

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2024 General Membership Meeting

Date: April 8, 2024

Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

President Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT	Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
Vice President Seth Fischer	PRESENT	First Deputy Chief Michael Como	ABSENT
Secretary Brian Canty	PRESENT	Second Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	PRESENT
Treasurer James Mallilo	ABSENT	Third Deputy Chief John Stevens	PRESENT
Robert Franz	PRESENT	Chief Dispatcher Melissa Anastos	PRESENT
Eric Kramer	PRESENT	Sunday Co. 1 Capt. James Kelly	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	ABSENT	Monday Co. 2 Capt. Lily Poplawski	PRESENT
Elizabeth Wood	PRESENT	Tuesday Co. 3 Capt. Brandon Eybergen	PRESENT
		Wednesday Co. 4 Capt. Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
		Thursday Co. 5 Capt. Jacqueline de Bruin	ABSENT
		Friday Co. 6 Capt. Eve Pollack	PRESENT
		Saturday Co. 7 Capt. Matthew Philip	PRESENT

Welcome to the April 2024 General Membership Meeting. Happy Solar Eclipse Day to all our members.

The Meeting will come to order at 19:34 hours

Secretary Brian Canty reported to President Fiona Witkowski that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 59).

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Jeffrey O'Neill – Please take a moment to remember all those who have lost their lives in the service of our country.

Director Lehti Laas and Treasurer James Mallilo express their apologies for their absences at tonight's General Membership meeting.

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.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service): Chief will announce on his report for (5-15 years).

Forty Five (45) Years of Service:

Robert (Bob) Franz # 539

Robert Franz #536 – Forty Five (45) Years of Service – Life Member - Bob Franz joined the Squad on 4/2/1979 because he was under a lot of pressure from various officers and members

to set up an in-house bookkeeping and financial system. At that time the First Aid Squad was 100% volunteer with no paid bookkeeper and no paid ALS.

Over the years Bob has held many positions: Director, Vice president, President, Secretary and Treasurer. He continues to serve on numerous committees both within our organization and as a representative on regional committees. Bob usually comes out at night but is a mainstay at every parade!

Bob enjoys his work here because he is supporting the members in an administrative capacity by obtaining benefit programs on their behalf. Bob is a tremendous asset to our organization and we thank him for his 45 years of dedicated and loyal service to HCFAS.

Motion made by John Palmieri and seconded by Brian Canty to change the order of business to hold a Special Election for the position of Sunday Day Captain.

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Candidates must be off Probation. Please state your name and membership number and the name of the Candidate:

President Witkowski opened Floor for nominations for Sunday Day Captain

Dominic Heavey #973 - Nominates James Kelly

Kevin McCann #1143 - Nominates Kenney Cadet

President Witkowski closed nominations.

Roll Call Taken

Eligible Votes Cast – 57

James Kelly – 43 Votes

Kenney Cadet – 14 Votes

Congratulations to the newly elected Sunday Day Captain James Kelly!

The newly elected Sunday Day Captain James Kelly thanked all the members for their support.

Motion made by Mark Brenner and seconded by Roger Winter to destroy the Ballots

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Motion made by Dominic Heavey seconded by Christine Tedone to change the order of business to vote on the SOP Changes: #06-2024

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

Proposed SOP Change #06-2024 Proposal - Read by David Mohr – Chairman of SOP Committee

Proposed SOP Change 06-2024

Proposal:

To update the Purchase Limit amounts in the Purchasing Policy

Background/Justification:

To adjust the amounts to account for inflation.

Current	Proposed
\$100	\$125
\$150	\$175
\$200	\$250
\$250	\$300
\$500	\$600
\$750	\$900
\$1,000	\$1,250
\$1,500	\$1,750

