

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2024 Board of Directors Meeting

February 22, 2024

2024 Board of Directors:

President Fiona Witkowski (FW)	Present	Director Robert Franz (RF)	Present
Vice President Seth Fischer (SF)	Present	Director Eric Kramer (EK)	Present
Secretary Brian Canty (BC)	Present	Director Lehti Laas (LL)	Present
Treasurer James Mallilo (JM)	Present	Director Betty Wood (BW)	Present
Chief William Connolly (WC)	Present		

Guests: Captain Grant Werner, Captain Brandon Eybergen, Captain Eve Pollack, Captain Matthew Philip, Christian Cabellaro, Noah Ramos, Michele Franco, Suzanne Philips, Mary Winter, Roger Winter

Meeting called to order at: 18:58 hours.

President Witkowski offered a special welcome to new Director Betty Wood.

For disposition of new members see the Secretary's Report.

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Robert Franz to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023 **MOTION APPROVED** (FW,JM,WC,RF,LL,EK)
..... No Vote – BC, SF, BW

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Robert Franz to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024 **MOTION APPROVED** (FW,SF,BC,JM,WC,RF,LL,EK)
..... No Vote - BW

Proposals-

Pay raise for paramedic Zach Harrington

Hiring of Paid Paramedic Jonathan Gorst

Hiring of Paid Paramedic Dimitra Geraghty

Matching Funds for 401k Plan

Approve Chuck Brady as the Squad Chaplain

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Purchase Invitations, Programs Postage 2024 Installation and Inspection Dinner

Purchase flowers for Installation & Inspection Dinner

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Children's Easter Egg Hunt

2024 Holiday Party

Use of the General Meeting Room- Saturday March 23, 2024 – Julia Vodopia #1522

Use of the General Meeting Room- Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Maria Aviles #1455

Use of the General Meeting Room- Saturday May 25, 2024 – Tiffany Gonzalez #1422

Blood Drive in the GMM Room – June 15th, 2024

ESO Checkout Software

Purchase Mobile Response System from SCM

Social Media Advertising

Pay raise for paramedic Zach Harrington

Motion by Chief Connolly and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to increase paid paramedic Zach Harrington's hourly pay rate from \$XX per hour to \$XX per hour per the BOD motion of August 10th, 2023 as he has now completed three years as a paramedic in the 911 system. This change will be effective immediately. Regarding the requirements set forth in the approved paid paramedic pay schedule: Lead Medic Michael Moccaldi has verified that Zach has exceeded the hourly requirements and is consistent with performing rig checks.

HCAD Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Hiring of Paid Paramedic Jonathan Gorst

Motion by Chief William Connolly, seconded by Eric Kramer to hire Jonathan Gorst as a per diem Paramedic at a rate of \$XX/hour.

HCAD FUNDS MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Hiring of Paid Paramedic Dimitra Geraghty

Motion by Chief William Connolly, seconded by Eric Kramer to hire Dimitra Geraghty as a per diem Paramedic at a rate of \$XX/hour.

HCAD Funds..... MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Matching Funds for 401k Plan

Motion by Jim Mallilo seconded by Fiona Witkowski to enhance the 401k savings plan, as provided by PayCheks, by providing a 50% match of funds contributed by the employee, with a maximum contribution by HCFAS of 3% of salary. This program would start in the pay period March 10, 2024. Matching funds will be fully vested at a rate of 25% per year for 4 years, then all funds and contributions would be fully vested.

Cost to HCFAS

Total salaries for HCFAS are approximately \$6107.00 for last week's payroll. If all paid employees contributed 6%, that would amount to approximately \$366.00 per week and our contribution would be \$183.00 per week. The total outlay by HCFAS would be \$9516.00 per year.

This added benefit may attract and retain employees in the future.

Matching monies not vested by the employee remain in a pool, to be used as we see fit. One option is to use unvested monies to make part or all of the next HCFAS's contribution.

HCAD Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to approve Chuck Brady as the Squad Chaplain

Motion by President Fiona Witkowski and seconded by Vice President Seth Fischer to approve past member Shadon (Chuck) Brady as the Squad Chaplain. This position has been vacant for some years and Chuck has presided over services for our members over the last two years.

No Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Huntington Community First Aid Squad Fund Drive Donation Card 2024

Motion by Fiona Witkowski and seconded by Jim Mallilo to accept the 2024 Fund Drive Donation Card and message as approved by Chairperson Joan Florio and the Fund Drive Committee. The final version was approved by the board in January.

HCFAS Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to pass SOP change 01-2024

Motion by Chief Connolly and seconded by Robert Franz to pass SOP change 01-2024. The SOP was printed in the February edition of the Pulse and read at the General membership meeting on February 12th, 2024 and received a consensus vote in favor of adoption.

Proposed SOP Change - 01-2024

Proposal:

To add the reimbursement of members for Specialty License Plates.

Background/Justification:

NYS has Specialty License Plates to identify individuals as First Responders. Our members can obtain specialty plates that identify them as VAS, EMT or Paramedics. In support of members, it is proposed to reimburse them the cost of the plates.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph A, 17 – Purchasing Policy, Miscellaneous Items

Add a new sub-paragraph i - Specialty License Plates

Sub-paragraph

i - Specialty License Plates

The Treasurer is authorized to reimburse members up to \$60.00 every two years for Specialty License Plates (VAS, EMT or Paramedic). Members must submit to the Treasurer's office a purchase order with:

i Proof that you ordered the specialty license plate, and

ii Proof of payment

2/3 vote required MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to pass SOP change 02-2024

Motion by Chief Connolly and seconded by Brian Canty to pass SOP change 02-2024. The SOP was printed in the February edition of the Pulse and read at the General membership meeting on February 12th, 2024 and received a consensus vote in favor of adoption.

Proposal:

To move the responsibility for Holiday meals from the Chief to the Special Events Committee.

Background/Justification:

The Special Events Committee is better prepared to handle catering.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph 12 - Holidays

Being a twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week, three hundred and sixty-five day a year operation, there will be times when crews will be required to be on-duty during holidays. In an effort to make those holidays a little more enjoyable the ~~Squad Chief~~ Special Events Committee is authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$650.00 for food and refreshments on each pre-approved holiday.

2/3 vote required MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to pass SOP change 03-2024

Motion by Chief Connolly and seconded by Seth Fischer to pass SOP change 02-2024. The SOP was printed in the February edition of the Pulse and read at the General membership meeting on February 12th, 2024 and received a consensus vote in favor of adoption.

Proposal:

To change the current Company 8 SOP to reflect sustained hours over the course of the year.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP for Company 8 is constantly taken advantage of, resulting in many delinquent

Company 8 members. This aims for consistent shift hours and to deter multiple shifts at the end of a quarter.

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are stricken):

Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 9 - Company 8

The purpose of Company 8 is to enable a member of HCFAS who can no longer maintain a regularly scheduled duty tour to continue their active, operational membership in HCFAS. To request Company 8, a Duty Tour Change Request Form (#138) stating the reason(s) for requesting Company 8 status must be submitted to the Chief, with a copy to the First Deputy and the current Day Captain.

Documentation supporting the request (i.e., letter from employer, school transcripts) must accompany the form. The request will be reviewed, discussed and voted on at the next scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will continue on his regularly scheduled duty tour, or obtain a replacement of equal or higher status, pending the results of the Officer's meeting. Members requesting Company 8 must be in good standing, be a First Aider or higher in status or a Permanent Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and be prevented by work, school or other situation from fulfilling a regularly scheduled duty tour.

The following rules and regulations apply to all members granted Company 8. Any violation may result in the loss of Company 8 privileges for a minimum of ninety days and could result in permanent loss of Company 8 privileges. Members may appeal the loss of privileges to the Board of Directors.

A. The member must fill two scheduled duty tours per two-week (minimum of eight hours over the two-week period) and must be on time and in uniform to receive credit for the duty tour. An eight-hour overnight duty tour will count for two consecutive weekly tours.

B. It is the responsibility of the members of Company 8 to call the Day Captain of the day in which they are available to fill a duty tour. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice is required.

C. If a member of Company 8 cannot make a scheduled duty tour they signed up for, he must get a replacement of equal or higher status for the duty tour or he will receive a no show.

D. If the member has two (2) no shows and/or two (2) late shows, Company 8 privileges may be forfeited.

E. Members on Company 8 who cannot fulfill a weekly duty tour must inform the First Deputy Chief in writing ahead of time.

