

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: January 11, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	PRESENT
John Palmieri	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	PRESENT
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Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary confirmed a quorum is in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

- Andy Ball – surgery, he is at home now, but is anxious to return to his computer at HCFAS.
- Christine Blackwell – was hospitalized and is home
- Christine Russo - was hospitalized and is home
- Supporter Jo-Ann Raia – Town Clerk, surgery at Huntington Hospital. I believe she is at home recovering.
- Suzie Orr – Wife of Director Greg Orr, prayers needed.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Christy Stiles – Father
- Justine Foranoco – Step Father

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings:

- Melissa Rubino – Wedding
- Allison Russo - Engaged

Margaret Cornelius (25 years) and Phil Schmidt (30 years) were honored for their years of service to HCFAS. Associate member Fran Stincone presented Phil with a personalized blanket.

Proposals:

Motion by Andrea Golinsky, seconded by Jerry Giacomini to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the December 14, 2009 General Membership Meeting minutes as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Thank you from Chris Blackwell. Northport FD members thank you to EMT instructor John Palmieri and his assistants.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- I would like to thank Lehti Laas and Chris Blackwell for organizing and running the election and all the members who helped to make the election run smoothly.
- I would like to thank all the members who ran for office and I wish you all have a successful year.
- I would like to thank the membership for handling 5530 calls in 2009. Congratulations.
- We haven't had a Board of Directors Meeting since I last reported activity at the Board Meetings.
- I am working on the ID cards – new membership cards will out by the end of the month. Accountability cards will be a bit longer; I need some insurance information to be inserted on the back of the card.

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

Wrapping up 2009 financial activity. Prepared a working draft 2010 budget. Let Chief or liaison know of any budget cuts we can make or need for additions.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey:

In 2009 HCFAS had 5,530 calls and 129 no responses (24s) or 2.46%. Everyone did a great job. Introduced his officers to give their reports.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel:

Please follow the chain of command.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

First I would like to thank all of the members of Co.7, all personal who did backup on Saturdays last year and my family. Saturday was a successful day last year and would like to welcome back to the position Captain Biersack. As always please help Co.7 out on the overnight.

There has been a few changes to committees-

BLS supply- L Hoffman

BLS meds- L Bartolomeo

Any member needing ambulance orientation should contact Joe Frisenda to setup a time for a class. Reminder any member of the committee and any officer, excluding the members Captain may give the test.

ALS Providers- Big year for protocol updates please stay on top of your emails and trainings. If you have not yet received any of my emails this year please contact me so I can get you on the list. .

All Providers- KEEP YOUR CARDS CURRENT, including CPR you will need it to do CME refresher.

Review Training for January is out. Please keep on top of your trainings and next month will be Bloodborne Pathogens. No member may ride without the bloodborne pathogens review training, if you currently have not done one do last years until Feb.

Any member requesting a first aid kit- when your request is fulfilled the full box will be on top of the mailboxes. You will get a note in your folder when it is available for you to pick up.

The following people passed ambulance orientation tests-

C Mallilo #1234

J Ladd #1267

With all the building problems within the last two weeks I would like to thank Captain Rubenstein, Tyler Gibbs, Tom Romano and Jeremy Boehm; it was not fun but we got it all handled thank you for your hard work and dedication... Also many thanks to non member Tiffany Sarduci (Tommy's finance) for helping in the disaster relief.

Discussion with HFD 32- they would like to do at least 2 drills this year:

School bus extrication and marina fire – more info to follow as discussions continue

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr:

Building:

As many of you already know we had a major flood in the main meeting room on December 30th which also came through the floor and into the apparatus room. Over 400 gallons of water flooded the room when a heating coil broke. The effected unit was turned off, parts have been ordered, the insurance company was notified and a restoration company recommended by them was called in and began the process of cleaning up the mess. As you can see, most of the room has been reopened, but the main effected area has been roped off. We are working with the insurance adjuster and the restoration company to get the repairs done as soon as possible.

A big thank you to Chief Jeff Brenner who coordinated thing that day till I arrived. As well to Jeremy Boehm, Tyler Gibbs, and Captain Keith Rubenstein who were there all afternoon and

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evening helping. Also, thank you to Bob Franz for the help with the insurance and moving the tables and chairs.

To add injury to insult, on January 1st we had a clogged drain in the Ready Room. The plumber was call and spent four (4) hours clearing the drain and snaking the pipe through the trap in the Exercise Room. When the trap was opened, it exploded back and contaminated water and oil splattered all over the area. Later that night the sink backed-up again and flooded the Ready Room kitchen causing extensive damage to the carpet and cabinets. The plumber was back in the building Saturday morning and the water/oil separator was determined to be the problem. When that trap was open it also exploded and again contaminated water and oil went everywhere. It was determined that the separator had not been cleaned since its installation; it is supposed to be cleaned annually. The insurance company was called again as well as the restoration company. Again repairs are underway and we are working to get our rooms back up and functional as soon as possible. Yes, the carpet in the ready room is going to be replaced.

The Maintenance Closet has been cleaned and rearranged. Everything has been labeled and an inventory is being done.

MedPro has been in and inspected all the prams and stair chairs.

TM Kenny has been in and checked and adjusted the bay doors.

It has come to our attention that the drugs on our vehicles need to be kept at a temperature between 59 and 77 degrees. Therefore, the temperature in the truckroom has been increased from 50 to 60 degrees. So when a vehicle leaves the building the doors need to be closed immediately to keep the heat in. This is a security issue as well.

We have been advised that there has been a recent increase in the theft of emergency related items, radios, light bars and equipment. Dispatchers, if the Crewleader forgets to close the door, check the camera to make sure the door area is clear and then close the door. Drivers are reminded that you should be securing your vehicle at a scene. The new vehicles, 16 & 21, have the ability to lock all exterior doors by a switch in the license plate area if you must leave the vehicle unattended. If you are riding with a full crew, the driver should remain with the vehicle unless their help is need by the crew.

Lastly under buildings, the house rule state "There will be no parking of personal vehicles on the front or rear ramps." Please refrain from parking you personal vehicles in the front ramp or behind the truckroom doors in the back. This even applies if you are responding to a back-up call. Please use the parking lot.

Work Details:

We will be having a work detail every Saturday beginning at 9:00a. They will only last a couple of hours. During the first week we cleaned all the vehicles and the truck room. This past week we inventoried the items out of the damaged areas and removed all the holiday decoration. I would encourage all members especially our newer members to come down. It is a great way

to meet older members, learn more about the facility and get more involved in your Squad.
Remember, many hands make light work.

Vehicles:

2-15-16 – was hit by another ambulance at the hospital leaving a scratch behind the Driver's side door. It will go to Markham next week for repairs. We also have a wiring problem with the side door to the box and the passenger side rear compartment. Both have to be open to get the door warning lights to work. We will work with Brian C., as it should be warranty issue. The wheels are also out of alignment. The vehicle is at Ace and will back tomorrow.

2-15-20 – the step on the driver's side has a broken weld. It is last due and can be used if required, but Drivers be careful getting in. We are looking to whether it can be repaired or has to be replaced. We have also gotten an estimate to repair the scratch that runs along the passenger side. This will be vote on at the next Board meeting.

2-15-18 – has a load manager problem, Ace will be called in the morning, it is OOS

2-15-25 – has a problem with the siren, it likes to cluck. Ace will look at that when they return 16.

Drivers please remember to put the emergency brake on as this engages the high idle on some of our ambulances.

We have replaced a multitude of lights in the ambulance, but have also realized that some of the problems are with switched. We are looking to get replacement switched and get them repaired as well. Which brings me to this point, we have an aging fleet, and some of our vehicles are over eight years old and need maintenance. Drivers, if you see something wrong during your check-outs, please complete a maintenance request form and put it in my mailbox and we will be it repaired. If you go on a back-up call and notice something wrong with a vehicle, please don't just tell the Dispatcher. It is your responsibility to complete the maintenance request form and put it in my mailbox. If it is a major problem and you feel the vehicle should be off line, have the Dispatcher notify me immediately. The Board has been gracious enough to provide me with a blackberry and a pager which are on at all times. In the rolodex in the dispatch office are all my phone numbers please call me and let me know so that I can immediately begin the process of repair. If the vehicle must be taken off line remember to put a red card on it. This tells people what the problem is and who was notified.

Finally, I would especially like to thank Jeremy Boehm who has been helping me with everything that has been going on. Without his help I think I would still be drowning in the water from the meeting room leak. Thank you Jer-Bear.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone:

First, I would like to thank the members who supported me in the last election. I look forward to serving you again this year.

To all dispatchers, as of January 2 you no longer need to include the county call # or the med com operator's # on the report screen. Alarm worksheets no longer need to be filled out unless we did not receive a printout from Med Com or we start the run ourselves such as a call-in or walk-in. We are working toward eliminating the LOSAP sheet also. More about that next month.

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Please remember to use the finger reader at the beginning and end of your shift and continue to sign in on the roster until further notice.
Just another note. Tonight we are honoring Margaret Cornelius for her 25 years of service. As a new member, she was my dispatch trainer and she welcomed me as a member of her family. Since then we have had a warm relationship and I am very delighted to be wishing her well tonight.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Captain Samantha Ryan:
Needs help. Thanks for those members who did back up calls.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Congratulations:

- Christine Principato #1268: Passed Dispatch.
- Dennis Vangroski # 1274: Passed Dispatch.
- Lumi Hazelton # 1239: Passed Dispatch.
- Chris Mallilo #1234 passed ambulance orientation
- Jenn Ladd #1267 passed ambulance orientation
- Monique Moreno #1114 is now a crew leader

Thanks to:

- Tom O'Leary for filling in on my 1100 shift
- Sal Signorelli for filling in 1100 shift
- Everyone who has answered up for a call.

Help Needed on:

- 1100 shift needs a driver.
- 1100 shift needs a Crew leader.

Welcome:

- Sheryl Burke (Welcome Back)

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

As we're only into the new year, I have nothing to report at this time.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo given Ex Cpt. Kathy Gearey

Need help 0700-1100. Need ALS provider on overnight shift.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

No 24s so far. Need help on back up calls.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner:

On January 8th 2010 I took over as Friday captain. In those 24 hours the squad received 28 alarms. I'm proud to say that only one of those alarms was mutual aided. Obviously handling this volume of calls required many hands and so I have to say a big thank you to my on duty crews who not only handled all of these alarms but also completed their checkouts!

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Additionally I'd like to thank the following people who went above and beyond: Kurt Vetter (#1161), Tom O'Leary (#1187), Joey Denimarck (#883), Laurie Hoffman (#1243), Joe Frisenda (#1160), Jeremy Boehm (#1225), Luke Bartolomeo (#1148), Carol Niceforo (#1223), Em Schaffert (#1248), Chief Rich Stone (#1149), Chief Dave Mohr (#748), Chief Jeff Brenner (#1135), Tyler Gibbs (#1252), Tom Hogan (#879), Israel Cortes (#1174) and a HUGE THANK YOU to Brian Milliken (#1085) who dispatched the whole middle part of the day. I am indebted to each and every one of you.

I continue to need a full time dispatcher and driver on the 1100 shift and an extra set of hands on the overnight would be nice. Especially since I'm committed to those empty Saturday overnights! I thank you all again for your hard work and look forward to a fun and productive year!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report- Paul Biersack:

As we're only 10 days or so into the new year, I have little to report at this time. Most important thing I have so far is a reminder that Saturday overnight shifts are in dire need of help with coverage. I have a First Aider and a Crew Leader on odd number weeks but absolutely *nobody* scheduled for even number weeks. If anyone has some free time and is available for Saturday overnights, please please *please* consider coming down occasionally to help me staff an in house duty crew! My wife and I covered the entire overnight shift by ourselves on January 2nd and over this weekend, we had several MVAs requiring multiple ambulances. While a number of members did respond on a signal 3, I cannot help but wonder how much faster the two additional ambulances could've been on the road if there was an in-house duty crew.

Now, a round of thanks to all of my on duty crew members as well as last minute fill-ins for the last 2 weeks:

Matt Valle (#1238),
Tyler Gibbs (#1252),
Captain Keith Rubenstein (#1154),
Captain Pamela Brenner (#1157)

For those who answered the signal 3 for help at both MVAs this weekend, I offer BIG round of thanks to:

Tom Hogan (#879),
Tommy Romano (#939),
Israel Cortes (#1174),
Carol Niceforo (#1223),
Jeremy Boehm (#1225),
Laurie Hoffman (#1243),
Daniel Milione (#1258),
Chief Dominic Heavey (#973),
Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner (#1135)

Special thanks to Post 215 member Kristen Tiersch (P8), who's been coming to help fellow Post 215 member Chelsea Miller (P12) with her dispatching on my 1500 shift. Also to Luke Bartolomeo (#1198), who did a fine job maintaining control of the scene of an MVA early

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Sunday morning, directing both ambulances to a safe and speedy response. Apologies if I missed anyone!

Squad Chief Report continued

Please follow the chain of command.

Longevity Awards –

25 Years of Service – Margaret Cornelius

30 Years of Service – Philip Schmidt

10 Years of Service – Carmen Schlieben, Thomas Lemp

15 Years of Service – Gilda (Jill) Decker, Eric Schmierer

Medical Emergency Cards –Please fill out and give to 1st Deputy Chief.
Thank you to everyone who helped out in the Snow Storm.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky Delegate Dist. 7:

No meetings held in December and January Dist 7 & SCACA meetings are later this month.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – various committees and benefits as presented in the January pulse.

LOSAP 2009 Points – Bob Franz

The 2009 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 Andy Ball of the LOSAP point committee. I ask that you look at the last column titled “LOSAP TOTAL” to see the number of eligible LOSAP Points you have for 2009. You must have 50 points in this column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2009.

The deadline for review trainings is January 15, 2010. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters’ & Ambulance Workers’ Credit for 2009 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2009 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.

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline is March 1, 2010 for property tax year 12/01/10 to 11/30/11. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be recertified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2010, please drop a note with your detail information in Bob Franz’s mail box. If you moved and purchased another home, you must fill out a new application form for your new residence.

Members who will be eligible for the first time (achieved at least 5 years or more of service by 3/1/10 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/10), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 19, 2010. To be eligible, your name must be on the property deed, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2010. For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2010, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 for specific details). Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/10 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2010, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 19th.