See below for the specific schedule

Change (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph G

Account Category & Name	Operational Officer or Chairperson	Purchase Limit (per item)	Other
Administrative			
Re-Printing of Forms	Chief Dispatcher	Up to \$5 <u>600</u>	See Note 4
New Forms or Revisions	n/a	n/a	
Re-Printing of Stationary	Chief Dispatcher	Up to \$25 <u>300</u>	See Note 4
New Stationary or Revisions	n/a	n/a	
Office Supplies	Chief Dispatcher	Up to \$25 <u>300</u>	See Note 3
Office Equipment Repairs	Chief Dispatcher	Up to \$5 <u>600</u>	See Note 6
Computer Parts and Supplies Software and Hardware	Chairperson	Up to \$5 <u>600</u>	See Note 3
Outside Organization Dues	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Professional Fees	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Postage	Treasurer	Up to \$100 <u>25</u>	Board of Directors
Auto Mileage Reimbursement	Treasurer	Up to \$100 <u>25</u>	Board of Directors
New Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Computer Hardware & Software	Chairperson	Up to \$150 <u>75</u>	
Building			
Maintenance Contracts	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Building Supplies	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Equipment/Building Repairs	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Maintenance, Grounds	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors

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Account Category & Name		Operational Officer or Chairperson	Purchase Limit (per item)	Other
	Paper Goods	n/a	n/a	See Note 3
	Kitchen Supplies	Chairperson	Up to \$150 75	
	Building Improvements	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	New Equipment Purchases	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
EMS Supplies & Equipment				
	BLS Supplies	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$1,250 00	See Note 3
	BLS Equipment Repairs	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 6
	Oxygen	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 00	See Note 3
	Oxygen Equipment Repairs	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 6
	ALS Equipment Repairs	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 6
	Maintenance Contracts	Third Deputy Chief	n/a	See Note 5
	ALS Supplies	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$1,250 00	See Note 3
	BLS Equipment, New Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Oxygen Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	ALS Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Vehicles				
	Repairs	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$1,750 0	See Notes 1 and 6
	Preventive Maintenance	Third Deputy Chief	n/a	See Note 5
	Parts and Oil	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 3
	Fuel - Gas	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Tires	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 1
	Emergency Road Service	Third Deputy Chief	n/a	
	New Vehicle Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	New Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Communications				
	Radio, Telephone and Console Repairs	Chief Dispatcher	Up to \$56 00	See Note 6
	Equipment, new	Chief Dispatcher	Up to \$25 300	See Note 6
Utilities				
	Fuel - Oil	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	All Others	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Training				
	Supplies	Second Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 3
	Courses and Seminars	Second Deputy Chief	Up to \$100 25	See #10 Page 4
	Training Courses	Second Deputy Chief	\$150 75	See #10 Page 4
	Repair of Training Equipment	Second Deputy Chief	Up to \$25 300	See Note 6
	New Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Course Refreshments	Chief	Up to \$150 75	
	GMM refreshments	Social Chairperson	Up to \$75 900	
Public Relations				
	All Accounts	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors

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Account Category & Name		Operational Officer or Chairperson	Purchase Limit (per item)	Other
Insurance				
	All purchases	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Property Claims	Up to \$750	n/a	Board of Directors
Fund Drive				
	All Accounts	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
Personnel Services				
	Good & Welfare	Chairperson	Policy	Board of Directors
	Medical Physicals	Chairperson	Up to \$5600	
	Uniforms & Badges	Chairperson	Up to \$1,250 00	See Note 3
	Vending Machines	Chairperson	Up to \$150 75	See Note 3
	Coffee Supplies	Chairperson	Up to \$5600	See Note 3
	Ready Room Refreshments	Social Chairperson	\$5600	Board of Directors
	Emergency Service Organization	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Social Function - Squad	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Social Function - Other	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	New Equipment Purchase	n/a	n/a	Board of Directors
	Equipment Repairs	Third Deputy Chief	Up to \$25300	See Note 6
	Various expenses	President & Chief	Up to \$25300	See Note 9
	Uniforms and Badges	Uniform Chairperson	Up to \$25300	
	Annual Joint Meetings of the BOD and Officers, to include incoming and outgoing members	Chief for officers, President for BOD	\$2,000 each	
Notes:				
Authority is granted to the Operational Officer. The Officer can delegate authority but must inform the Treasurer, in writing, of the delegated person. The Board of Directors retains the right to change purchase authorization. All purchase categories not specifically delegated to an Operational Officer and listed herein must be approved by the Board of Directors. The original warranty on any new equipment, furniture or improvement must be given to the Secretary and a copy given to the Treasurer when the invoice is submitted for payment.				
Note 1				
	If delay waiting for Board of Directors' approval will affect ability to provide effective EMS services, then Operational Officer can exceed purchase limit with written approval of the Chief. Operational Officer or Chief approving exception must report all details to the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting.			
Note 2				
	Orders exceeding specified purchase limit must have Board approval prior to placing order with vendor.			
Note 3				