F. Each month, the Chief Dispatcher will run a report of the Company 8 members' hours and submit a copy to the President. If a member is short of 16 hours (4 hour or 8 hour overnight shift complete increments) for the month, the Secretary will issue, in writing, addressed and posted to the member's address on record with the Squad, a letter stating that they failed to meet their Company 8 requirements and must make up those hours in addition to their 16 hours in/by the following month or they will lose their Company 8 privileges. At this point the member will have to select a day and time available as a permanent shift with the approval of the current Day Captain.

G. The member will have 14 days to choose a new permanent shift and will be suspended if they fail to choose a shift within that time period.

The First Deputy is responsible for maintaining the hours of Company 8 personnel. He will report to the Operational Officers and a review will be conducted on the status of all Company 8 personnel at the first Operational Officers' meeting following the completion of a calendar quarter (January, April, July and October). A copy of the report will be distributed to the Board of Directors at the first scheduled Board meeting following the first Operational Officers' meeting of the quarter.

2/3 vote required MOTION APPROVED (FW,SF,BC,JM,WC,RF,LL,BW)

..... No Vote - EK

Retain Legal Counsel for 2023- Glynn Mercep Purcell & Morrison, LLP

Motion by Fiona Witkowski and seconded by Betty Wood to retain the firm of Glynn Mercep Purcell & Morrison, LLP as legal counsel for the calendar year 2024 at a retainer fee of \$7,500.00 which entitles

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the Squad to thirty-four (34) prepaid hours of professional time by Tim Glynn, his partners, or senior associates. Time unused at the end of the year will not be rolled over to a future year. Litigation is not included in the retainer and would be billed separately. If HCFAS exceeds the prepaid time, time spent in excess of the prepaid time will be billed to the corps at a reduced partners' rate of \$250.00 per hour. Time spent by associates will be billed at the lesser of their prevailing hourly rates or \$225.00 per hour. Paralegals will be billed at lower hourly rate commensurate with their experience and effectiveness. We enclose a copy of our current rate sheet for your information. Litigation is not included in the retainer and in the event we bring or defend litigation on behalf of the Squad, time will be billed at \$275.00 an hour or such other rate as we may agree with your insurance company. Time charged will include time spent in the office and out of the office, time spent in research, travel, on the telephone, in preparing documents and meeting with you and members of your corps. We will also bill you for out-of-pocket disbursements made by our firm on your behalf such as filing fees, bulk photocopying, mileage and other travel expenses (but not to and from your headquarters) and similar costs.

[There is no increase in the cost of these services.]

HCAD Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Invitations for Installation Dinner

Motion by Seth Fischer and seconded by Brian Canty to invite the following guests for the 2024 installation dinner:

Name	Company
Supervisor Edmund J.M. Smyth & Guest	Town of Huntington
Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo & Guest	Town of Huntington
Councilman Salvatore Ferro & Guest	Town of Huntington
Councilwoman Brooke Lupinacci & Guest	Town of Huntington
Councilwoman Theresa Mari & Guest	Town of Huntington
Town Clerk Andrew Raia & Guest	Town of Huntington
Receiver of Taxes Jillian Guthman & Guest	Town of Huntington
Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino & Guest	Town of Huntington
Congressman Nick LaLota & Guest	
Assemblyman Steve Stern & Guest	
Assemblyman Keith Brown & Guest	
Senator Mario R. Mattera & Guest	
County Executive Edward P. Romaine & Guest	
Legislator Stephanie Bontempi & Guest	
Legislator Tom Donnelly & Guest	
Legislator Rebecca Sanin & Guest	
Joel Vetter & Guest	Chief of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services
Jason Winslow, M.D. & Guest	Medical Director Suffolk County Dept of EMS
William (Mike) Masterton & Guest	SCEMS Chief Ed & Training
	SCEMS Chief, Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services
Paul Marra & Guest	
Greg Minutti & Guest	Chief of Communications, Suffolk County FRES
Chairman John Manzi & Guest	Suffolk County Regional EMS Council
Chairman Drew Silverman & Guest	Suffolk County FRES Commission