Designations of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Please call or see Bob Franz if you wish to change your designated beneficiary(s) on your Group Life Insurance Certificate and the Squad's VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy. Eligible members under the squad's group life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age). Generally, all active members are covered under the Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000. Your beneficiary under the LOSAP program was indicated on the 2008 LOSAP benefit statement distributed to you a couple of months ago.

Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law (VAWBL) Policy – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Effective January 1, 2010, the Squad changed its VAWBL Policy to The State Insurance Fund who will provide the mandated coverage required under the workers' compensation law. Information will be placed on all squad vehicles in the vehicle registration and insurance card plastic case which will have the necessary data to give to a medical facility or doctor that provides medical care to an injured member. The back of members' accountability identification cards will also be updated with this revised information in the near future. If a member is injured on duty, claim forms are located in a folder after the letter "Z" in the members' mail folders file draw.

David Mohr –Post 215

- Post 215 – The Post has been doing clean up duties at the squad. Also the Explorer Post 215 will be performing first aid trainings with Troop 218 on Saturdays. Recruitment meeting at 7:30pm Tuesday 1/12/2010.
- **ALS – Alyssa Axelrod** – Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) Class will be held at HCFAS on Saturday January 16, 2010 from 8am-4pm and Saturday January 23, 2010 from 8am to 4pm. This class is offered Heartstart Educators.
- **CME – Pam Biersack**. See bulletin board & Email. 2nd DChief – use squad vehicle.
- **Uniform – Jerry Giacomini, Lehti Laas** –
- **Stand-by – Donna Smith** – no report
- **Special Events Committee – Brian Canty**: Installation Dinner Invitations have been mailed. Please return to Brian at the squad. The dinner is at the Chateau Briand – 440 Old Country Road, Carle Place NY from 6:30pm-12:30am, Saturday March 6, 2010.

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- **Pulse – Patty Salajka** – Deadline is around the 20th of each month.
- **Review Training – Christine Blackwell** – January 15, 2010 is the final date for review trainings.
- **SOP's – No Report**
- **Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy** – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim. Jim reports that a member gave up his card to another member in need as a benevolent gesture.
- **Monument and Sign** – John Palmieri discussed and showed the plans for the sign and monument. John fielded some questions regarding funding, the funds are encumbered funds set aside years ago.

11) Old Business

- Phil Orlando and crew wanted their storks for a delivery.
- Phil inquired about parade funds for food allotment.

(12) New Business

- Millie Gabriel brought up an issue of a personal issue regarding a family transport to the hospital.

Thank you to those who have helped:
Social and Kitchen Committees
Setup committee

Raffle Winners of 7 Various gifts:

1. Pen Set – VSS – Paul Mori
2. Pen Set – VSS – Norma Signorelli
3. Gift Basket – ACE Towing – Karen Martin
4. Continental Almonds – CES - Paul Biersack
5. Biscuits a la Carte – Manor Haven Adult Home – John Palmieri
6. Pindar Pythagoras Red Table Wine – VSS – Martha Brenner
7. ALS EMS Field Guide – Roger Winter – ALS Committee

Motion by Andrea Golinsky seconded by Millie Gabriel to adjourn the meeting at 21:40 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

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Secretary

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Approved: February 8, 2010

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Secretary Franz had a moment of silence.

We mourn the loss of:

Joseph Frisenda's grandfather.

Michael Milo's mother Catherine (burial may be February 25 or 26)

Motion by John Palmieri, seconded by Liz Steenson to appoint Secretary Franz as Chairperson of the meeting in the absence of President Winter.

Unanimous

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Andy Ball – Recovering and working on his LOSAP duties.
- Suzie Orr – Wife of Director Greg Orr, continued prayers
- Donna Smith – Hospitalized, recovering
- Sue Siebel – illness
- Rosa Cortez wife of Israel – Continued prayers
- Sally Stazak was seen in the hospital and released under her own recognizance.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Joe Frisenda – Loss of Grandfather
- Mike Milo – Loss of mother Catherine

Claire Tesoriero was honored for her 20 years of service to HCFAS.

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Incoming: Thank you from Christy Stiles, Lumi Hazelton, Dix Hills VFD, St. Anthony's Crew

Team \$200 donation for standby done by Mark Cappola, Keith Rubenstein, and Luke

Bartolomeo. Outgoing: Third Deputy Chief David Mohr's 1/27/10 letter to Ms Charlie Kunzer of

Doctors Without Borders. All letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report

Roger Winter given by Robert Franz

- I would like to thank David Mohr for organizing and coordinating the "Fill the Boot" fundraiser for Haiti. Over \$35,000.00 was raised and given to Doctors without Borders. Thank you Dave and the members of Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Huntington Fire Department and Huntington Manor Fire Department on a great fundraiser. Letter to be read to membership by the secretary.
- Banking Resolutions with HCFAS's Designated Banks
- Disc Jockey for the Installation & Inspection Dinner 2010
- A Board Motions Format
- Funds for Monthly Recruitment Activities
- A motion for parades and Associated Activities for the year
- Refreshments for Parades and Special Events for the year
- PAL Certification for Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals, (PEPP) Course Participants
- 1st Responder Newspaper 2 year renewal
- Conflict of Interest Policy

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- Repair of 2-15-20 at Markham collision for a long scratch on the side of the vehicle.
- General Membership Meeting Room usage for Casey Stone in February
- New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA), District 7 Delegates and 1st Alternate permission to attend the NYSVA&RA Board meeting near Albany NY for 2010.
- Payment of discounted Fire, Rescue & EMS Mega Show 2010 at Nassau Coliseum February 27 & 28.
- Contribution of \$1,000 to the NYSVA&RA for legislative issues and publication of the Blanket.
- VESO Trust (Voluntary Emergency Service Organization) Group Term life Insurance Program
- SCM Annual Maintenance Contract for Software and Hardware
- Dishwasher Warranty
- New Building Cleaning Agreement with Executive Cleaning Services

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

Dues notices will go out the 15th of the month. March 1st is the date members are technically dropped for not paying dues.

Captain Brenner requested a list go out to the Day Captains.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey:

20 Years: Claire Tesoriero

10 Years: Greg Orr
Matt Sisinni

First let me start off by saying how sorry I am for not thanking the Special Event Committee under B. Canty. The Children's party and the Annual Holiday Party. Great job by all.

Let me start by saying how proud I am to be Chief of such a great organization, and again you showed how that happened. On a cold Sunday Between 11:00am and 3pm you could not get in to our out of Huntington. The following Letter was sent out to HM/FD and HFD and a copy of the photos you just have seen were also send to Dr. without Borders. Great job everyone. Thanks to Chief Mohr for all the work in this project

Letter received from Dix Hills FD well done guys for a good job.

The 76th Huntington Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday March 14, 2010 at 2:00p.m. Be at the Squad by 12:30 pm to line up at 1:00p.m. The sign up sheet should be up by the weekend. We will have The Gordon Highlanders Pipe Band. Everyone to be in Class "A" uniforms. If you need work on your uniforms now would be a good time to speak with Andrea.

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There was a discussion with the membership about the band and our current tight budget. Majority consensus of the membership is not to engage a band for the parade.

Town Of Huntington Touch a Truck will be held on Saturday April 24, 2010 more to follow.

EMS Week will be held from May 16 through May 23, 2010. We are planning to have our Open House on May 16th, 2010. Times to follow. We are looking for a lot of help and would love all to attend and help out.

EMS Memorial to be held during EMS week in Albany on Wednesday May 19th, 2010. More information to follow.

The Officers are working on the Duty uniforms and will bring back the ideas to the GMM next month. We would like to thank everyone for their input.

Work Detail is held on every Saturday from 9am all are welcome to come down and help out. As everyone can see we are hanging up some things that were put in cabinets.

Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Service Response Report for January 2010.

HCFAS 449 Calls of which 9 calls were 24 NOT bad at all. Thanks to everyone.

As a reminder I would ask everyone when you fuel up a vehicle that you remember to place the recite in the Proper mail box.

As another reminder please remember to send in or place your response in B. Canty mail box for the Installation Dance.

We have coverage for the Installation Dinner, 17:00hr to 23:00hr Centereach FD 1 BLS Ambulance, 23:00hr to 07:00 Greenlawn FD 1 BLS Ambulance. Thanks to Chief Brenner for all the work in this project.

Review Training is out for February please makes sure that everyone in keeping up to date with the review training.

As most of you know the Chiefs Orders are being renew and should be back in the Dispatch Office by the end of the week. I would like to thank everyone for there in put in these matters.

Again on behalf of the Officers I would like to thank each and every one of you for all the hard work.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel given by Pamela Brenner:

Anne is at an ALS refresher class this evening. Eight new members were accepted. Would like to see more members in the driver training program.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

Department coverage for the annual installation and inspection dinner

1700-2300 Centereach FD

2300-0700 Greenlawn FD

ALS-

Update going well, new test out. Compliance by 2/28/10

CPAP-survey on different style CPAP machines will be out for the providers

Thank you to all who participated in the head immobilization survey- results will be out soon.

Deadline is the 2/15/10 to fill it out.

Review Training-

Sorry for the change this month is BLS meds. next month March will be Bloodborne.

Remember to stay on top of your trainings- give you points and more than 2 missing will remove you from active duty.

Training-

Nitro update- meds within 72 hrs not 24 and to include Cialis type medications

First Aid supply-

Item not being signed out- this is a must to help track inventory.

Amb Orientation-

Passed T. Quigley, L Bennett, V Maltese, C Mallilo, J Ladd, T White, C Masten, L

Booth...Congrats- get riding!!!!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr given by 2nd Deputy Chief Brenner:

Let me first begin by thanking Chief Brenner for not only giving this report, but for covering for me while I am in Mexico.

Two weeks ago we, along with members of HMFD and HFD came out and did what we do best. We came together and helped people we don't even know in their time of need. Over 100 men, women and junior/youth squad members, over 40 from the Squad, and 23 pieces of apparatus from all three departments raised \$35,393.95 for Doctors Without Borders in three short hours in a Fill the Boot fund raiser for the Haiti Relief Fund. On behalf of Claudy Grimadeau, Audin Delva and Rodrigens Gabriel I want to thank everyone for their extraordinary effort. To the Chief and all the Officers for their support and help, to Matt Sisinni for making up over 60 signs, to Brian Canty for putting together the refreshments afterwards, and to Captain Paul Biersack for setting up the TV sets so we could watch the Jet game, thank you.

We will be recognized by the Huntington Town Board for our efforts on March 9th at 7:00 during their meeting. Please join us at Town Hall for the event.

Building:

The building is well on its way toward getting back to normal after the two floods. The dishwasher in the ready room has been replaced, carpeting has been ordered and the counter top has been measured and they are just trying to match the existing color scheme. The entire

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flooring in the exercise room will need to be replaced as they can't match the existing flooring. Ceiling tiles have been ordered and the rooms will also be painted. Many of you have asked when the exercise room will be functional again and as soon as I have a date, I will let you know, but as of right now, I don't have a date.

We have a new cleaning company, Executive Cleaning Services. They are a Huntington based company that provides services to the entire tri-state area. They have been contracted to do the same services as JP Cleaning, but hopefully with better quality. In the coming weeks we will be replacing the c-fold paper towels that we currently have in the bathrooms with a touch less paper towel dispenser. They are more sanitary and cost less. Also, all the floors will either be stripped, waxed and buffed or shampooed. They will be done in sections over a couple of weeks. This will continue to be done twice a year. Also all the HVAC vents will be cleaned as well. Since this wasn't done in the past, many of the ceiling tiles surrounding the vents have black staining on them. We will look to replace them after they vents are cleaned.

Work Details:

We continue to have the Saturday morning work details which begin at 9:00a. They have been going for about three hours and then we have lunch. Thank you to all the members and Post members that have come out and helped.

If any members have some free time, please come down and lend a hand, we have a long list of things we would like to get done. I would like to especially invite all the new probationary members to these details. It is a great way of meeting fellow members and learning more about the Squad, it also helps get the work done faster. This is our building; let's have pride in it and make it look good. Remember, many hands make light work.

Our current project has been moving the plaques that have been in the trophy cases out and hanging them on the walls. We will then put the trophy's that are in the administrative suite in the cabinets.

Vehicles:

A lot of work has been done and continues to be done to our fleet. We are looking to better maintain our fleet to extend their lives. We are working on a very tight budget and if we can extend each vehicles life by a year or two that will go a long way to helping the budget.

To that end, I need your help. If something happens to a vehicle while out on a call or anytime, please let me know. Put a note in my mailbox. This not only goes for the Drivers, whose responsibility it is, but to the entire crew. Recently, someone hit something in 21 and we have a scratch down the entire driver's side of the rig. This was not reported to me by the driver or the crew; I noticed it on a Saturday as the Post is using that rig for a demo.

Towards the end of the month all our ambulances will have a deep cleaning and sanitization. This will be followed by have a machine available to crews to sanitize the vehicles any time they feel it necessary. We will be doing a train-the-trainer program to teach everyone how to us the

machine, Instructions will also be published in the Pulse. It is extremely easy and will kill 99.999% of all pathogens. Thank you to the Board of Directors for entertaining and passing the proposal. More to come on this next month.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Jeremy Boehm for all his hard work on the building and the vehicles. Thank You.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone:

Working on a UHF radio proposal to present to the Board of Directors. The dispatcher has to depend on the crewleader to determine what members were on a call.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Captain Samantha Ryan:

Day is running smoothly. Every member is very important to respond to calls. Thanks for those members who did back up calls.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Had 4 24s past few weeks. Caroline Masten passed ambulance orientation.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Thanks to:

- Sal Signorelli for doing double shifts to help cover the 1100 shift
- Chuck Brady for covering helping out on the 1100 shift
- Tomo Hirasawa for covering multiple shifts.
- Everyone who has answered up for a backup call.

Help Needed:

- 1100 shift needs a driver.
- 1100 shift needs a Crew leader.
- 1100 shift needs ALS
- 1100 shift needs EMT's

3 calls 24ed this year all on the 1100 shift.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

Tuesday's have been running an average of 14-15 calls until this past week which saw 23 calls. There have been no 24's.

Tuesday welcomes a new member: Kazuo Ishikawa #1282 to the 1100 shift AKA Spike.

And Paul Terenzi #1094 also to the 1100 shift.