Account Category & Name	Operational Officer or Chairperson	Purchase Limit (per item)	Other
	Purchase of (1) items not previously in inventory, (2) increased quantity of an inventory item above previous maximum inventory levels, or (3) purchase of an item with a price increase greater than 5% above the last purchase price, requires Board approval. "Supplies" also includes replacement of small equipment items.		
Note 4			
	Purchase of an increased quantity of an inventory item above previous maximum inventory levels requires Board approval.		
Note 5			
	Submission to the Board of Directors of an annual plan and cost is required. Annual contracts may be approved without Board Approval as follows: a) Renewal may not be more than 5% over prior contract b) The Board of Directors is given 14 days advance notification of the intention to renew the contract, along with a copy of the contract. The President and/or the Chief are empowered to halt automatic renewal and bring the contract to the full Board for review.		
Note 6			
	If a warranty or extended warranty exists, all attempts should be made to have the repair done pursuant to the warranty. Repairs which exceed 50% of replacement cost require Board of Director approval.		
Note 7			
	Credit card charges (Staples, vehicle fuel) purchases must be tabulated on PO by authorized person before submission to the Treasurer.		
Note 8			
	Repair must be performed at a Squad approved vendor and be coordinated with insurance committee chairperson.		
Note 9			
	Maximum amount that can be expended between BOD meetings which promotes the prosperity, welfare and increases the usefulness of the Squad. Details must be reported at BOD meeting following expenditure.		
Note 10			
	The Social/Kitchen Committees are authorized to determine the dinner menu for each general membership meeting, and all special events catered by HCFAS.		

Consensus Vote Taken:ALL in Favor

President Fiona Witkowski – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone who attended the Installation Dinner Dance on Friday. I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Congratulations to the thirteen new Life Members, each of whom has over 25 years of service to the Squad: Eric Autz, Nancy Barker, Kathi Bonessi, Gilda (Jill) Decker, Kathy Hayes, Lehti Laas, Ann Maloney, Robin Smiles, Karen Sprague-Wong, Casey Stone, Christine (Chrissie) Tedone, Claire Tesoriero & Laura Treulich. Also, many Congratulations to all the top performing members who won Operational Awards, your hard work is very much appreciated by all of us. If you are present please stand and be reconigized.

A huge thank you to Brian Canty, Heidie Magerle and Joanne Vogel who masterminded the whole event and made sure that everything ran smoothly from the food and flowers to the photographs and printing of the programs and everything else in between. There are so many moving parts and you all handled it like professional party planners.

Also, thank you to Vice President Seth Fischer for the fabulous job he did as our Master of Ceremonies (MC) at the Installation Dinner.

This summer, David Mohr will be moving to North Carolina and I would like to find someone to take over the Memorial Wall. If you are interested in doing this, please talk to Dave and find out what is entailed.

President Witkowski Distributes Longevity Awards – Congratulations to ALL:

Sharyn Cullen-Kutcher – Fifty (50) Years of Service

John Palmieri – Forty-five (45) Years of Service

Robert (Bob) Biersack – Ten (10) Years of Service

Tiffany Gonzalez – Ten (10) Years of Service

Secretary's Report – Brian Canty

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Mark Brenner to approve the March 11, 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

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

Correspondence Received – A thank you letter was received from Eaton's Neck Fire Department.

Treasurer's Report – James Mallilo – Absent - Report Posted

Chief's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Greetings Members,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, the Dolan Family Health Center, operated by Northwell Health will open their new location at 1572 New York Avenue, (southeast corner of NY Avenue & East 11 Street) Huntington Station. The center will be open Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM and Thursdays until 7:00 PM. The Chiefs have discussed Northwell concerns about anticipated increased call volume. We agreed to monitor calls from the center and if it surpasses expectations, Northwell will have to accommodate their patients.