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Dr. David Neubert & Guest

Dr. Devin Howell & Guest

Mr. Tim Glynn

Incris Maldonado & Guest

Bookkeeper

Inspector Kevin Williams & Guest

Suffolk County Police Dept. 2nd Pct

Chief Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department & Guest

Chief Halesite Fire Department & Guest

Chief Huntington Fire Department & Guest

Chief Huntington Manor Fire Department & Guest

Chief Melville Fire Department & Guest

Chief Centerport Fire Department & Guest

Chief Greenlawn Fire Department & Guest

Chief Dix Hills Fire Department & Guest

Chief Northport Fire Department & Guest

Chief East Northport Department & Guest

Chief Commack Fire Department & Guest & Guest

Chief Eaton's Neck Fire Department & Guest

Chief Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corp. &
Guest

Chief Wyandanch-Wheatly Heights Vol. Ambulance
& Guest

President Scott Crosby & guest

Suffolk County. Ambulance Chiefs

Director Andrea Golinsky & guest

NYSVARA District 7

President Greg Colonna & guest

TOH Fire Chief Council

SCPD James Garside & Guest

Lead Paramedic Michael Moccaldi & Guest

Chaplain Chuck Brady & Guest

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219 **Disc Jockey for Installation & Inspection Dinner 2024**

220 Motion by Seth Fischer and seconded by William Connolly to accept the recommendation of the
221 Special Events Committee Chairperson Brian Canty and to accept the bid of Get Your
222 Groove on Inc., Lindenhurst, NY and enter into an agreement/purchase order for their
223 services as the DJ for the 2023 Installation and Inspection Dinner on 04/05/2024 from
224 6:30PM to 12:30 AM at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,295.00. The HCFAS cancellation policy
225 will be part of contractual agreement. This vendor has given us the same price for 7
226 years and offers the most for the price.

227 **HCAD Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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229 **Purchase Invitations, Programs Postage 2024 Installation and Inspection Dinner**

230 Motion by Seth Fischer and seconded by William Connolly to authorize the Special Events
231 Committee Chairperson Brian Canty to expend the sum not to exceed \$1,500 for the
232 purchase of the invitations, programs, and postage stamps for the 2024 Installation and
233 Inspection Dinner Dance. Further to authorize the President and/or his designee to sign

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off on the invitation and program proofs prior to printing.

HCAD funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

** We will have a significant reduction in cost as we did all electronic invitations this year
Flowers for the Installation and Inspection Dinner 2024*

Purchase flowers for Installation & Inspection Dinner

Motion by Seth Fischer and seconded by William Connolly to accept the recommendation of the Special Events Committee Chairperson Brian Canty and authorize and approve the purchase of flowers for the 2024 Installation and Inspection Dinner at an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

HCAD funds..... MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Photographer for the Installation Dinner 2024

Motion by Seth Fischer and seconded by William Connolly to accept the recommendation of the Special Events Committee Chairperson Brian Canty and authorize and approve the President or his designee to sign an agreement or purchase order for the services of Creative Compositions as the photographer (used since 2001) for the 2024 Installation and Inspection Dinner at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,325.00. A Creative Composition photographer will be performing services for this event. HCFAS's cancellation policy will be included as part of the agreement/purchase order.

HCAD Funds..... MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Motion by Eric Kramer and seconded by Robert Franz to accept the recommendation of the Events Committee Coordinator for Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Ann Maloney, and authorize and approve the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 30, 2024 from 10am to 12 noon. The hunt will be at Jefferson School on Oakwood Road and Pulaski Road (or other suitable location if not available) from 10am to 12:00pm. Further, to authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00 for refreshments, paper goods, favors, prizes, and photography expenses, etc. Also, to authorize the issuance of any required certificate of insurance in connection with the hunt. The Event Coordinator, Ann Maloney-Leslie will be responsible for the event. The authorized attendees will be in accordance with the SOP Article IX Section A5 and will be posted as part of the sign-up sheet. The Special Events Committee Coordinator for Children's Easter Egg Hunt, with the approval of the Board Liaison will have the authority to approve requests by other interested parties to attend the event providing a fee of \$15.00 per attendee is paid in advance. The Special Events Committee Coordinator for Children's Easter Egg Hunt may request an advance from the Treasurer that will be accounted for in accordance with the PPP. No other funds will be provided without the express pre-approval of the Board of Directors. The Special Events Committee Coordinator for Children's Easter Egg Hunt will submit to the Treasurer an accounting of the expenditures for this event including all original receipts within 10 days of the event and the Treasurer will give the BOD an accounting for this event at the next Board meeting immediately following the request for reimbursement for the event.