The fact that there is a covered shift all day on Tuesday is in thanks to a number of people who fill in week after week after week. Thanks, Sally Staszak, Kurt Vetter, Lori Stone who have been covering the 1100 shift for a long time along with Ferd Neumann who does the 1100 then comes back for the over night. Nancy Eckhardt has volunteered to come in on the 1100 for 3

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months to alternate the dispatching position so Sheryl Roach can get out from behind the microphone. And Howard Lownenthal is coming in to assist the 1100 as often as he can....I know it sounds like the 1100 may now have too many people, but last week that shift had 6 calls which is not unusual.

Back up call coverage to:

Mark Cappola, Joe Frisenda, Ken Manning, Israel Cortes, Jeff Brenner, Carol Nicefaro, Jim Mallilo, B. Fits, C Winter anyone who I missed.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner:

I'd like to start by thanking Captain Tim Ebert for covering my day while I was on vacation. I'm still catching up on paperwork so I don't have much to report. Friday's have been pretty busy and I'm extremely thankful to all of the members of Co 6 who continue to ride well after their shifts end. I'd also like to thank the members who have come in to do back up when things got tough Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Carol Niceforo, Alex Witkowski, Lorrie Stone, Luke Bartolomeo, Sal Signorelli, Israel Cortes, Joe Frisenda, Jeremy Boehm, Mark Cappola and Laurie Hoffman. I apologize if I missed anyone!

Welcome new member Joe Thomas #1279 to Friday 0700 shift

Congratulations to Kathy Castillo #1279 on passing her dispatch test

Welcome to Christine Prinicipato # 1268 who has left Monday and joined the Friday 1100

Congratulations to Vinny Maltese # 1262 on passing his ambulance orientation test AND has moved to the Friday 2300

High five to the Friday overnight crew on 2/5/10 who answered up to aid CSH when they 24d us in for manpower

I need a dispatcher on the Friday 1100 shift and I appreciate all backup help I can get throughout the day as Friday can be unpredictable.

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report- Paul Biersack:

Good evening!

I'd like to start out by thanking Company 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein (#1154) and 2nd Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner (#1135) for covering me while I was away on vacation last week. I've not yet had the opportunity to review paperwork generated during my absence but I imagine my overnights were covered by a combination of on-duty crew members plus a handful of people listening from home. Thank you!

And with that, I'd like to remind everyone that I...no...*the Squad and the people of Huntington*...are in desperate need of help covering Saturday overnight shifts. There is a partial crew on "A" weeks but virtually nobody on "B" weeks. I am fortunate to have so many who are willing to leave their pagers on at night or to stop by for a few hours here and there, but the ultimate goal is to have a full on-duty crew for our 1st due ambulance during the overnight shift. *Every week.*

I would like everyone to know that I already have the firm commitment of 1 crew to staff a future shift (during warmer weather) and that I've heard rumors that another crew from a Tuesday evening may also step up to the plate to help. We are 6 weeks into the year with 46 left to go and since the biggest concern is alternating Saturdays, that's only 23 weeks. Factor in these

2 commitments and that really only leaves 21 overnights for the year that desperately need coverage. With a Driver, Crew Leader and First Aider to staff an ambulance...the problem goes away completely if less than half of all active members commits to only 1 Saturday overnight for the year. Are YOU able to give up an extra 8 hours to help a stranger, a friend, a family member or possibly even a member of service when they're life hangs in the balance? Think about it!

Before I say goodnight, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome a new member to Company 7. His name is Golan (aka "Glen") Stern (#1284) and he has signed on to make Saturday overnight his regular shift. He has some background in EMS and is looking to become an EMT again but until then, we need to get through Dispatch Training. For anyone who is able to help out on Saturday overnights, I implore you to help me help Glen through his training period and onto an ambulance. Every little bit counts and as an organization...as a team...we can lighten the load for everyone else.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo given Ex Cpt. Kathy Gearey

Need help 0700-1100. Need ALS provider on overnight shift.

Squad Chief Report continued

Company 8 personnel must do their hours.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky Delegate Dist. 7:

Bob and I attended the State Association Board meeting on January 30th. The next meeting will be April 25th with Legislative Day on Monday April 26th. Issues have come up in NYS regarding the agencies' Certificate of Needs (CON) or ambulance certificate that indicates your primary territory. The primary area has to be spelled out clearly on the certificate otherwise you may have a problem. On legislative day, the VAWBL insurance will be an issue of concern to discuss with the state legislators. On March 9th, Councilwoman Susan Berland and Councilman Mark Cuthbertson will cosponsor a resolution to present a Huntington Town Board Proclamation to HCFAS, HMFD & HFD to recognize the efforts of the Fill the Boot for the Doctors Without Borders Haiti Relief fund raiser. The Chief indicated that our Class A uniform should be worn for the event.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – various committees and benefits as presented in the February pulse.

Suffolk Educational Program for Recruitment & Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) Scholarship

The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program (www.suffolkcountyny.gov – scroll down and click on SERVES Scholarship Program) or call Tom O'Hara at FRES 631 852-4908). The application deadline is May 1, 2010 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall & spring semesters. See the Administrative Guide on the bulletin board or visit their website for the Guide, application form and other information. The program is administered by SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services. Serves will award funds for full or part time student/volunteers and is available for any major offered at SCCC. SERVES will pay up to a \$500 tuition assistance stipend per semester in excess of any other grant or scholarship funding. In exchange for the Scholarship, the member must have an active service

commitment with the Squad during their schooling and the period following their degree attainment. (If you have already earned 80 college credit hours then you are not eligible for this program).

10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

The filing deadline is March 1, 2010 for property tax year 12/01/10 to 11/30/11. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be recertified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2010, please drop a note with your detail information in Bob Franz's mail box. If you moved and purchased another home, you must fill out a new application form for your new residence by March 1, 2010.

Members who will be eligible for the first time (achieved at least 5 years or more of service by 3/1/10 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/10), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 19, 2010. To be eligible, your name must be on the property deed, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2010.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2010, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County.

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/10 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2010, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 19th.

LOSAP 2009 Points – Bob Franz

The 2009 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 Andy Ball of the LOSAP point committee. I ask that you look at the last column titled "LOSAP TOTAL" to see the number of eligible LOSAP Points you have for 2009. You must have 50 points in this column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2009. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Credit for 2009 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2009 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. Copies of Form IT-245 & instructions are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law (VAWBL) Policy – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Effective January 1, 2010, the Squad changed its VAWBL Policy to The New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) who will provide the mandated coverage required under the workers' compensation law. Information has been placed on all squad vehicles in the vehicle registration

and insurance card plastic case which will have the necessary data to give to a medical facility or doctor that provides medical care to an injured member. The back of members' accountability identification cards are being updated with this revised information. If a member is injured on duty, claim forms are located in a folder after the letter "Z" in the members' mail folders file draw.

Designations of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

All new members must fill out designation of beneficiary forms for the Squad's VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy and LOSAP. Generally, all active members are covered under the Accident & Sickness policy while on duty- the death benefit is \$250,000. These forms were put into your mail folder or you can call Bob Franz.

- **Uniform – Jerry Giacomini** – Sweatshirts were delivered and names were read of members who can pick them up after the meeting.
- Lehti Laas –**
- **Special Events Committee – Brian Canty:** Installation Dinner Invitations have been mailed. Please return to Brian at the squad. The dinner is at the Chateau Briand – 440 Old Country Road, Carle Place NY from 6:30pm-12; 30am, Saturday March 6, 2010.
- **Pulse – Patty Salajka** – Deadline is around the 20th of each month.
- **Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy** – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim. Jim reports that a member gave up his card to another member in need as a benevolent gesture.

Old Business

New Business

- John Palmieri invited the members to attend Board of Directors meetings.
- Richard Rudolf wanted to know when we are getting a new ambulance since it was his understanding that our budget included a new rig every year.
- Kathy Geary mentioned that new cleaning service did not empty all the garbage cans.

Thank you to those who have helped with the meal this evening: Greg Orr, Suzie Orr, Rich Gierbolini, Nancy Eckert, Israel Cortes.

Raffle Winners of 8 various gifts:

1. Pen Set – VSS – Ann Maloney
2. Pen Set – VSS – Andrea Golinsky
3. Pen Set – VSS – Tony Cruz
4. Assorted Chocolates – Peter Nakelski
5. Bottle of Vino De Eyzaguirre, Cabernet Sauvignon – CES – Ken Manning
6. Bottle of Santa Margherita Cabernet – Mark Cappola – Bernard Hershkowitz
7. TGIF Appetizer Gift Certificate – James Ingwersen
8. Winter jacket medium – Karen Martin

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508 Motion by Andrea Golinsky seconded by Millie Gabriel to adjourn the meeting at 21:45 hours.
509 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
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511 Respectfully Submitted,
512 *Lehti Laas*
513 Lehti Laas
514 Recording Secretary
515 *Robert Franz*
516 Secretary
517 Draft sent to members: February 23, 2010
518 Approved: March 8, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: March 8, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	PRESENT
John Palmieri	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Martha Brenner	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed a quorum is in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Annette Hershkowitz - hospitalized
- Laurie Hoffman – hospitalized, surgery

Congratulation on the Birth of a New Baby, Weddings:

- Erica Alicea – baby girl

Kathy Gearey and Ferd Neumann were honored for their 25 years of service to HCFAS.

CLINICAL CLEAN PRESENTATION was made by Toomas Niemann.

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Andrea Golinsky, seconded by Jerry Giacomini to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the February 8, 2010 General Membership Meeting minutes as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letter 2/26 from Doctors Without Borders marketing associate Charlie Kunzer: Andy & Terry Ball. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report Roger Winter

- Agreement between the Huntington Community Ambulance District Town of Huntington and the Huntington Community First Aid Squad 2010
- Weight Watcher Class
- Clan Gordon Highlanders Pipe Band
- Explorer Post 215 Activities 2010
- Communications Project – Purchase of Radios & Installation
- Review of Recorded Board of Directors Minutes
- Monument and Signage Project
- Form 118 Revision
- Records Retention and Disposition Schedule
- Photographer for the Installation Dinner
- Member taking outside EMT Class
- I would like to thank Brian Canty and Stephanie Caracciolo, Ann Maloney, Mary Jane Woznick and the sign in crew, and the Master of Ceremonies - Phil Orlando & John Palmieri.
- Distribution of Certificates and New York State Senate Proclamation from Senator Carl L. Marcellino

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

Our auditors Fuoco Group will begin the 2009 audit at the end of the week or beginning of next week. The 1st HCAD payment from the TOH is being processed.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey:

Congratulations for 25 years to Ferd Neumann & Kathy Gearey and 5 years to Tomoko Hirasawa.

First let me say thanks to Brian Canty and his committee for a great night on Saturday at the 2010 Annual Installation and Inspection of Officers. The food and music was great.

I would like to thank Jerry Giacomini Sergeant at Arms
Phil Orlando Invocation and Blessing
John Palmieri for being the MC

To all the Members that received Awards well done.
25 Years of Service with HCFAS Phil Orlando

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Anne Donegan

30 Years of Service with HCFAS Robert Franz

35 Years of Service with HCFAS Jerry Giacomini

40 Years of Service with HCFAS Sal Signorelli

Officers Awards

Probationary for 2009: Laurie Hoffman

BLS Provider for 2009: Israel Cortes

ALS Provider for 2009: Brian Canty

2009 Excellence Award: Jeffery Brenner

Kevin Brenner

Keith Davis

Matthew Valle

Joseph Frisenda

Tyler Gibbs

Meagan Sarcona

2009 Chiefs Award #1: Bernard Hershkowitz

2009 Chiefs Award #2: Post 215

2009 HCFAS Life Member Chris Winter

Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Service No Response Report for 2010

Jan/Feb 2010 HCFAS 857 calls 19 no response 2.22% of calls N/R

Town Hall Meeting

March 9, 2009 Town Hall at 6pm in Class "A" Uniform to receive a Town Proclamation from Councilman Mark Cuthbertson & Susan Berland re: Haiti Relief. Assemblyman Jim Conte gave us a State Proclamation at our installation dinner.

PARKING

I would remind everyone NOT to park on either the North or South ramp, we need to be able to get all the vehicles out.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

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The St. Patrick day Parade will be held this Sunday March 14, 2010. All that wish to attend please remember to sign your name on the board. Everyone wishing to take part in the Parade be at HQ by 1.15pm the Parade is to kick off at 2pm. Then come back to HQ where you will be entertained with LIVE music.

Don't forget the Saturday Work Detail will start at 9am. As we have to get all the rigs ready for the Parade on Sunday.

Defensive Driving Class is Saturday 3/27 from 0900-1600 hours.

Officers Report's

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel given by Chief Heavey:

Data base is being updated for certifications. Each member must carry a copy of their certification when riding. Off probation Jeremy Boehm and Danielle Milione.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

ALS- well we've done it, took a long time but the update it complete and day one is upon us. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and hard work throughout this process. Between classes and meetings the training never stopped. We waiting on a few people to get this done, 3-9-10 is the cut off.

Alyssa- words cannot describe what you have done fo r the organization, emails day and night, phone calls, lists, buying products, working your butt off; I am impressed and very grateful for your hard work.

CPAP will hopefully be on the ambulance soon.

Checkouts- first please remember this is the first thing we do when we come on duty as per part 800 compliance.

Changes- the Pediatric Bag- the ALS ET kit has been taken out and put with the ALS stuff. There will be more to come.

Mega Show- was 2 weeks ago, thank you to the BOD for approving the motion; reminder that the motion did not include reimbursement for parking.

Review training- here's the topic you've all been waiting for. Effective 3-15-10 any member missing 2 review trainings(not including BBP) will be removed from active duty. Effective 4-1-10 any member who does not have BBP done will not be allowed in the building- all members not exceptions. I will be monitoring this throughout the year. Stay on top of your trainings; remember if you do it online you get a graded test and know you passed; keep copies and that can make life easier if you encounter a problem later on.

NMIS- many moons ago we all had to do the NMIS 700 class online and provided a copy of the cert to the organization. For those who are newer and have not been instructed to do this class I will be putting the information out to get it done, time frame will be included; don't fret it's not hard at all. I am looking into how to prevent this for future new members and officers, will report back.