The Chiefs office will be monitoring call volume and will have regular meetings with Northwell to best resolve any problems regarding transportation.

Spring is here and the warmer weather will soon follow. We have a lot of standbys coming up and have many requests coming in. If you would like to volunteer for a standby, please check the board in the ready room. For probationary members, standbys count as events. If there are members looking to do some extra hours, please reach out to stand by committee

members Suzanne Philip 631- 559-6512, Kenny Cadet 631-568-3967 and Peyton Kalb 631-579-0750.

The Bike team is always looking for new members! Please contact Tim Quigley at 516-672-9312, if you are interested.

Many thanks to Brian Canty, Heidie Magerle and Joanne Vogel for all their hard work. It was a wonderful party.

Chief Connolly Presented Awards – Congratulations to ALL:

Mark Brenner – ALS Provider of the Year.

Robert (Bobby) Loysch – Top Crew and Top Responder of the Year

Barry Winter – Top Probationary Member and Top Responder of the Year

John Stevens – Outgoing Captain

First Deputy Chief – Michael Como – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Melissa Anastos

Unfortunately, I'm out of town for work and can't be at the GMM tonight. Congratulations to whoever won the special election for Sunday Captain. Your service to HCFAS is appreciated. Thank you for stepping up.

It was wonderful getting to see so many of you at the installation dinner. I hope everyone had a nice evening. Thank you to Brian Canty and the Special Events Committee for their hard work on the dinner. Brian was also a huge help with providing meals for our in house standby crews. Thank you to Annette, Carolyn and Danny for dispatching during and after the dinner.

The Big Three of HCFAS Requirements:

Keep an eye out for my pulse article in May where I will be covering in detail the THREE (3) requirements we should all be meeting as members of HCFAS; 1) Our quarterly shift hour requirements, 2) The 36 shift gift card requirement and 3) 50 LOSAP points for the year. More to come regarding this topic. I want to make sure we are all on the same page of understanding so there are no surprises for anyone.

Standbys:

There are many standby opportunities coming up. Please keep an eye out for postings from the standby committee.

Thank you!

Second Deputy Chief – Keith Rubenstein – Report Posted

Hello everyone,

Thank you for doing your review trainings. We will be having some more trainings in person and via zoom. Thank you to everyone that took the time out to do the Trauma training. Chris was very interesting. If anyone has any requests for trainings please reach out and I will try my best to accommodate you.

Third Deputy Chief – John Stevens – Report Posted

This month currently, all our fleet is operational and in service. We are waiting on a few parts to arrive on specific rigs but they may be used.

17 - Upper light, Monitor Mount, Please make sure to leave on the back of the stretcher

Please be mindful of the supplies were stocking on the rigs and FlyCars, we're finding an excess of supplies being carelessly left in drawers and cabinets. Please remember to do your check outs and return any unused/Unnecessary equipment to the appropriate closet.

We had training and in servicing on the I-gel Supraglottic airway last month by Dr's Neubert and Howell. They are currently on all of the ambulances in the ALS compartment. If you were unable to make this training, please reach out and we will get you up to date.

Any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can reach me via Text or call at 631-626-9854 or by email third.deputy@hcfas.org

Chief Dispatcher – Melissa Anastos – Report Posted

2024

Calls through 4/7/24: 1625

24's: 38

Average 2 time: 3:03

2023

Calls through 4/7/23: 1580

24's: 2

Average 2 time: 3:00

Out of the 38 "24"s this year, 11 were taken back by us.

We had seven 24's between 1100 and 1200; five 24's between 0100 and 0200; four 24's between 1400 and 1500; six 24's between 0900 and 1100; and six 24's between 1700-2300. Monday's had the most 24's with eleven, followed by Friday's with nine, and Sunday's with seven.

Only 24% of our 24's occur on the 2300-0700 shift. We need more people to listen up and answer up. If you need a pager, please contact me at chief.dispatcher@hcfas.org. Our weekly needs are emailed and posted on the white board each week. If you are able to help, please do.

If anyone needs a mail folder, please leave me a note in my mailbox or email me.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain James Kelly -- (Newly Elected Captain)

1100 Needs Full Crew

1500 Needs Crew Leader

1900 Needs Full Crew

2300 Needs CL/DR and a Full Crew

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Lily Poplawski – Report Posted

Happy April!