HCFAS Funds..... MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Use of the General Meeting Room- Saturday March 23, 2024 – Julia Vodopia #1522

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Robert Franz to permit Julia Vodopia #1522, the use of the General Membership Meeting Room in accordance with the HCFAS General Meeting Room Use Application and Rules to conduct a 2-year-old birthday for her son on Saturday March 23, 2024 from 1PM to 4PM. Set-up will be on March 23, 2024 from 10AM and cleanup will be directly after the event. A security deposit of \$100 was received and

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the \$400 balance must be received prior to the event. Food service will be by the member. Alcohol will not be served and there will be no outside vendors, so the certificates of insurance will not be needed. Approval is pending the receipt 30 days prior to the event of security deposit balance. The member is responsible for contacting the President or Chief in a timely manner for pre and post-inspections of the room. The calendar has no events scheduled for this date and time.

NO FUNDS REQUIREDMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Use of the General Meeting Room- Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Maria Aviles #1455

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Robert Franz to permit Maria Aviles #1455, the use of the General Membership Meeting Room in accordance with the HCFAS General Meeting Room Use Application and Rules to conduct a surprise 50th birthday for her boyfriend on Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 3PM to 9PM. Set-up will be on Saturday 03/04/24 from 6 PM to 10 PM and Sunday 3/24/24 From 10AM to 2PM. Cleanup will be from 9PM to 12AM after the event. A security deposit of \$100 was received and the \$400 balance must be received prior to the event. A copy of a bartender's TIPS certification must be submitted since alcohol will be served. Food service will be by the member. The member must submit a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 with Huntington Community First Aid Squad named as an additional insured which must include liquor law legal liability coverage. An insurance certificate with Huntington Community First Aid Squad named as additional insured and a vendor hold harmless agreement are required from the DJ for this event. Approval is pending the receipt 30 days prior to the event, of the acceptable certificate(s) of insurance, vendor hold harmless agreement, TIPS certificate and security deposit balance. The member is responsible for contacting the President or Chief in a timely manner for pre and post inspections of the room. The calendar has no events scheduled for this date and time.

NO FUNDS REQUIREDMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Use of the General Meeting Room- Saturday May 25, 2024 – Tiffany Gonzalez #1422

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Robert Franz to permit Tiffany Gonzalez #1422, the use of the General Membership Meeting Room in accordance with the HCFAS General Meeting Room Use Application and Rules to conduct a sweet sixteen birthday party for her daughter on Saturday May 25, 2024 from 7PM to 11PM. Set-up will be on Friday, May 24, 2024 and cleanup will be immediately after the event. A security deposit of \$100 was received and the \$400 balance must be received prior to the event. A copy of a bartender's TIPS certification must be submitted since alcohol will be served. Food service will be by the member. The member must submit a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 with Huntington Community First Aid Squad named as an additional insured which must include liquor law legal liability coverage. An insurance certificate with Huntington Community First Aid Squad named as additional insured and a vendor hold harmless agreement are required from the DJ for this event. Approval is pending the receipt 30 days prior to the event, of the acceptable certificate(s) of insurance, vendor hold harmless agreement, TIPS certificate and security deposit balance. The member is responsible for contacting the President or Chief in a timely manner for pre and post inspections of the room. The calendar has no events scheduled for this date and time.

NO FUNDS REQUIREDMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Blood Drive in the GMM Room – June 15th, 2024

Motion by Chief Bill Connolly and seconded by President Fiona Witkowski to host a blood drive in partnership with the New York Blood Center and Huntington resident Carolyn Plante in honor of Brian Plante. Brian tragically took his own life in 2018. His mother, who is a lifelong member of our community, came up with the idea to hold a blood drive in his honor on the anniversary of his passing. The GMM room would be used from 0600 to 1800, with the event occurring from 0900 to 1500 on June 15th 2024. The New York Blood Center will provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance. All applicable

CDC/NYS/Local COVID-19 regulations shall be followed. Donations will be made by appointment through the NYBC scheduling system. The Chief or his designee will be responsible for this event.