Warmer weather- great time to be a member of our organization, you joined and asked what can I do for my community; well there is more than our mission- to provide emergency medical care to any person in our community; there are work details, chores, committees, cleaning, training-

every person here can be a leader, doing the things that need to be done sets the example for everyone around you and the best for of education is leading by example.
Keep up the hard work!!!! And try to have some fun too...

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr given by Chief Heavey:

Building:

Flood Update:

~ Storage room back operational

~ Exercise room, flooring has been ordered, don't have an install dated yet, when that is done it will be operational

~ Meeting room, we are working on a ceiling tile issue, but it is operational

~ Ready room, carpet was installed, but we have an issue with the pattern and we are still trying to get the washing to work. Stand-by

~ Second floor committee room, NEW LEAK from the roof. Don't have much on that other than it has been an on going problem. Watch the Pulse for an update.

East end driveway drain collapse has been repaired.

Work Details:

This week's work detailed is being rescheduled to Sunday morning at 9:00am. We will be washing and prepping the vehicles for the parade. We would greatly appreciate as many members to come out as possible so that we can get it done quickly and be ready for the festivities.

Thank you to the members that have been coming out each week along with Post members.

Vehicles:

21 is back from having warranty work done and getting an estimate for repairs.

16 is out at Proliner having the same done to it.

Thank you for being diligent in reporting problems with the vehicles to me. We are work equally as hard at getting them repaired.

Vehicle washing materials are on the gray cart out side the maintenance closet, so as you wash your own cars, please pull an ambulance around and wash it, they like to be clean just like your cars. Thank you to the crews that have been washing rigs.

John Palmieri – Ready Room Counter Top

A granite countertop would cost \$50-\$60 a square foot or \$2,500-\$3,000 plus we would have to replace the sink. A granite countertop at the squad has different wear and maintenance than you would have in your home. Alternatives are being looked into.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Captain Samantha Ryan:

Day is running smoothly. Every member is very important to respond to calls. Thanks for those members who did back up calls.

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Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Need help on 1100-1500 hours.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Congratulations Dennis Vangroski #1274 and Kristin Tierach P8 for passing ambulance orientation

No 24s since last meeting

Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Thank you

To the 0700 shift for staying late to cover the 1100

Thanks to the 1500 shift for coming in early to cover the 1100

Thanks to Sal Signorelli and Tomo Hirasawa for doing multiple shifts.

Thanks to Alex Witkowski for driving on the 1100.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner given by Jeff Brenner

Has out of town guests and can't be here tonight. Everything is going well.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Thank you for coming out for back up. Ferd for doing Wednesday morning in addition to doing the Tuesday overnight. Need an ALS provider on overnight shift.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner given by Chief Heavey

I'd like to start by thanking all of my amazing Friday crews. It has been a pleasure working with you all! Fridays have been pretty busy and I'm extremely thankful to all of the people who have pitched in to do extra shifts and back up calls especially....Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner, Deputy Chief Dave Mohr, Chief Dispatcher Rich Stone, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Captain Martha Brenner, Carol Niceforo, Alex Witkowski, Lorrie Stone, Luke Bartolomeo, Sal Signorelli, Israel Cortes, Joe Frisenda, Jeremy Boehm, Mark Cappola, Vito Reciniello, Liz Mohr, Paul Kelly, Mary Brenner, Luke Bartolomeo, Brain Quinn and Todd Atkin. I apologize if I missed anyone! Congratulations to Kathy Castillo, Vinny Maltese, and Patty Tufo on passing ambulance orientation I hope you have a blast riding! Welcome back to Brendan Fitts who has been out on medical leave

High five to the Friday crews and additional members who came out to help during the snowstorm on February 26th, it was a storm that wound up being way worse than predicted and I'm grateful to everyone who came out to help during such bad conditions.

Friday continues to be very unpredictable but one thing remains the same, we are desperately in need of a permanent dispatcher on the 1100 shift and a CL/DR on the 1500. Any and all help will be appreciated.

A big thank you to Brian Canty for putting together a wonderful dinner and congratulations to all of the award recipients.

Saturday Co 7 Report- Paul Biersack given by Chief Heavey

Thank you to Liz Mohr and Brian Quinn for dispatching during the installation dinner.

Help is STILL needed on that Saturday 2300 shift. Anyone who is able to do a shift, please give me a call or sign up on the rosters.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone:

We ran 412 calls for the month of Feb. there were 10 signal 24's.

We are starting to use new PCR forms from county that do not have a PCR number. the only way calls can be tracked on these forms is by run number and date.

It is important this information be entered correctly and checked by the dispatcher.

Equipment needed to implement the new UHF frequency assigned to us has been approved for purchase and installation by the BOD. WE hope to be up and running by the end of next month.

Chief Heavey Report (continued)

I am glad to inform everyone that we will be giving out an Award at every GMM with the support of the BOD. This Award will be known as the *Officers Award* and will be opened to every member.

Chief announced the announced the January Award andl presented the Award, which is a Certificate and a gift vouchers for Out Back. Presented to the Saturday Overnight.

Delegate Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assoc.-District 7 Delegate Report – Andrea Golinsky

NYSVA&RA have set April 26th at Legislative Day in Albany. This is the day we meet with our own area Legislators and Legislators from all over the State to discuss issues of importance and concern for EMS departments and volunteers. This year the main focus will be the Workers Comp. Insurance issue. Upon BOD approval, a sign up sheet will be posted for those that may be interested in attending this year. We would be leaving for Albany on Sunday, April 25th and returning April 26th.

Class A Uniform Committee Report –Andrea Golinsky

Anyone needing a Class A uniform is asked to fill out a form with sizes listed to see if a stock uniform is available. Those requesting a Class A uniform must be off probation. Please leave the form in the Dress Uniform mailbox.

PR Committee Report – Andrea Golinsky

We have been asked to participate in a Wellness Fair at Walt Whitman High School Thursday, March 25th. The event is from 4 PM to 8 PM. Anyone interested in participating please see me after the meeting.

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LOSAP 2009 Points – Bob Franz

The 2009 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 Andy Ball of the LOSAP point committee. I ask that you look at the last column titled "LOSAP TOTAL" to see the number of eligible LOSAP Points you have for 2009. You must have 50 points in this column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2009. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200 Credit for 2009 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2009 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. Copies of Form IT-245 & instructions are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty
2010 Installation and Inspection Dinner

I would like to thank the following people who helped with the installation Dinner this past weekend, John Palmieri, Phil Orlando, Chief Heavey, Stephanie Caracciolo, Ann Maloney, Joanne Vogel, Mary Jane Woznick and her greeters – Reina Gomez, Nancy Eckhardt, Patricia Tufo, Diane Tanko, Adriana Dovi,

St. Patrick's Parade Party is scheduled for this Sunday, March 14th. Please signup on the board downstairs so I have an idea of the number of people to cook for. If you are interested in helping out either setting up or cleaning up, please speak with me after tonight's meeting.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd. The Easter Egg Hunt 12-12:45 and at the Squad 1-3 P.M. Bunny will be at the Squad following the egg hunt. Same rules as always, sign up sheet is posted in the ready room.

- **Pulse – Patty Salajka** – Deadline is around the 20th of each month.

Old Business

New Business

First Reading of Proposed Bylaws Amendment – John Palmieri

Whereas: Roberts Rules –

Chapter II Section 3 states that “The requirement of a quorum is a protection against totally unrepresentative action in the name of the body by an unduly small number of persons.” “In all ordinary societies the by-laws should provide for a quorum as large as can be depended upon for being present at all meetings when the weather is not exceptionally bad...”, and

Whereas: The HCFAS Bylaws make specific reference to quorums for the Board of Directors and special meetings as follows:

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS -QUORUM A quorum for the Board of Directors shall consist of five members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3 - SPECIAL MEETINGS -QUORUM A quorum for special meetings shall consist of one-third of the eligible voting members, and

Whereas: According to the HCHAS Bylaws, “No committee may function unless a quorum consisting of two-thirds of its members is present.” And

Whereas: However, according to the HCFAS Bylaws,

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2 -GENERAL MEETINGS -QUORUM

A quorum for regular meetings of members shall consist of 20 eligible voting members, and

Whereas: This small number represents less than 10% of the currently-eligible voting members (approximately 270 members), effectively allowing this small percentage to influence policy and effect change, therefore be it,

Moved:That the HCFAS Bylaws be amended as Follows (deletions lined through, additions underlined):

SECTION 2 -GENERAL MEETINGS -QUORUM

A quorum for regular meetings of members shall consist of ~~20~~ 50 eligible voting members.

Thank you to those who have helped with the meal this evening: Greg Orr, Suzie Orr, Rich Gierbolini, Nancy Eckert, Israel Cortes.

Has everyone signed in?

Raffles – Various Gifts

1. Bottle of Wine(for members over 21 years of age) - Joe Nappi
2. Rose - Dominic Heavey

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- 411 3. Pansy - Ann Maloney Leslie
- 412 4. Bottle of wine(for members over 21 years of age) - Tim Ebert
- 413 5. Rose – Jerry Giacomini
- 414 6. Pansy - Dale Bartolomeo
- 415 7. Rose – Chris Winter
- 416 8. Pansy – Christine Blackwell
- 417 9. Rose – Tomoko Hirasawa
- 418 10. Pansy –Joanne Vogel
- 419 11. Rose – Stephanie Caracciolo
- 420 12. Pansy –
- 421 13. Rose – Mark Cappola
- 422 14. Pansy – Tom O’Leary
- 423 15. Rose – Nancy Barker
- 424 16. Pansy –
- 425 17. Rose – Alyssa Axelrod
- 426 18. Pansy -

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428 Motion by Andrea Golinsky seconded by Ferd Neumann to adjourn the meeting at 22:10 hours.

429 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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431 Respectfully Submitted,

432 *Robert Franz*

433 Secretary

434 Draft sent to members: March 27, 2010

435 Approved: April 12, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: April 12, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	ABSENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	ABSENT
John Palmieri	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	ABSENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Martha Brenner	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed a quorum is in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence.

Announcements /Presentations

- Kate Dolgin #1237 – Conducting a fund raiser for the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, Horton Avenue Flood Fund. Items needed are as follows; Laundry Detergent, Laundry Gift Cards, Garbage Bags, Food Gift Certificates. Kate to present.
- Laura Treulich #743 - Is participating in the March of Dimes March for Babies. Donations are too made to the “March of Dimes”. See Laura for details.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Dominic Heavey – hospitalized, recovering nicely
- Dillon Harvey, Chuck Brady, Keith Tetrault injured on calls.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Manny Menarchem father of Member Sheryl Roach # 1253, and grandfather of Explorer Post 215 member Dan Roach.
- It's with deep regret that we announce the passing of Ora J. Curry father of member Thomas "TC" Curry # 833.
- It's with deep regret that we announce the passing of Iris Moreno sister of member Monique Moreno #1042.

President Roger Winter honored Donna Mastropietro #714-25 years and Past President Jim Barkocy # 578 – 30 years for their years of service to HCFAS.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Lehti Laas, seconded by Jerry Giacomini to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the March 8, 2010 General Membership Meeting minutes as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Chief Heavey & Family for assisting Chief Heavey & for flowers; Annette Hershkowitz for flowers; SCPD letter 3/30/10 thanking Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner for his letter re: thanking SCPD officers with Chief's accident. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Fund Drive - Budget \$20,000
- Landscape maintenance services with K & D Custom Masonry & Landscaping
- Clean the General Meeting Room Kitchen by Executive Cleaning Services
- Change Explorer Post 215 Standard Operating Procedures as follows; to make the Secretary/Treasurer a line officer and in succession to the Captain and eligible to run for Chief.
- Pay for .the Huntington Township Fire Chiefs Council \$350.00 Annual Dues for 2010.
- Officer's Recognition Award
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party
- Community Banner Program
- Accept the proposed working budget for 2010 as dated 2/27/2010.
- CPAP Purchase
- TOH Earth Day Event –Touch-A Truck April 24, 2010 0900-1300 hrs.
- Traditional Air Conditioning System & Service Maintenance Agreement
- Approve Paramedic Class for Christopher Evers # 1216.
- NYSVA&RA Legislative Day on April 26, 2010
- Physio-Control Inc. Technical Service Support Agreement.

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- Explore Post 215 Riding Members to obtain pants and approved boots from HCFAS.
- Room Request by Donna Maltese, Saturday 8/7/2010.
- Approved Captain Pam Brenner to raise funds for Chief Heavey with a special tee shirt sale.
- On Call Power – Generator Maintenance
- EMS Week 2010 Tee Shirts
- VSS Security Maintenance contract.
- Weight Watcher Session and reimbursement
- USE of HCFAS logo for the “Relay for Life” sponsors tee-shirt.
- Kate Dolgin # 1237 Donation Collection Point for the 1st Baptist Church of Riverhead
- Purchase Tote Bags for EMS Week.
- Repair the transmission in 2-15-20.
- Repair ALS locks in ambulances and purchase 4 spare locks for the future.

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

A brief financial report for the first quarter of 2010 was given.

By-Laws Amendment

Motion made by Tom O’Leary, seconded by Brian Canty to suspend the regular order of business and proceed with the proposed By-Laws amendment to change the quorum for a general meeting. Motion carried.

By-Laws Committee Chairperson James Barkocy gave a presentation of the By-Laws amendment, after which there was a discussion.

The Secretary did a roll call of members present and ascertained 59 eligible voting members were present. Ballots were distributed and collected.

The result of the balloting was given during the Chiefs Report as follows:

Yes – 45 No- 14 Amendment passes with the required 2/3 vote.

Motion was made by Robert Franz, seconded by Jerry Giacomini to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

Chief’s Report – given by 1st Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel:

Congratulations Donna Mastropietro #714-25 years, Past President Jim Barkocy # 578 – 30 years and Carlos Suarez #1103-5 years for their years of service to HCFAS.

Members coming off probation pending Board approval: Lori Bennett and Dennis Vangrossi.

Participation in the East Northport parade was discussed. Motion by David Mohr, seconded by

Mark Cappola that the Squad does not participate in the East Northport parade. Yes-21 No-19

Abstain-5. Motion Carried.

See By Laws Amendment ballot vote results above.

First Deputy Report-Anne Gabriel

Certification records in process of updating.

New Member introduction.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

CPAP is on the ambulances- it is located in the Primary O2 bag on every ambulance and in the O2 bags for the first responders. This is for ALS ONLY.