We had a wonderful time today with the Eclipse. Thank you to everyone who came down to help the last few weeks: Kenny Cadet, James Kelly, Betty Wood, Andrew Taylor, Barry Winter, Hank Waldron, Shannon Gore, Brandon Eybergen and many others. Your help is truly appreciated.

Please consider picking some up, as we may be forced towards looking at paid BLS supplementation here at HCFAS. We have quite a bit of 24s and it's early in the year, so please consider picking up a shift or two.

0700: DR

1100: CL/DR & FULL CREW

2300: DR & FULL CREW

Additionally, if you're looking for a new permanent shift, now is the perfect time to change. If you are interested in coming to company 2, please come see me.

Please continue to do your checkouts and keep radios on and with you on calls. Keep up the great work!

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@hcfasg.org or my personal cell 631-374-5663

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Brandon Eybergen – Posted

Happy Spring

Congrats to Tuesday member Barry Winter for winning probationary member of the year

April is National Donate Life month, please consider becoming an organ donor

Tuesday needs a lot of help for tomorrow

0700 DR/CL

1100 1 full crew and a CL

1500 DR or CL

2300 2 full crews

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Dominic Heavey – Posted

First, I would like to Thank everyone who had any part in getting the Installation Dinner ready last Friday. It was a great.

Congratulations all that got awards especially Hank who received the Driver of the year award for 2023.

Well the First Quarter is over for the year and we should have all gotten our Finger Read Adjustment Forms in to the First Deputy Chief.

Welcome to Member # 1727 Matthew Murray Wednesday 11:00-15:00 and Member # 1728 Michael Gallagher 19:00-23:00.

Congratulations to Member # 929 Elizabeth Smith Wed 19:00-23:00 who passed her Dispatch Test on 03/27/2024.

We had 2 X 24 on 03/20/2024 which we took back we had multiple Ambulances on the road. If anyone is around on Wednesday morning between 07:00 and 12:00 I need help Driver's and Crew leaders.

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Jacqueline de Bruin – Absent - No Report

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain Eve Pollack – Report Posted

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all got to spend some time outside today (safely) watching the Solar Eclipse!

I am very thrilled to say that company 6 had **NO** signal 24s for the month of March. I am looking forward to bringing forward that same energy in April! Thank you ALL for making this happen, your efforts, hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

My report is as posted in The Pulse. Shout out to Katherine Bonilla (#1695) who passed her EMT class and Chelsea Keatley (#1721) who is officially a Dispatcher. Special shout out to Christian Caballero, Andrew Taylor, Leo Terrones-Nunes, Medic James Marinello and Post members Kaelin McCaffrey and Isabella Ramos; we were able to cover all 8 calls that came in less than two hours on Friday, 3/29/24, thanks to all of you!

Fridays have been busy this past month. Thank you to all company 6 members and beyond for keeping the whole day running smoothly and covering practically every shift!

For this week, help is needed:

1100 Shift - CL

1900 Shift - CL

2300 Shift - CL

Please let me know if you are available to do some or any of those shifts. First Aiders and ACLs are **always** welcome, so come on down and spend your Fridays with us - get to know what Company 6 is all about!

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Matthew Philip – Report Posted

Thank you to Ex-Chief, David Kaufman, John Stevens, Jackie de Bruin, Jake Levinsky, Lauren Groser, Suzanne Philip, Mike Capotosto, Evelyn Hernandez, Kemberlyn Hernandez, Ben Curry, Peyton Kalb, Micheal Vincent Patrick Terry, Jr., JT Starke, Suzanne Philip and Sofia Mercury for helping out on 2300 shifts this month.

Thank you to all the members who came in on a Saturday. The Company 7 overnight is a great place to learn and sharpen your skills. Two weeks ago we did a BLS arrest scenario and finished the night off with some pizza thanks to the overnight food budget.

To all riding members, please be aware that there has been one child who has tested positive for measles on Long Island.

Thank you to Brian, Joanne and Heide for a great installation this past Friday Night.

When completing your checkout please, be certain to confirm there are adequate BSI gowns on board the ambulance.