NO FUNDS REQUIREDMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Purchase Member Response System from SCM

Motion by Treasurer Jim Mallilo and seconded by Seth Fischer to purchase the MRS (Member Response System) from SCM. This system would notify our members of our calls and more importantly our signal 3's for manpower.

The Bryx system was an attractive system for the price (\$0.00), but the inconsistent performance in past weeks has not been beneficial for HCFAS.

The initial cost of this module is \$1995.00 for the software and \$2995.00 yearly for 250 users. The renewal cost is \$2995.00 yearly.

HCAD funds not to exceed \$4990.00MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Social Media Advertising

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Brian Canty to extend the social media advertising until the April 2024 BOD meeting at \$100/week. There is still money left over from the previous motion approved of 12/11/23.

No Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The following motions were after executive Session

2024 Holiday Party

Motion by Seth Fischer and seconded by William Connolly to accept the Special Events Committee Chairperson Brian Canty's recommendation and authorize and approve the President, on behalf of the Special Events Committee, to renew a contract with Larkfield, for the 2024 Adult Holiday Party on Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM with a minimum guarantee of 125 people at a cost not to exceed \$86.00 (\$70pp + 22% Facility Fee) per person inclusive of service charge plus Maitre D' and Captain gratuity of \$2 per person. The contract will include the Squad's standard cancellation policy.

Further to authorize an amount not to exceed \$750.00 table decorations and an amount of \$750.00 for a D.J. for Entertainment.

Attendance or invitees to the event will be in accordance with the SOP Social Committee Protocols, Article IX Sections 1-1, 1-2A, and 1-7 and all "Life & Exempt Members" this will be posted with the signup sheet. Special Events Committee Chairperson Brian Canty will offer timely invitations to Suffolk County Police Personnel from sector cars 202, 202A, 203, and 203A with the same guest privileges as HCFAS members. A member sign in sheet will be used for this event. In accordance with the SOP's the Chief will provide the Board of Directors and the Event Committee Chairperson a listing of members not eligible to attend one month prior to the event. Members not eligible to attend will be notified by the Chief. The Special Event Committee will be responsible for this event and the Squad Chief will be responsible for conduct of members at this function.

An accounting for this event, with original receipts and a liquor inventory will be prepared within 14 days of the event and submitted to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will provide an accounting for this event next Board meeting following the receipt of the paperwork from the Special Events Committee.

HCFAS funds.....MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer's Report – James Mallilo

Due to a glitch with the Account Payable report, not able to produce report in time for Board Meeting.

Chief Report – William Connolly

Equipment & Vehicles –

16: In quarters.

17: In quarters.

18: In quarters.

19: In quarters.

20: In quarters.

21: In quarters.

80: In quarters

81: In quarters.

82: In quarters.

88: In quarters

89: In quarters

All ambulances and fly cars are being audited by operations for BLS and ALS meds and materials.

Paramedic Program

Dimitra Geraghty new hire.

Jonathan Gorst new hire.

Equipment: In good standing

Events/Projects St Patrick's Day parade March 10,2024

Trainings: Officer participated with HMFD Feb 7, 2024

Secretary's Report - Brian Canty

New members

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief Connolly to accept as a new probationary member Erin Chicas in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws. (#1722) Shift - Monday 2300 [Dispatch training Monday 1900].

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief Connolly to accept as a new probationary member Katherine Aparicio in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws. (#1723) Shift - Sunday 0700.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief Connolly to grant the following Status Change:
from Associate to probationary member Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith in accordance with Article III,
Section 2 of the bylaws. (#929) Shift - Wednesday 1900.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief Connolly to accept as a new probationary
member Sophia Lutz (#1724) Shift - Tuesday 2300 plus a secondary shift to be approved by
the Operational Officers in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws. The two shifts
per week will be done during the school summer break and during other school breaks and it is
further understood that they will remain on extended probation while attending college and will
be eligible to be off probation after four months from their final educational leave of absence
end date. They also must pass dispatch training within one month after their final educational
leave of absence end date. (Sophia is an EMT) [Dispatch training Monday 1900].