Drills- Bus Accident drill with Huntington FD on May 2nd, details to follow very shortly as discussion continue between HFD and myself.

RT- Please remember to be on top of review training. Anyone missing the BBP RT should have been contacted by your captain, if still no BBP training your key will be turned deactivated and you will not be allowed in the building or to ride. April RT is Pulmonary Edema and CPAP an introduction, it is out, emailed and on the website.

ACL in progress:

J Korets

L Hoffman

C Niceforo

N Khanna

A Delva

C Evers

T Aiman

Any provider wishing to become a CL please speak to your Day Captain and you must be an EMT-B or higher.

2nd Deputy Committee chairs- you should have received an email from me requesting a list of committee members and asking if you need anything. The officers discussed and would like to have every committee containing at least 2 members. If you need more people think about who you'd think would work well; I can help with ideas.

Members wishing to do more!!!!- There are committees to this organization; these are what run the org., you can hope and one and help. This will give you better knowledge of our operations and expand your interaction within the Department. Thank you for doing this job.

1st Annual Suffolk REMSCO Golf outing – see notice on bulletin board for details.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr:

Building:

All the work has been completed from the floods except for the replacement of the countertop and backsplash in the Ready room. The BOD had wanted to look into granite for the countertop which delayed the project for a month. The replacement should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

The roof leak that has affected the committee room is scheduled for repair at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

The trash gets picked up around 4:30p, so I would greatly appreciate it if the 1500hrs crew would take a look and bring in the cans. Thanks

We have gotten some complaints about smokers leaving the door open by south one and cigarette butts on the ground. Please make sure you close the door so the smoke does come into the building and please put your butts in the cans.

Work Details:

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We continue to have project for Saturday morning. We work for a couple of hours and then have lunch, so come join us.

Vehicles:

As I am sure you have seen vehicles are coming and going for repairs and maintenance. If a vehicle comes back while you are on duty, please take a look and make sure it is ready in case of a call. ALS providers please try and restock the vehicle.

Let's not forget the Adopt-a-Vehicle program. Nice weather is with us and we are all starting to wash our cars. Remember you are suppose to bring your own supplies, but is you wash a rig and have extra soap and water in the bucket; please feel free to wash your car with it.

Part 800 of Chapter VI of Title 10 of the NYSCRR, section 800.24 (g) states that the only safety equipment needed on a Certified Ambulance are:

- (1) Six flares or three U.S. Department of Transportation approved reflective road triangles;
- (2) One battery lantern in operable condition; and
- (3) One Underwriters' Laboratory rated five pound U.L.-rated ABC chemical fire extinguisher or any extinguisher having a U.L. rating of 10BC.

We currently carry both flares and DOT Approved reflective road triangles. In addition we carry a tool box with gloves, saw and other tools, as well as a halogen tool and axe. None of which is required.

We will be removing many of the unnecessary items. We will be leaving the three U.S. Department of Transportation approved reflective road triangles and the halogen tool. I have also asked the Second Deputy to provide some training on the proper use of a halogen.

Chief Dispatcher – Richard Stone

Spoke about PCRs-check that date and run number is entered and is correct. Do not staple PCRs.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Captain Samantha Ryan:

Thanks to all the members that helped out on Easter Sunday. Thanks for those members who did back up calls.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Going very well. Still need back up on multiple calls.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Had 7 calls in one hour with only one 24. Thank you for everyone who came out. Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

Everything is going well. It is difficult to gauge the number of calls we receive. On 3/23 we had 3 cardiac arrests in Huntington Harbor. The crews and back up personnel were remarkable.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner

I'd like to start by thanking all of my amazing Friday crews. Fridays have been pretty busy and I'm extremely thankful to all of the people who have pitched in to do extra shifts.

The response is good for the T-Shirt fund raiser for the Chief. Thank you to Mark Cappola for his assistance in the research and presentation to the board for approval.

Saturday Co 7 Report- Paul Biersack given by Captain Pam Brenner

For the foreseeable future, I regularly need help on Saturdays for the following shifts:

At 1500hrs – A female Dispatcher to help my Post Trainee get through Dispatch Training

At 1900hrs – A Crew Leader to complete my regular on duty crew

For anyone who's listening, I can't stress enough the importance of communicating with the Captains. Whether we're successful or not, most of us do our best to keep our members informed but information needs to come back in our direction as well. Try to arrive on time for your shifts and if you cannot be there for any reason, it is your responsibility to find a replacement of equal or higher status and let the Captain know about it *as soon as possible*. Saturday has regular vacancies but we're fortunate to have members who go out of their way to help by doing extra shifts. It is equally important for all the motivated helpers out there to let the Captain know you'll be coming in to help.

That said, *thank you* to everyone who helped out on Saturdays throughout March! This was a Hellish month that included our Annual Installation Dinner, a nor'easter that wreaked havoc across Huntington and flooded the causeway to Lloyd Neck, and an accident involving our Chief, among other things. Some of you came in for extra shifts, many of you ran backup calls and a select few of you helped filled critical vacancies with just a moments notice. Thank you Kathy Geary (#368), Jim Barkocy (#578), Maryann Schramm (#595), Paul Kelly (#634), Anne Donegan (#692), Laura Treulich (#743), Eileen Burns (#767), Hugh O'Brien (#853), Mike Barker (#862), Tom Hogan (#879), Tom Romano (#939), Fernando Rivadeneira (#965), Todd Atkin (#993), Carl Schramm (#997), Kevin Brenner (#1014), Joe Frisenda (#1160), Michelle Miller (#1072), Scott Bielanski (#1076), John Paul Garcia (#1116), Tomoko Hirasawa (#1129), Harvey Lapidus (#1141), Bruce Hafner (#1158), Joe Frisenda (#1160), Israel Cortes (#1174), Luke Bartolomeo (#1198), Paul Skirbe (#1206), Chris Evers (#1216), Carolyn Niceforo (#1223), Jeremy Boehm (#1225), Chris Mallilo (#1234), Katherine Dolgin (#1237), Matt Valle (#1238), Patti Tufo (#1242), Emily Schaffert (#1248), Tyler Gibbs (#1252), Brian Quinn (#1256), Vinny Maltese (#1262), Lori Bennett (#1265), Jennifer Ladd (#1267), Kathy Castillo (#1276), Dale Bartolomeo (#1280), Casey Orr (#1283), Golan Stern (#1284), Amanda Manning (#P6), Kirsten Tiersch (#P8), Post 215 Chief Elizabeth Mohr (#P1), Captains Keith Rubenstein (#1154) and Pamela Brenner (#1157), Deputy Chiefs Anne Gabriel (#919), Jeff Brenner (#1135) and David Mohr (#748), and finally to Chief Dominic Heavey (#973).

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo given by Kathy Gearey

Thank you for coming out for back up. Need an ALS provider on overnight shift.

Delegate Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assoc.-District 7 Delegate Report – Bob Franz

District 7 meeting is April 20th at Brentwood Legion Ambulance. A non core CME on allergies will be presented at 7PM.

NYSVA&RA have set April 26th at Legislative Day in Albany. This is the day we meet with our own area Legislators and Legislators from all over the State to discuss issues of importance and concern for EMS departments and volunteers. We would be leaving for Albany on Sunday, April 25th and returning April 26th.

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association – meeting is on April 21st at Wyandanch Wheatley Heights Ambulance at 8PM.

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Scholarships and Tuition Assistance – Bob Franz

Fire Chief's Council of the Town of Huntington – Deadline April 15, 2010

Application forms for a \$500 scholarship are posted on the bulletin board and website. The application form must be submitted to Chief Dominic Heavey by April 15, 2010. The six \$500 scholarships are awarded annually in the memory of Dix Hills Chief Terry Farrell and Huntington Manor Chief Peter Nelson, both FDNY Rescue Company 4 firefighters who were killed in the line of duty on 9/11; Huntington Manor Ex-Chief and Commissioner Joe Lynch, Town of Huntington Supervisor's representative Billie Pastore, Ex Captain Walter Hessling and Chief Chaplain Richard Holst

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HCFAS Scholarship-Deadline June 1, 2010

On May 21, 2009 the Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to four (4) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as a

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member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the June 2010 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary as of June 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are members, or family members of members, in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester or the equivalent period at a vocational school. If a Post 215 member, in good standing, is enrolled in a college or post high school vocational program and meets all other criteria, then that member is also qualified. All winners are precluded from entering the drawing the following year. Application forms are will be posted on the bulletin board and website.

Uniform –Lehti Laas – Prior to the May membership meeting there will be a discussion and review of the uniform code, 1915-2015 hours.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty given by Roger Winter

Easter Egg Hunt at Jefferson School, Squad events Thank you to the following: Bunny Loraine Maier, Anne Maloney, Anne Donegan, David Mohr, Brian Canty, Dawn – Anne’s Friend, Post 215 members. And Roger Winter for taking the pictures.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month.

SOP’s/By-Laws – No Report - If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

New Business

National CPR Week June 1-7

Motion by Mark Cappola, seconded by Martha Brenner to make a \$200 gift to Joseph D’Esposito from the members’ dues funds. Joseph was part of the Irish music group that entertained us during our Irish dinner after the St Patrick’s Day parade the last couple of years. Joseph will be going to college in the fall. Motion carried.

Closing Remarks – Roger Winter

Has everyone signed in?

Social and Kitchen & Setup Committees

Thank you to those who have helped: David Mohr, Lisa Mohr, Israel Cortes, Bill Martin, Nancy Eckert.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Box Candy: Heidi Meagerly
2. Pindar – Pythagoras, Red Wine -VSS: Pam Biersack

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- 366 3. Pindar – Autumn Gold - VSS: Pete Nakelski
367 4. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Jerry Giacomini
368 5. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Danielle Malone
369 6. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Monique Moreno
370 7. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Lori Bennett
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377 14. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Norma Signorelli
378 15. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Mary Brenner
379 16. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Richard Stone
380 17. Duck's Game Ticket – State Bank: Lori Stone
381 18. Two Mets Tickets – M.A. Connell Funeral Home, (Peggy Coyle): Dale Bartolomeo
382 19. Two Mets Tickets – M.A. Connell Funeral Home, (Peggy Coyle): Lehti Laas
383 Mets Tickets 4/19/2010, 4/26/2010
384 Monday June 22, 2010, Long Island Ducks Baseball Game, 6:35 p.m. start. Compliments
385 of State Bank of Long Island
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387 Motion by Ferd Neumann, seconded by Lehti Laas to adjourn the meeting at 22:15 hours.
388 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
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390 Respectfully Submitted,
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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: June 14, 2010

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Lehti Laas	PRESENT
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Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed a quorum is in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service and all HCFAS members in harm's way.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Eileen Burns #767 – Hospitalized
- Mary Winter #485- Surgery
- Richard Gierbolini – Hospitalized
- Israel Cortes #1174 –Wife Rosa Cortes, continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Greg Orr #983 – Wife Susie continued get well wishes and prayers.

Congratulation on the Birth of a Baby:

Tiffany White – Birth of a baby

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Longevity Awards

- Michael Milo – 20 years. Unfortunately Mike cannot be with us this evening since he is still in Vermont.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Bernard Hershkowitz to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the May 10, 2010 General Membership Meeting minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Mary Winter, Margaret Cornelius, Sheryl Roach, Frances Jazombek, Firefighter Cancer Support Network, Loretta McDonald, SC Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report Roger Winter

Advised membership of approved motions by the Board of Directors:

- Discontinue the mailing of the Pulse
- Disposal of Equipment - 1- snow blower broken and inoperable, 1-old shop vacuum and 1-VHF antenna
- Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. one dollar per member fund drive \$250.
- Motion by Dominic Heavey and seconded by Greg Orr to donate 1 dollar per member to the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund Inc. campaign. The total donation is \$250.00.
- Repair of 2-15-21
- Replacement Glasses Israel Cortes
- Driver Improvement Classes
- Records Retention Policy
- American Alternative Insurance Corporation Hubbinette Cowell Associates, Inc
- Renewal of HCFAS's current insurance coverage for portfolio (commercial multi-peril, management liability, portable equipment and member fidelity), automobile, and umbrella policies
- Open House Motion
- EMS Week Meals
- Annual Inspection & Dinner Dance 2011
- NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany New York on Wednesday May 19, 2010
- SCACA Membership Dues
- 2010 voluntary contribution Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association
- Repairs to 2-15-16
- Mayday Annual Maintenance on Audiolog Recording System
- Mayday Annual Maintenance 2 Position Console
- Quality Blacktop Service
- "EMS Night" Mets v Padres game on June 8, 2010

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- Annual Squad Picnic
- Engage the Services of Michael L. McCarthy, Zoning Board of Appeals
- Veterans Breakfast
- Ambulances, Building 'Baby Safe Haven' Drop-off Sites
- NYSVA&RA 2010 Pulse Check 55th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

Expenses are on budget except EMS supplies for which 60% of the budget had been spent so far. I will be looking into this with 2nd Deputy. Electric appears to be within budget. June 8, 2010 Met game outing – awesome seats, great time. Thanks for Paul Mori for getting the busses donated to us for the trip. Thanks to those that helped out. Chief stated that there is a \$10 meal allowance for each 4 hour standby.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey:

Thanked his officers and everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts. Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue Calls for Jan to May 2010:
HCFAS 2194 53 calls were 24 2.42%

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Jeffrey Brenner – 5 years
- Bazeel Walters – 5 years
- Christopher Fischer – 10 years
- Carl Schramm – 10 years
- Keith Tetrault – 10 years
- Michael Milo – 20 years

EMS Week started off with a Church Service Thanks to Mark Cappola. We had a good turn out this year.

Open House held at HQ went from 12noon to 4pm and was much better attended than last year. The Police ID for children processed 45 Children, and 4 adults that filled out Applications. I would like to thank the members, BOD members, Officers and Post members for all the work they did during Open House.

EMS Memorial in Albany -There were 7 members that represented us this year at the Memorial. It was a long day but a great one.

T.O.H. Veterans' Wreath Ceremony

Sunday, May 30, 2010 was attended by Pre: Roger Winter, Sec. Robert Franz, Dir. Andrea Golinsky and Chief Dominic Heavey.

Memorial Day Breakfast at Squad went well thanks to John Maier and the Committee for the work.

Memorial Day Parade went off well and everyone looked well.

