511 Assistant Secretary

512

513 *Lehti A. Laas*

514 Secretary

515 Draft Posted: October 2, 2025

516 Draft Approved: October 2, 2025