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief Connolly to accept as a new probationary
member Christopher Boettger-Smolich (#1725) Shift - Saturday 0700 plus a secondary shift to
be approved by the Operational Officers in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-
Laws. The two shifts per week will be done during the school summer break and during other
school breaks and it is further understood that they will remain on extended probation while
attending college and will be eligible to be off probation after four months from their final
educational leave of absence end date. They also must pass dispatch training within one
month after their final educational leave of absence end date. (Soon to be an EMT).

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the
following Status Change: Monica Mulchandani #1162 –Active Operational to Associate,
effective 02/22/2024.

2/3 Vote Required **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Status
Change:

Matthew Vahling #1683 – Active Operational to Resigned effective 01/27/2024.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Status
Change:

Nicole Terenzi #1610 – Active Operational to Resigned effective 07/25/2023.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Status
Change:

Isha Dave #1686 – Active Operational to Dropped (no return from leave) effective 07/25/2023.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the
following Leaves of Absences:

Leave of Absence		
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Member #	Last	First	Day & Shift	LOA Start	LOA End	Type of LOA
1670	Bayer	Alexander	Sunday 2300	1/20/2024	5/13/2024	ELOA
1623	Costa	Juliet	Monday 0700	1/16/2024	5/13/2024	ELOA
1654	Filonuk	Matthew	Monday 1100	1/8/2024	12/20/2024	ELOA
1224	Gabriel	Rodriguens	Monday 1500	2/5/2024	7/22/2024	ELOA
1710	Kalina	Brianna	Tuesday 1100	1/11/2024	5/19/2024	ELOA
1650	Kilada	Nicole	Sunday 2300	1/15/2024	5/26/2024	ELOA
1701	Lewandowski	Julianna	Monday 1500	1/9/2024	5/3/2024	ELOA
1646	Linder	Marissa	Company 8	1/22/2024	5/16/2024	ELOA
1591	Mason	Jessica	Saturday 1500	5/16/2022	8/25/2023	ELOA
1641	Moran	Sean	Tuesday 1100	1/12/2024	5/15/2024	ELOA
1607	Rosselli	Kathleen	Monday 0700	1/9/2024	5/4/2024	ELOA
1707	Serpe	Mary	Sunday 1500	1/14/2024	5/20/2024	ELOA
1510	Silverstein	Dana	Company 8	1/1/2024	5/30/2024	ELOA
1006	DAntonio	Thomas	Tuesday 1900	1/14/2024	4/14/2024	EMLOA
315	Golinsky	Andrea	Admin	10/8/2023	1/8/2024	ExMLOA(LOD)
315	Golinsky	Andrea	Admin	1/9/2024	4/9/2024	ExMLOA(LOD)
872	Poole	Bernard	Tuesday 1900	11/28/2023	2/28/2024	EMLOA
920	Stone	Casey	Thursday 1900	1/5/2024	4/5/2024	ExMLOA(LOD)
1599	Macharola	Dino	Thursday 1500	1/15/2024	1/15/2025	Military LOA
1689	Amaya	Natalie	Saturday 2300	2/6/2024	5/6/2024	OLOA
1462	Como	Ryane	Company 8	1/13/2024	4/13/2024	OLOA
1460	Donegan	Kathryn	Wednesday 1900	2/1/2024	5/1/2024	OLOA
1408	Giusto	Andrew	Tuesday 1500	12/12/2023	3/12/2024	OLOA
1399	Wuestman	Elizabeth	Company 8	12/21/2023	3/21/2024	OLOA

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Leave of Absence:

1571	Farina-Ehlers	Vera	Company 8	9/6/2023	1/1/2024	OLOA
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..... **YES (WC)**

..... **NO (FW,SF,BC,JM,RF,EK,LL,BW)**

..... **MOTION DENIED**

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Leave of Absence:

1498	Rittershaus	Jaclyn	Sunday 1500	7/25/2023	6/20/2024	ELOA
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..... **YES (WC,SF)**

..... **NO (FW,BC,JM,RF,EK,LL,BW)**

..... **MOTION DENIED**

Return to Duty						
Member #	Last Name	First Name	Day & Shift	LOA End	Type of LOA	RTD Date