Delegate & Committee Reports

LOSAP 2023 Points – Bob Franz

The 2023 LOSAP Records Listing was submitted to the Town of Huntington for Town Board approval in compliance with General Municipal Law. The listing shows that 218 members made 50 or more eligible points which qualifies for a year of service credit for 2023 and 82 members who did not make 50 points. After approval by the Town Board at their April meeting, the listing will be returned to the Squad for a mandatory 30 Day posting period and then returned to the Town for further processing with the NYS Comptroller's appointed administrator Penflex, Inc.

LOSAP 2024 Points – Bob Franz

The LOSAP point committee puts incomplete submitted LOSAP forms for your correction in a basket on the counter on top of the mail folders. Please check this basket and make any required corrections.

Buying or Selling a Home – Homes for Heroes – Long Island Affiliate has discounted closing costs, rebate after closing etc. and has a working relationship with local, state and federal grant programs. To qualify for Homes for Heroes, you must be an active or retired, paid or volunteer Firefighter/EMS provider, Law Enforcement, Military, Teacher or Healthcare worker. See the bulletin board for more information on this program. Also, see bulletin board for information on Home for Heroes \$50,000.00 grant program for home purchases and property rehabilitation.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Refundable Credit for 2023 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2023 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Form IT-245. As per the instructions, you cannot claim the credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law. The ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year NYS residents who are active volunteer ambulance workers for the entire tax year for which the credit is claimed. A copy of the Form IT-245 & instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

NYSVARA/EMS Memorial - Andrea Golinsky

Please remember that you are all members of NYSVARA. You should be receiving information from them. I encourage everyone to attend their meetings.

EMS memorial – I will be posting a signup sheet for the EMS Memorial on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 11 am. The Board of Directors has approved up to 3 hotel rooms for those interested in going on Tuesday, otherwise Captain Heavey usually leaves here around 4am on the day of the memorial.

POST 215 – Kevin McCann

Thanks to Brian Canty for teaching CPR. Thanks to Keith Rubenstein for setting up a trip to the Northwell Dispatch Center. If there are any members who are interested in helping out or if they have any youths looking to join we currently have 20 members but only a handful show up for things. We are going to try and get to the Helicopter and do a training. We have elections coming up in June and our seniors will be leaving us.

Stand-By Committee – Kenney Cadet/Suzanne Philip – We have multiple standbys scheduled this year and a lot of help will be needed in order to accommodate the standbys. Please see the sign-up sheets located in the ready room for further details. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

We need standby coverage this week and next.

April 13th-Family fun day at Chick Fil-A (driver only needed) 1000-1200

April 14th- sayville 0600 to 1200—need full crew

April 14th- exchange ambulance corp 0600-1200—need full crew

May 2nd 1900-Huntington Fire (meet @HFD HQ 45 minutes before each training)

May 9th-1200-1500(full crew needed)

May 11th 0900- vehicle extrication

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

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner/Joan Florio – As of April 4, 2024 the Fund Drive Committee has collected total donations in the amount of \$38,851.00

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

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – The Board approved a Squad trip to watch the Mets play the San Francisco Giants on Friday, May 24th at 7:00 PM. Brian has secured field level seats will be in section 106 with transport to and from Citi Field. The cost for a non-member guest is \$48.00. Squad member cost is \$45.00 and if attends the game will have their checks returned. If you are interested in attending please see the sign-up sheet posted in the ready room.

The final date to sign up is May 16th, so please sign up ASAP.

New Business:

Annette Hershkowitz

Raised a question why the members did not receive their 1st quarter meal allowances.

It was stated that some of the captains did not submit an accounting from the 4th quarter

of 2023 and the treasurer only received a request from the Wednesday Captain 2 weeks prior to the end of the 1st quarter. It was asked that the Chief present a motion to the BOD to grant everyone a \$20 meal allowance for the 2nd quarter.

Mark Brenner:

While on duty today I posted a note relating to the position of 2-15-33. Prior to the meeting Deputy Chief Stevens took the note down and did sit down with me and went over my questions which are below. It is important for us to speak about operational concerns together.

1 - The ALS Check-out forms have not been updated since the Collaborative Protocol Update. When can we expect the new ones?