A letter was sent to all members re: Social Networking Web Sites.

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Beach Passes are being given out to Members.

All HCFAS Ambulances and Responders have being fitted with New Radios and the reception is great. Thanks to Chief Dispatcher Rich Stone and his committees for all the work. There is some fine tuning going on to bring everything to good working order. We request that you turn in your old radios. We will be holding on to some of them so we can use them at Fairs so we will not tie up our main channel.

Chief reminded everyone that the Squad Picnic is July 24th.

Officers Report's

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel

Anne covered new members accepted and members off probation: Sheryl Roach and Vincent Maltese.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

Jeff thanked everyone for their past assistance and indicated that everything is going well.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone

This May was our busiest month on record. We run 522 calls with 14 signal 24's. the new UHF frequency is up and running. Please remember to take the portable into the ER as they will work inside the hospital. All crew members please make note if you should have any radio transmission problems as we are trying to determine where there are any weak spots. Please note the location, time and date and put the note in my mailbox.

Also be aware that the microphones on the new radios are more sensitive.

Thanks.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr (Read by President Winter)

Building:

Let's first start with a thank you to Lehti Laas and her planting crew of Alyssa Axelrod and Nancy Eckhardt for once again doing all the plantings out front and in the planters.

Next thank you goes out to Dale Bartolomeo, Jeremy Boehm and the Explorers for all the work in the Truck Room. The overhead fans have been cleaned; the overhead doors have been cleaned; the slop sink has been fixed; and a new pulley system was installed for displaying the American Flag inside.

We had another leak in the meeting room. Traditional was called.

The BOD approved the resealing of the parking lot, but did not approve the reserving of spaces for the on duty crew as the Officers had requested. The parking lot will be closed this weekend for the repair and resealing. Please use the commuter lot next door. It should reopen Sunday afternoon.

Work Details:

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We continue to have project for Saturday morning. We work for a couple of hours and then have lunch, so come join us.

Vehicles:

21 – Is out at Proliner for the charging problem and body work

19 – The charging problem is being fixed; it was the internal charger that went bad.

Summer Reminders

- Please turn off the air conditioning, in both the front and back, when you turn off the vehicle.
- Make sure you put the parking brake on when you park the ambulances, this engages the high idle.
- Make sure you leave the windows open a crack even with the air conditioning on so you can hear outside traffic.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Captain Samantha Ryan:

Day is running smoothly. Thanks for those members who did back up calls.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Need help on various shifts. Chris Evers CL now CL/DR.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Congratulations to Ashley Urquhart for passing Dispatch and Ambulance Orientation

Congratulations John Conners for passing Dispatch

Congratulations Dennis Vangroski on becoming a first aider

Good luck to all our members who are about to take their EMT test.

2 24's all happened while on duty crews were on another call and most

Thank you Pam Benner for covering for me while I'm on vacation.

Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Thanks to everyone who has answered up for a backup call and filled in on a shift.

Tom Hogan, Sal Signorelli, Paul Kelly, Ferd Neumann, Chris Evers, Sally Staszak, Al Szigethy,

Joe Frisenda, Jeff Brenner, Annette Hershkowitz, Tyler Gibbs, Paul Rittenhouse, Brain Quinn,

Greg Orr

Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Thanks to everyone who has answered up for a backup call.

Jody Kavanagh, Tom Curry, Kurt Vetter, Paul Kelly, Ferd Neumann & Chris Evers.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

Welcome Juan Flores #1295 to the 1500 shift. Juan came in on 6/1 to meet the crew and have a

tour of the building. Juan did get to meet everyone just to say hello as there were 5 calls that

shift.

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Congratulations Anel Vargas #1277 on completing probation.

Congratulations to Kazuo Ishikawa AKA Spike #1282 on his advancement to aide. These advancements come along quickly when you are on a shift that is handling 4-5 calls every week!

Welcome back Mary Winter to the 1900 shift. Mary is returning from an LOA.

On the subject of the Tuesday Night 1900 shift AKA Seniors on the run I want to personally thank those who filled in on the Saturday, June 5th overnight: John Palmieri, Tom D'Antonio, Christy Stiles, Chris Winter and Sue Otto who joined the group at Chris Winter's request. I am sure there will be more on this from the Saturday Captain, but 10 calls, including multiple traumas kept them running all night. My family and I truly appreciate all of you pitching in so that we could have a family celebration and take a Saturday off to do so. The town apparently knew they were in capable hands based on the call volume!

On Tuesday 6/1 the 1500 crew responded to a "BRAVO" MVA on Oakwood Road that in fact was a delta MVA. There were 2 patients, one in cardiac arrest and one trapped in the car with multiple compound fractures. The team work between HFD, CSHFD members who had happened on the scene, HMFD and the two responding crews was terrific. There were only 3 on duty riding members. The call for help was answered by: Paul Kelly, Al Szigethy, Pam Brenner, Joe Frisenda, Sal Signorelli and Tom O'Leary. The team work resulted in both patients being transported to Huntington Hospital in 31 minutes from receipt of alarm and both patients are still alive. Well done! (note: weather prevented an airlift)

In addition to the MVA back up calls on Tuesday this past month were answered by: Jim Mallilo, Joey Denimarck, Tim Ebert, Audin Delva, Peggy Coyle, Tom D'Antonio, Laurie Hoffman, Claude Grimadeau, Joe Gander, Luke Bartolomeo, Greg Orr, Tyler Gibbs, Kathy Castillo and Tom Hogan WOW!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner

Thank Yous to those members who continue to do extra shifts and back up calls to help keep Fridays running.

Joe Frisenda, Kurt Vetter, Dale Bartolomeo, Kathy Castillo, Seth Fischer, Casey Orr, Chief Brenner, Tyler Gibbs, Tommy Romano, Luke Bartolomeo, Liz Mohr, Phil Orlando, Jeremy Boehm, Israel Cortes, Captain Rubenstein, Laurie Hoffman, Donna, Maltese, Todd Atkin, Glen Stern, Rich Rudolph and Kevin Brenner.

Welcome home to Tyler Gibbs who has returned from his Educational LOA and Lulu Hoffmann who is back to health after her Medical LOA.

Welcome to Four new members of Friday if you see them around the building introduce yourself please...

Paul M. Terenzi #1295- Friday 1900

Venel Grimadeau #1298 – Friday 1100

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276 Jeffrey O'Neill #1299 – Friday 1500

277 James Ostsenski #1301 – Friday 2300

278 A huge thank you to Captain Brenner for covering me during the day this past Friday while I was
279 out of town and thank you to my Husband Captain Biersack for listening up Friday night. As it
280 turns out there were more than enough people on the overnight so he never had to leave the
281 couch.

282 As always I need help on the Friday 2300 with new people coming on I would love to get some
283 seasoned members in to teach them the ropes.

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285 **Saturday Co 7 Report- Paul Biersack given by Pamela Brenner**

286 Earlier in the year, I made a plea for extra help on my Saturday overnights and have been
287 fortunate enough to have several duty crews commit to the effort. The Tuesday 1900 crew was
288 one of those who pledged their support and recently, Captain Martha Brenner called them on it
289 so that our family could host a gathering at our new house. My regular Dispatcher was supported
290 throughout the night by John Palmieri (#499), Sue Otto (#790), Chris Winter (#897), Tom
291 D'Antonio (#1006) and Christy Stiles (#1024), among others. The crew showed up on time and
292 within minutes of their arrival, the gates of Hell cracked open. It all started calmly enough with
293 an assault 15 minutes into the shift and less than an hour after that call ended, the crew
294 responded to an overdose. Seems Jose Cuervo got loose and was poisoning unsuspecting victims.
295 Minutes after that call ended, half the crew responded to a motorcycle MVA while the other half
296 responded to a patient who was bitten in the arm by an angry beer bottle in his living room. Both
297 calls were followed up by a non-violent bleeding and after that, the gates of Hell simply fell off
298 their hinges! 4:48am brought with it an unfounded respiratory call, 4:54am had someone with
299 multiple head wounds, 5:04am with a sick call and 5:05am with multiple stabbing victims. And
300 finally, if all that wasn't enough, they topped it all off by answering a mutual aid for ALS from
301 Greenlawn! Thanks go out to Tom Hogan (#879), Israel Cortes (#1174) and Matt Valle (#1238)
302 for assisting but *all the credit in the world* to John Palmieri (#499), Sue Otto (#790), Chris
303 Winter (#897), Tom D'Antonio (#1006), Christy Stiles (#1024) and Glen Stern (#1284). You
304 were all good to your word, stepped up and met the challenge head on and exceeded all of our
305 expectations!

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307 It started on June 5th but as of this past weekend, I think it's safe to say that "Stabby Saturdays"
308 are back! In addition to those from June 5th, we had 3 or 4 simultaneous stabbing related calls
309 this weekend, for multiple patients, and summer hasn't even started yet. That said, if anyone
310 wants to taste the excitement, to experience calls that may not happen during winter, weekdays
311 or daylight hours, please contact me. We are almost half way through the year and at this point,
312 there are still 14 minimally staffed Saturday overnights left! Saturday could use the help.

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314 And finally, nearly 4 dozen of you have helped fill some vacancies, come in for training or even
315 answered backup calls on Saturday throughout the month of May. Thank you to the following
316 people:

317 Annette Hershkowitz (#82), Mary Anne Schramm (#595), Paul Kelly (#634), Ann Donegan
318 (#692), Tom Hogan (#879), Orlando Salcedo (#935), Tommy Romano (#939), Fernando
319 Rivadeneira (#965), Matt Sisinni (#985), Todd Atkin (#993), Carl Schramm (#997), Fritz
320 Barreau (#1025), Jim Malillo (#1030), Debbie Rudilosso (#1053), Spencer Newman (#1082),
321 Rich Rudolph (#1083), Mark Cappola (#1087), Oscar Gomez (#1113), Joe Frisenda (#1160),

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Kurt Vetter (#1161), Luke Bartolomeo (#1198), Jonathan Korets (#1219), Carol Niceforo (#1223), Jeremy Boehm (#1225), Matt Valle (#1238), Laurie Hoffman (#1243), Emily Schaffert (#1248), Tyler Gibbs (#1252), Brian Quinn (#1256), Kathy Castillo (#1276), Dale Bartolomeo (#1280), Kyle Rudden (#1288), Jim Hanson (#1291), Post 215 Members Amanda Manning (#P6) and Kirsten Tiersch (#P8), Deputy Chiefs Jeff Brenner (#1135) and David Mohr (#748), and finally Captains Keith Rubenstein (#1154) and Pamela Brenner (#1157).

NYS Senate Liberty Award:

HCFAS received The New York State Senate Liberty Award for the work done during the fill the booth for Haiti Relief. It was presented to us by Senator Carl L. Marcellino at a reception on May 27th. David Mohr read the proclamation to the membership.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assoc.-District 7 Delegate Andrea Golinsky – There was no May meeting due to EMS week activities. The next District 7 meeting will be held at Wyandanch/Wheatley Heights VAC on Tuesday, June 15th.

EMS Memorial Service was held Wed. May 19 in Albany. Thank you to the members that participated in this event this year. All our members would be proud of those members & Chief Heavey who represented the Squad. Our appearance was duly noted. A copy of the State EMS Council Chairperson Robert Delagi's comments is posted on the bulletin board. It was a very moving ceremony.

The PR Committee attended Community Day at the Jefferson School on Sat. June 5th. This event is sponsored by the PTA and has grown over the last three years. Once again we were able to show the parents and children who we are and what we do. Many thanks to Tom Romano and Bernie Hershkowitz for their assistance.

I attended a PIO seminar held at Wyandanch –Wheatley Heights VAC. This was presented by an instructor from the SC. Fire Academy. One of the important points made at this meeting was that in any photos or videos taken at scenes, the proper uniform/clothing/gear must be worn. There have been instances that OSHA and or PESH have contacted departments that have published photos showing improper apparel being worn by personal on scene. This also holds true that proper protocols are being used or the Dept of Health may step in.

I have been invited to attend a **Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony** on June 29th at Town Hall. This is a result of a health fair we were asked to take part in about 18 months ago. Two of the Gold award recipients put together the health fair as part of their work for this award.

Huntington Station Business Improvement District -The next meeting will be held Wed. June 16th at 8:30 AM at the Huntington Station branch of the Huntington Library.

2nd Precinct Community Meetings -The next meeting will be held Wed. June 16th at 10 AM at the 2nd Precinct.

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association Meeting -The next meeting of SCACA will be held at Central Islip Hauppauge VAC on Wednesday June 16th.

Job Protection for Volunteers

Bill # S 4988 sponsored by Senator Brian Foley (D Suffolk) and A9856 sponsored by Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I Suffolk) is in response to situations statewide where Volunteers were discharged based on the first instance of tardiness. The legislation is designed to ensure volunteer firefighters and EMS responders won't lose their paying jobs simply because they were late or missed work while performing their duties has passed both houses of the New York State Legislature. The bill now awaiting the Governor's review for approval or veto would prohibit the employer from immediately terminating the Volunteer employee solely because he or she was late or missed work due to a bona fide emergency to which they were duly dispatched. The bill addresses and protects the line of duty response but also requires the volunteer to take every precaution to notify his employer that he may be late or absent. It does not prohibit the employer from dismissing the volunteer who abuses this protection and places emphasis on a stated policy clearly understood by the volunteer.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – various committees and benefits re: Scholarships & LOSAP as presented in the June pulse.

HCFAS Scholarship – Drawing of 4 Scholarships will done this evening.

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc., Scholarship Program:

The purpose of the program is to provide recognition of achievement and ability, and to assist members (youth and adult) of squads that are members in good standing of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. in continuing their education in an accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university. For additional information see application form on the bulletin board & on the mail folder cabinet or visit the nysvara.org website or contact Bob Franz. Applications must be received by August 15th (postmarked no later than August 12th). (nysvara.org website – click “About” then click “Association Forms” then click “Scholarship Information / Application”).

Suffolk Educational Program for Recruitment & Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) Scholarship –All applicants were awarded scholarships for the Fall 2010 semester.

LOSAP -The 2009 LOSAP Records Listing has been posted for the mandatory 30 days and will be sent to the Town of Huntington for final approval.

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Suffolk REMSCO Meeting – Tomorrow evening at 7PM in Hauppauge.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – picnic has been scheduled for Saturday 7/24/10 and installation dinner will be held at the Watermill on 2/26/11.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. Please update your email address via David Mohr.