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1583	Gore	Shannon	Company 8	11/29/23	Full Duty	2/5/2024
790	Otto	Susanna	Sunday 1900	1/8/2024	MLOA	1/18/2024 Disp Only
1643	Terenzi	Jaimie	Thursday 1900	2/28/2024	EMLOA	1/11/2024
1399	Wuestman	Elizabeth	Company 8	12/21/2023	MLOA	12/12/2023

Probation Ending:

Motion by Chief William Connolly and seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to grant active membership in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws to EMT-P Gregory Henninger, member #1653, effective 02/22/2024.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Chief William Connolly and seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to grant active membership in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws to Elizabeth Bernfeld, member #1565, effective 02/22/2024.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Bob Franz Report

Legislation

10% Property Tax Exemption

The deadline for all municipalities to adopt a resolution from the old to the new law must be done by December 9, 2025. All TOH School Districts, except CSHSD have passed resolutions with the eligibility option of 2 years as an enrolled member of the VFD or VAS. I have not confirmed if East Northport / Northport School District had a resolution passed at their 2/15/24 Board meeting. Earlier adoption by school districts with the 2 year option may allow some of our members who own property in the district to qualify for the exemption.

A legal notice in the Long Islander indicates that the Town of Huntington is having a hearing on March 12th to amend their code to make it applicable to HCFAS, CVAC and Fire Protection District #1. I hope this is just a technical correction which would not delay the effectiveness of their February 6th resolution for our members.

The renewal and new applications for our members is a work in progress and should be completed early next week.

Nassau / Suffolk Legislative Committee meeting - Reminder

Notice in Fire News January 2024 issue for an urgent meeting on Wednesday February 28, 2024 at 7PM by The Nassau / Suffolk Legislative Committee for a frank discussion on the future of Ambulance Service in Fire & EMS. The meeting is being held at the South Country Ambulance Company.

Governor's State of State Address and NYS budget -NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Comments

On January 9, 2024, Governor Hochul delivered her State of State Address. This annual address allows the Governor to preview the priorities that were further detailed in the Governor's Executive Budget released on January 16th. For the third year in a row the

Governor has included a section on emergency medical services (Part V). This section includes the following EMS topics:

- * Making EMS an "Essential Service"
- * Establishing statewide EMS supplementation task forces
- * Establishing a Rural Paramedic Telemedicine Urgent Care Program
- * Permitting EMS providers to provide care in the community during non-emergent situations

On Sunday, February 4th I attended a 9:30am presentation by NYS DOH EMS Bureau Director Ryan Greenberg at the Fire EMS show at the Nassau Coliseum. The presentation was on Part V (EMS) of the Governor's Budget, Article 30 changes and the proposed EMS statewide taskforce establishment in five "EMS zones."

On Wednesday, February 21st I attended a zoom meeting for NYS REMSCOs which was mostly identical to the 2/4/24 presentation by Director Greenberg.

On Tuesday, February 13th I attended the NYSVARA Zoom Town Hall Meeting on the NYS Executive Budget.

On Friday evening , February 16th I was on a REMSCO Panel participating in a public hearing in Wainscott on the Village of East Hampton CON application for expansion of its operating territory. A motion for approval will be made at the March REMSCO meeting.

Suffolk REMSCO CPR Life Saving Awards: The event is scheduled for March 2nd in Centereach. Please let me know if HCFAS will be an award recipient.

Old Business—

Director Kramer asked about the status of the Medic Fly Car, Chief stated that he will arrange to discuss with New Vehicle chairman Bernard Poole.

Director Laas asked that we get a paid paramedic report as we have not had once since the new Lead Paramedic has taken over.

President Witkowski asked if the Chief if he is going to come up with a job description for the lead medic.

New Business—

- Goals for 2024
- Job description for Lead Medic
- Summer polo shirt
- Building manager

Projects / Events—

Motion by Seth Fischer second by Fiona Witkowski to enter into executive session at 20:11

.....**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Out of Executive Session at 20:59

584 Motion by Vice President Seth Fischer and seconded by Lehti Laas to adjourn the meeting at
585 21:00 hours.

586**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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588 Respectfully Submitted,

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590 Brian Canty

591 Secretary

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594 Draft sent to Board members: 03/13/2024

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596 Amended and approved: 03/21/2024

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FINAL APPROVED