2 - It is my understanding that King Airways have been replaced with the new I-Gel Airways. For those ALS providers who were unable to attend the in-service, when is the next training? The bags have all been changed over already and I feel this is unsatisfactory.

3 - Keep in mind, that for those ALS providers who were unable to attend the I-Gel in-service, if they cannot successfully place an endotracheal tube, there is no supraglottic airway for them to use.

4 - There have been numerous instances when ALS providers have not been able to restock a vehicle due to a lack of supplies in the restock room. Do you need help keeping that room stocked? If so, Mark Brenner and Sharyn Cullen offer their services.

5 - The new green tags. There is no expiration date on them. Their presence does not inform the provider if the compartment is beyond the expiration date. If we break the seal, use a medication, and restock it, are we to seal it with a red tag and NOT indicate the new expiration date?

6 - I was told that there is an ALS group-chat used by the officers, our medical directors and the paid medics. This seems like a great way to communicate with them. Why aren't the volunteer ALS providers included in this group? Maybe there should be a group chat that includes all of us.

Another area of concern is that on July 1, 2027 we will be losing our EMT-CC's. We are working as an organization to push that back. Unfortunately, at the SEMSCO meeting in Jan this date has been affirmed. So, what are we going to do as an organization? Those CC's are going to have to think about becoming Paramedics, EMT's are going to have to consider to be paramedics.

Mark will be presenting a writeup to some of the senior members and to the Board or Directors for ideas on how we can increase the funding for members to consider becoming new paramedics. Perhaps granting some kind of scholarships to MEMBERS to become paramedics.

Secretary Canty asked what it would take to become our own program agency. Mark explained what it would take and what it would require.

There are 700 ALS providers in Suffolk County, 135 are CC's so in 3 years there will be 550 ALS providers in Suffolk county. We all know that there are not enough now to cover our department let alone Suffolk County, just think what 3 years it will be like. We are not putting out the number of ALS providers a year. We need to fight to push back that target date.

As an organization we are going to have to think about stepping up, not only ALS but BLS also. How are we going to bring people in.

Challenge one another to find ways to get new members to succeed.

Discussions were held in Open Forum.

Old Business: None

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, Kevin McCann, Carol Nucci, Gregory Orr, Christy Stiles, Claire Tesoriero

Various Raffles:

Bottle of Red Wine – Christy Stiles

Bottle of White Wine – Annette Hershkowitz

Bottle of White Wine - Ona Mastroianni

Cheesecake Factory Gift Card (\$25) – John Palmieri

Chipotle Gift Card (\$25) – Barry Winter

Exxon Mobile Gift Card (\$25) – Michael Campanelli

Home Depot Gift Card (\$25) – Melissa Anastos

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 59, Probationary Members 13, Total: 72

Motion made by Dominic Heavey and seconded by Richard Stone to adjourn the General Membership meeting at 2055 hours.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Assistant Secretary

548 *Brian Canty*
 549 Secretary
 550 Draft posted: April 26, 2024
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2024 GMM Attendance	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
President Fiona Witkowski	P	P	P	P
Vice President Seth Fischer	A	P	P	P
Secretary Brian Canty	P	P	P	P
Treasurer James Mallilo	P	P	P	A
Robert Franz	P	P	P	P
Eric Kramer	A	P	A	P
Lehti Laas	P	A	P	A
Elizabeth Wood		P	P	P
Chief William Connolly	P	P	P	P
First Deputy Chief Michael Como	P	P	A	A
Second Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	A	P	P	P
Third Deputy Chief John Stevens	P	A	A	P
Chief Dispatcher Melissa Anastos	A	A	A	P
Sunday Co. 1 Capt. Grant Werner	P	A	P	P
Monday Co. 2 Capt. Lily Poplawski	P	P	A	P
Tuesday Co. 3 Capt. Brandon Eybergen	A	A	A	P
Wednesday Co. 4 Capt. Dominic Heavey	P	P	P	P
Thursday Co. 5 Capt. Jacqueline de Bruin	P	P	A	A
Friday Co. 6 Capt. Eve Pollack	P	P	P	P
Saturday Co. 7 Capt. Matthew Philip	P	P	P	P

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