CME Training – Pam Brenner: Classes can be held but we need at least 15 attendees for each class.

SOP's/By-Laws – No Report - If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

HMFD Fair – Pam Brenner: Please sign up on the posted sign up sheet if you are available.

Old Business

New Business

HCFAS Scholarships – The drawing was held an HCFAS scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to the first four names drawn as follows: Patrick Otto, son of Sue Otto #790, Meagan Bennett, daughter of Lori Bennett #1265, Christine Principato #1268, Kenneth Lau, brother of Allison Lau #1226. Alternates were drawn but were not used since the above 4 met all the eligibility criteria.

Hubbinette Cowell Associates, Inc. 25th Annual Golf Outing Foursome Drawing

- 1. John Palmieri
- 2. Kevin DeFriest
- 3.. Matt Cappola
- 4. Carl Schramm

ALTERNATES: Chuck Brady, Bernard Poole, Donna Mastropietro, Al Szigethy, Brian Canty, Glenn Stern, Jim Lupo, Tom Lemp, Luke Bartolomeo, Harvey Lapidus, Kevin McCann, Mark Cappola.

2010 Video of HCFAS – Memorial Day Parade is available for your viewing pleasure compliments of Barry Maltese husband of Donna Maltese #1151 and father to Vincent Maltese #1262

Closing

Thank you to those who have helped with the meal this evening. Social & kitchen Committee and set up committee.

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Has everyone signed in?

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Raffles – Various Gifts

1. Mets Tickets (2+Parking)(Hubbinette, Cowell Associates Inc. – Casey Orr
2. Mets Tickets (2) (Hubbinette, Cowell Associates Inc.) – Jim Mallilo
3. Pindar – Pythagoras (Red Wine) (VSS) – Joanne Cunningham
4. Pindar – Pythagoras (Red Wine) (VSS) – Richard Stone
5. Pindar – Autumn Gold (VSS) – Jim Hansen
6. Pindar – Autumn Gold (VSS) – Andrea Golinsky

Adjournment:

Motion by Pam Brenner seconded by Rich Stone to adjourn the meeting at 21:45 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft sent to members: July 1, 2010

Approved: July12, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: July 12, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	PRESENT
John Palmieri	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Martha Brenner	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed a quorum is in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Eileen Burns #767 – Hospitalized
- Israel Cortes #1174 – Wife Rosa Cortes, continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Greg Orr #983 – Wife Susie continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Norma Signorelli #304, continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Jerry Giacomini #349, son, get well wishes.
- Chief Dominic Heavey-get well wishes.
- Mary Jane Woznick #769, husband Honorary member George, get well wishes.

Longevity Awards

Andy Ball – 40 years. President Winter spoke of Andy's accomplishments at HCFAS over the years. Andy Ball 40 years, Accepted 07/01/1970, A family affair – Father Andrew Ball Sr. # 105., Mother Joan Ball #106, Daughter Kimberly Ball #906. 1st Family with 3 generations in the squad, In the early days – Paper Drive, Christmas Tree Sales, Apple Cider Sales, First Aid Team, Crew Leader, Driver, CET – Telemetrist, Driver Trainer, Final Drive, Worked very closely with Bill Wicks to develop the 1st driver training manual, Captain in 1978, 3rd Deputy Chief 1979, Saturday, all day but primary 1900 hour shift for almost his whole riding career, Life Member, Board of Director 4 years, Building Committee, Building/Vehicle Maintenance, Bunting Committee, LOSAP Points Committee Chair.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Bernard Hershkowitz to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the June 14, 2010 General Membership Meeting minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Millie Gabriel and Megan Bennett (HCFAS Scholarship winner). Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- FRS/SCM Fire Rescue Systems Add Day Captain Shift privileges
- Zumba Fitness Classes
- Termination of input of information into Red Alert
- Justine' Foranoce Employment Agreement
- Purchase a Field of Honor Flag
- Meagan Sarcona General Meeting Room Request
- Vital Signs 2010 Meeting and classes in NYC August 28,29, 2010
- Bedel Saget General Meeting Room Request
- Update Form #154

There is a job duties document for Justine in the Treasurer's Office.

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

No report submitted.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey:

Thanked his officers and everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts. Thanked Chief Officers and Captains for handling extra responsibilities while he was recovering.

HMFD fair starts tomorrow. Wednesday's parade will be summer dress uniform.

Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue Calls for Jan to June 2010:

HCFAS 2656 72 calls were 24 2.71%. Percentage is up a little bit but we are answering more calls.

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Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Andy Ball – 40 years

Last Wednesday we had a multi agency brush fire in Cold Spring Harbor. HCFAS coordinated SC & NC EMS activity. Job well done.

Chief reminded everyone that the Squad Picnic is July 24th.

Officers Report's

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Congratulations John Conners 1272 for passing Ambulance Orientation

Congratulations Dennis Vangroski for getting his EMT Card.

Thank you Captain Pam Benner for covering for me while I'm on vacation.

Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Welcome Vanessa Ortiz to the Overnight.

Thanks to everyone who has answered up for a backup call and filled in on a shift.

Tom O’Leary, Keith Rubenstein, Claudy Grimadeau, Jeremy Boehm, Sal Signorelli, Paul Kelly,

Ferd Neumann, Chris Evers, Sally Staszak, Al Szigethy, Joe Frisenda, Jeff Brenner

Annette Hershkowitz, Tyler Gibbs, Paul Rittenhouse, Brain Quinn, Greg Orr, Tom Hogan,

Carolyn Niceforo, Brendon Fitts, Mark Cappola, Audin Delva, Jeff Brenner, Luke Bartolomeo and Eric Schmierer.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

6/15 14 calls 6/22 16 calls (two with 2 ambulances and 1 with 3)

6/29 17 calls 0 24ed 7/6 22 calls 2 24ed out

****on 7/6 the 1100 crew had 9 calls, they handled 6 with the help of one back up member, 2 were 24'd and one handled by the incoming 1500. 6 calls in 4 hours is a tremendous effort and great use of personnel.**

Also on 7/6 the 1500 shift was riding as a 2 man crew and it was a bazillion degrees. Dale Bartolomeo agreed to ride with us and we went on the be in the rig for most of the 4 hours answering 4 calls along with back up crews taking 2 others. One of our calls was.....extremely over weight, second floor, around multiple corners and verging on respiratory arrest. The call for man power was answered by Joe Frisenda. His help was immeasurable.

****On 6/15 the 0700 crew handled 6 calls with the help of three back up personnel. A great job!**

Back up 17 members

Tom O'Leary Greg Orr Dale Bartolomeo Joe Frisenda Claudy Grimadeau

Beatrice Maldonado Luke Bartolomeo Tom Hogan Tyler Gibbs

Jeremy Boehm Chris Winter Paul Kelly Pam Brenner Paul Mori

Chris Evers Carol Niceforo Mark Cappola

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo given by Kathy Gearey

Thanked everyone who came out for the Cold Spring brush fire. Everything is going fine. Need help for the 1100 shift.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Day is going well. Thanks to Paul Kelly for doing all the ALS calls.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Captain Samantha Ryan:

Day is running smoothly. Thanks for those members who did back up calls.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner

Thank you!

Dale Bartolomeo, Spencer Newman, Nancy Courtemanche, Captain Sam Ryan, Danielle, Milione, Casey Orr, Ann Donegan, Hugh O'Brien, Luke Bartolomeo, Tom Hogan, Nancy Barker, Mike Barker, Captain Martha Brenner, Seth Fischer, Paul Rittenhouse, Israel Cortes, Todd Atkin, Tommy Romano, Luke Bartolomeo, Liz Mohr, Phil Orlando, Jeremy Boehm, Laurie Hoffmann, Donna, Maltese, Glen Stern, Rich Rudolph, Kevin Brenner, and Juan Flores.

Company 6 was lucky enough to not have any 24s since February 12th, until the first week in July when we had to give away two. I appreciate that dedication of all the members who come in and consistently do their duty tours as well as my very dependable group of people who do backup and additional shifts, I am indebted to you.

I'd like to ask all the members to continue to send thoughts and prayers to Israel Cortes and his family. His wife Rosa is very ill and he's taken an Operational leave in order to spend as much time with her as possible. To that end he continues to run backup whenever he can and I'd personally like to thank him for that. He's a valuable part of the Friday family.

Saturday Co 7 Report- Paul Biersack given by Pamela Brenner

I want to start out by saying thank you and congratulations to

- Lenise Booth (#1246) on starting the ACL program
- Glen Stern (#1284) on being promoted to First Aider
- Melissa Hernandez (#1264) and Chelsea Miller (#P12) for passing Ambulance Orientation
- Jim Hanson (#1291) for passing his Dispatch Test

June was a tough month for Saturdays and July has had a rough start. During the last 5 weeks or so, we have failed on more than half a dozen alarms and had to 24 them to other departments. I am encouraged by the amount of support that Saturdays have but we're starting to have trouble covering multiple simultaneous alarms. I would ask that anyone who has a pager and may be available, please keep your pagers on and don't hesitate to call in for backup once in a while?

And finally, a hearty round of thanks go out to 4 dozen of you have helped fill some vacancies, come in for training or even answered backup calls on Saturday throughout the month of June. Thank you to the following people: Annette Hershkowitz (#82), John Palmieri (#499), Paul

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Kelly (#634), Sue Otto (#790), Bill Billups (#793), Tom Hogan (#879), Joe Denimarck (#883), Chris Winter (#897), Tom Romano (#939), Fernando Rivadeneira (#965), Tom Lemp (#979), Todd Atkin (#993), Tom D'Antonio (#1006), Kevin Brenner (#1014), Christie Stiles (#1024), Jim Mallilo (#1030), Mark Cappola (#1087), Oscar Gomez (#1113), Harvey Lapidus (#1141), Bruce Hafner (#1158), Joe Frisenda (#1160), Israel Cortes (#1174), Luke Bartolomeo (#1198), Alex Witkowski (#1207), Ashley Taylor (#1214), Carol Niceforo (#1223), Jeremy Boehm (#1225), Matt Valle (#1238), Laurie Hoffmann (#1243), Emily Schaffert (#1248), Tyler Gibbs (#1252), Brian Quinn (#1256), Howard Loewenthal (#1260), Vinnie Maltese (#1262), Dale Bartolomeo (#1280), James Hanson (#1291), Elizabeth Mohr (#1292), Juan Flores (#1293) and Post 215 member Amanda Manning (#P6); Deputy Chiefs Jeff Brenner (#1135) and David Mohr (#748); Captains Keith Rubenstein (#1154), Martha Brenner (#236) and last but not least, Pamela Brenner (#1157).

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel

Anne congratulated Andy Ball on his 40 years with the Squad. Thanked everyone who participated in the Fire standby. Anne mentioned new members. Anne reminded everyone to use the Chain of Command for any issues or concerns.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner given by Anne Gabriel:

Please excuse my absence tonight- I became ill at work and have gone home for the day/evening. This month July 2010, Well we've already seen it, please members, take the time to care for those who are not strangers and keep pool safety in mind. Fences, buddies, swimmies; whatever it takes to keep everyone safe. There is no reason a fun thing like a pool should turn into the worst moment.

Training/Edu

Review Training- this month is advocating for children and baby safe haven, as the BOD has approved to posting of our dept at a "safe haven". Any questions on this topic please contact me. Vital Signs the BOD approved the motion for vital signs 2010 conference. All the specifics are on the email or posted downstairs in the ready room.

Conferences- the EMS expo has been decided to NOT be approved this year. Any questions please contact me.

Equipment-

Please take the time to wash a rig, clean the inside, restock and check for any problems after every call.

Blood must be cleaned up prior to taking another alarm. Help prevent communicable diseases. After the Brush fires last week I will be looking into thermometers as it is part of the FF Rehab requirements set forth by Suffolk County Protocols, in the appendix.

Remember for fire that you must take the FF rehab box out of the BLS supply cab and onto the first due ambulance, or next available unit going enroute.

Thanks again, email me with anything.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

It was a pleasure to cook the meal in honor of Andy Ball and to bring out the china. Lisa hopes to go green for future dinners and do away with all the paper & plastic.

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232 Cold Spring Harbor Brush Fire:
233 A total of 9 ambulances, 3 first responder vehicles, 2 ATVs, 1 MCI vehicle and 5 miscellaneous
234 vehicles responded. HCFAS had 3 ambulances, 1 MCI vehicle, 3 first responder vehicles, 1 Van
235 and a gator/trailer.
236 A total of 168 firefighters were treated (rehab) and two were transported to HH by the Squad.
237 Another two were transported by the Syosset and Jericho FD.
238 There are so many members approximately 25 to thank for your participation.
239 We also handled 6 other calls including 2 MVAs while this incident was going on.

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241 The building and vehicles are okay.

242 243 **Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone**

244 Congratulations to Andy Ball on this 40th Anniversary as a member.
245 May and June were high call volume months. We need members to answer up during the day.

246 247 **Crew of the Month – April 2010. Presented by Captain Pam Brenner**

248 Outstanding member -Chris Evers. Job well done.

249 250 **Delegate Reports:**

251 **Andrea Golinsky**

252 **New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 Delegate Report**

253 Pulse Check 2010 Educational Conference will be held Sept 30th thru Oct. 3rd.at Holiday Inn,
254 Wolf Road, Albany.

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256 You will soon find proxy forms in your mail folders. Please sign, date them and leave them in
257 my mailbox.

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259 If you are interested in attending submit request to 2nd. Dep for his signoff and then submit to
260 Board of Directors for prior approval.

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262 Check the bulletin board for updates on the speakers and seminars that are confirmed.

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264 District 7 sponsored a drill competition Sunday July 11th at the Deer Park FD training center on
265 Commack Rd.

266 Overall Senior Team trophy was presented to Middle Island FD

267 Overall Youth Team trophy was presented to Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance.

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269 Next Dist. 7 meeting will be held Aug. 17th at South Country Ambulance in Brookhaven.

270 **Class A Uniforms**

271 Larger size short sleeve shirts have been ordered. I am hoping to get them in time for the parade
272 on Wed. If they are received, a blast email will be sent out and members may come to the
273 building earlier that evening to get them.

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The skirts that were ordered at the last uniform fitting have arrived. If you had been fitted for one you can pick it up after the meeting tonight.

Suffolk County Recruitment and Retention-

It has been announced that Nassau and Suffolk Counties have been awarded a total of \$4 million dollars for the Safer Grant. This will allow tuition scholarships for FF and EMS volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – various committees and benefits re: Scholarships as presented in the July pulse.

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc., Scholarship Program:

The NYSVA&RA annually provides up to three scholarships to applicants who are members (youth or adult) of a member of a squad in good standing in the NYSVA&RA. These scholarships must be used by applicants to furthering their education in an accredited institution of higher education. Depending upon funding these scholarships range from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. For additional information see application form on the bulletin board & on the mail folder cabinet or visit the nysvara.org website or contact Bob Franz. Applications must be received by August 15th (postmarked no later than August 12th). (nysvara.org website – click “About” then click “Association Forms” or “Member Benefits” then click “Scholarship Information / Application”).

HCFAS Scholarships – Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to the first four names drawn at the June 14th GMM as follows: Patrick Otto, son of Sue Otto #790, Meagan Bennett, daughter of Lori Bennett #1265, Christine Principato #1268, Kenneth Lau, brother of Allison Lau #1226. Congratulations to all the winners.

Suffolk REMSCO – Next meeting is tomorrow at 7PM at SC EMS office in Hauppauge.

Post 215 – David Mohr – Car Wash August 8, 2010 followed by a lock in that evening.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – squad picnic is Saturday 7/24/10. Please sign up before Friday.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. Please update your email address via David Mohr.

CME Training – Pam Brenner: Register for the CME on the SC EMS website.

SOP's/By-Laws – No Report - If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Old Business

New Business

Proposed SOP Changes – Martha Brenner

Published in July Pulse, read and discussed.

The following addition is proposed to Section I A of the SOPs (Chain of Command – Chief). The proposal will add a new subsection with guidelines regarding Chief's orders.

6. The Chief may issue "Chief's Orders" when a situation arises that requires immediate clarification, addition or alteration of a policy. These orders are intended to be temporary until the SOP's or By-laws, whichever is applicable, can be changed through their proscribed method. Chief's orders will remain in force for 4(four) months or until the end of the Chief's current term in office, whichever comes first. Chief's orders are not renewable. Following the issuance of the order the Chief or a person designated by the Chief must complete the appropriate SOP or By-law change. A Chief's order cannot supersede a By-Law or SOP.

The following changes are proposed to update Section II of the SOPs (Operational Member Guidelines). Some procedures that are no longer in effect have been deleted, others have been clarified and many have been left unchanged.

II. Operational Member Guidelines

A. Member in Good Standing (unchanged)

B. Un-Duty Crews:

1. Duty Tours (unchanged)
2. Sign-In Roster (unchanged)
3. Responsibilities (unchanged)
4. Relief Time (unchanged)
5. Replacements (unchanged)

~~6. Two Stations~~

~~—a. At Headquarters, the Station 1 Crewleader is in charge of the shift. The Captain will rotate the crews weekly when possible.~~

~~—b. Emergency transports will be taken by Station 2 Except if an ALS provider is on Station 2 only, and the transport does not warrant advanced life support equipment or unless otherwise directed by the Day Captain.~~

~~7-6~~ Shift Change (re-numbers section only no policy change)

~~8-7~~ Status Change (re-numbers section only no policy change)

~~9-8~~ Alternating Overnights (re-numbers section only no policy change)

~~10-9~~ Company 8 (re-numbers) (Note: only section "F" is affected)

.....The text is unchanged until:

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

a. no changes

b. no changes

c. no changes

d. no changes

e. no changes

~~f. The member on Company 8 status will be required to fill out a "company 8 Shift Completed" form. the completed form is to be placed into the mailbox of the First Deputy Chief.~~

~~—g. f.. no changes re-numbers section only.~~

~~11.~~ 10 Explorer Post Members (re-numbers section only no policy change)

Proposed SOP Change

The following changes are proposed to update Section IV of the SOPs (Crewmember Responsibilities -- Crewleader). Some procedures that are no longer in effect have been deleted, others have been added or clarified, and many have been left unchanged.

IV. Crewmember Responsibilities--Crewleader

A. Crewleader Responsibilities: (unchanged)

B. Crewleaders' Preparation of Crews and Equipment for Emergencies:(unchanged)

C. Crewleader management of the Emergency Situation: (unchanged)

D. Crewleader Post-Emergency Responsibilities: (unchanged)

E. Transports:

~~1. The Crewleader doing a transport shall use a last due rig for transports and make sure there is enough fuel in the vehicle.~~

~~2. The Crewleader shall check the transport form for any particular problems or conditions the crew should be aware of (e.g., patient's condition — is patient hard of hearing, blind, special care needed, weight, etc.).~~

~~3. The Crewleader shall have the Dispatcher notify out of district fire departments and ambulance corps if they are transporting to or from a location within their districts.~~

~~4. The Crewleader shall make sure they have directions if they are unfamiliar with the location.~~

~~5. No lights or siren (Code 2) are to be used and the Driver is to obey all traffic laws. If at any time the transport becomes an emergency — proceed on a signal 2, to the closest hospital. At this time, use lights and siren (Code 3) and notify headquarters and the hospital to which you are transporting.~~

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~~6. If at any time you come upon the scene of an accident during your transport, you must stop, if emergency care is needed, stabilize and call for an on duty ambulance.~~

~~7. Upon the completion of the transport notify the Dispatcher of your status. If you are out of the district give a signal 5 only. Advise the Dispathter when you are in the area Signal 28.~~

E. Transports will only be considered in extremely unusual circumstances. Transports require the approval of the Chief or his designee and of the Emergency Medical Services Director of the Emergency Services Division, Suffolk County Department of Heath Services.

F. Emergency Transports:

~~1. The On-Duty Crewleader will approve or deny Emergency Transports based on the guidelines set forth below. The Day Captain and/or Chief Officer shall be notified as soon as possible after the decision has been made.~~

~~2. Emergency transports are to be handled by the on-duty crew unless there is sufficient time to call in a back-up crew. In any event, the Dispatcher must obtain in-house backup if the on-duty crew is on an emergency transport.~~

~~3. An ALS provider (EMT-CC or EMT-P) is not required for emergency transports unless the hospital requests that we use our own patient monitoring equipment; in that case, an ALS provider must ride WITH THE PATIENT (not as a Driver). If there is no ALS provider (EMT-CC or EMT-P) on board, the advanced life support equipment must be removed before the ambulance leaves Headquarters. A Registered Nurse MUST accompany the patient, regardless of whether an ALS provider is present.~~

~~4. An ALS provider (EMT-CC or EMT-P) should always contact Medical Control if the patient's condition requires additional intervention.~~

~~5. If a doctor rides with the patient, an ALS provider (EMT-CC or EMT-P) can follow the doctor's orders up to the level of Suffolk County training without contacting Medical Control.~~

~~6. Patients being transported from the Emergency Room must be in stable condition. Burn patients must be prepped as required by the receiving facility. The patient should be ready for transport before the crew leaves the building. This includes preparation of all paperwork. Very often, this will allow time for a back-up crew to be called in for the transport.~~

~~7. The sending hospital must provide the crew with the name of the receiving doctor and specific instructions as to where the patient is to be taken on arrival at the receiving facility.~~

~~8. It is the responsibility of the Crewleader in conjunction with the Driver to know the location of hospitals on the route to the receiving facility in case the patient's condition worsens en route and immediate transfer to an Emergency Room is needed. The decision to go to a nearer facility is to be made by the Crewleader and should be transmitted to the Dispatcher as soon as possible.~~

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~~9. HCFAS will handle emergency transports only if they are truly emergencies. In any case, the hospital should make all possible attempts to obtain a private ambulance company for these calls and only call HCFAS if no private is available.~~

~~G. Emergency Transports Via Helicopter:~~

F. Patient Transport by Helicopter:

The decision to transport by helicopter is made by the HCFAS member in charge of the scene in coordination with the on-scene Police Officer(s). This request is generally made to the county by the Police on scene. If there is no officer yet on scene the request should be made to Med-com. The LZ (landing zone) location is selected by the HCFAS member in charge of the scene in coordination with the Police Department. The HCFAS member in charge must notify our dispatcher of the helicopter transport and the LZ, and the dispatcher is to immediately notify the appropriate Fire Department.

When approaching a helicopter pick-up point:

- a. Stay outside the 100' perimeter.
- b. Turn off emergency lights, floods etc., so that the helicopter can land without distraction.
- c. Do not approach the helicopter until directed to do so by the pilot.

~~G. Emergency Transports Via Helicopter:~~

~~1. Requests may be received for an emergency transport to or from Huntington Hospital to Police, Coast Guard or National Guard Helicopters.~~

~~2. These requests are to be handled as emergency calls. If time permits, get in-house back-up at Headquarters before the on-duty crew leaves.~~

~~3. The request may come from:~~

- ~~—a. Medcom~~
- ~~—b. Huntington Hospital~~
- ~~—c. Fire Coordinator~~

~~If the call does not come from Medcom, notify them via landline giving the transport information.~~

~~4. The designated pick-up point that will be used is the Mill Dam Heliport.~~

~~5. Our Dispatcher MUST notify Huntington Fire Department and advise them of the helicopter's landing.~~

~~6. If additional help or unforeseen circumstances arise that pose a problem—contact Med-Com. The Fire Coordinator (2-0-1) may also be contacted on Med-Com frequency. The Chief shall also be contacted via base radio.~~

~~7. When approaching a helicopter pick-up point:~~

- ~~a. Stay outside the 100' perimeter.~~

- ~~b. Turn off emergency lights, floods etc., so that the helicopter can land without distraction.~~
~~e. Do not approach the helicopter until directed to do so by the pilot.~~

G. Stand-bys:

All requests for stand-bys must be made no less than 30 days prior to the event. The request will be provided to the Chief who will determine if the Stand-by committee should attempt to fill the request or deny it. If the request is denied the Stand-by chair will notify the requester immediately.

The Stand-by Committee Chair will attempt to obtain a crew for all approved requests. A sign-up sheet will be put up in the appropriate area of the ready room within 3 days of the Stand-by Chairs receipt of the approved request. If the stand-by cannot be filled within two weeks of the event the Stand-by Chair will notify the requester that we have been unable to obtain the necessary personnel.

The following requests do not need pre-approval of the Chief:

- 1-Celebrate Huntington
- 2-HMFD annual Fair
- 3-Graduation for the 3 High Schools in our coverage area.

The Stand-by Committee Chair will submit a quarterly report to the Chief listing all requests and the outcome for all. These reports will be submitted for the first Officers Meeting of: April, July, Oct and Jan.

H. Acting Crewleader: (unchanged)

The question arose whether there was still a quorum present. The President determined that we had a quorum.

Proposed SOP Changes (continued) – David Mohr

Published in the July Pulse, read and discussed.

Section II - Protocols

Paragraph B – Operational Protocols

New sub-paragraph

5. 2-15-Gator and Special Operations Trailer Response and User Procedures

2-15-Gator is designed for use at stand-bys or other function or calls where maneuvering an ambulance to a patient would be difficult or dangerous.

a. Operating:

- 1.) 2-15-Gator and the Special Operations Trailer can only be signed out by HCFAS members who are certified as Drivers or First Responder Drivers, have been trained on the Gator and the trailer by the Driver Training Committee, and have the approval of the Chief for its use.

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- 2.) Operators of the Trailer must check all the lights, brakes and securing devices prior to its use.
- 3.) Only HCFAS personnel are to be passengers in the Gator.

b. **Contacting:**

When using 2-15-Gator, the Driver must have a radio at all times.

c. **Maintenance:**

The Gator and the Trailer will be scheduled for regular washing, vacuuming and routine maintenance as deemed appropriate by the Third Deputy Chief and/or the Vehicle Maintenance Committee. The Gator is to be refueled using appropriate fuel. Receipts, clearly marked with the appropriate information, are to be left in the Office Manager's mailbox.

d. **Dress Code**

Operators will be in a duty uniform.

As is the case with all other vehicles, there will be absolutely no smoking in the Gator. Any violations involving smoking, eating, drinking or substance abuse will result in immediate loss of driving privileges and could result in further disciplinary action.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped with the meal this evening. Social & kitchen Committee and set up committee. Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckert, Bill Martin, and Judge Daniel Martin.

Raffles – Various Gifts

1. Pindar – Autumn Gold (VSS) – Bernie Hershkowitz
2. BBQ Package #1 - London Broil, Italian Sausage, Bubba Burgers, Hebrew National Franks – Kathy Gearey
3. BBQ Package #2 - Boneless Strip Steaks, Bubba Burgers, Hebrew National Franks – Joanne (Jake) Cunningham
4. BBQ Package #3 - Bubba Burgers, Sabbrett Franks – Reina Gomez

Adjournment –

Motion to Adjourn at 2130 hours by _____, and seconded by _____.

Results: No quorum to officially adjourn

The President adjourned the meeting at 2130 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft sent to members: July 29, 2010

Approved: September 13, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Informational Meeting – No Quorum
Date: August 9, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Mark Cappola	ABSENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	ABSENT
John Palmieri	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Martha Brenner	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed that only 47 members signed in and a quorum of 50 is needed for a meeting. President Winter therefore made the meeting an informational meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Martha Brenner #236 – Hospitalized, home recovering, get well wishes and prayers welcome.
- Ann Donegan #692 Recent eye surgery.
- Mark Cappola parents- get well prayers
- Eileen Burns #767 – Hospitalized – home and recovering
- Israel Cortes #1174 – Wife Rosa Cortes, continued get well wishes and prayers.

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- Greg Orr #983 – Wife Susie continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Norma Signorelli #304, continued get well wishes and prayers.

We Mourn the Loss of:

Kathy Gearey #368, 35 year, Life Member

Longevity Awards

Mary Ann Schramm – 30 years. President Winter spoke of Mary Ann's accomplishments at HCFAS over the years. Accepted, 8/19/1980, Life Member, Former Board of Director, CPR Instructor, Dispatcher, YMCA ambulance demonstrations for many years, Also a member of Huntington Manor Fire Department, Married to Carl Schramm #997.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

July 12, 2010 minutes cannot be approved since we do not have a quorum.

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Norma Signorelli, Patrick Otto & Kenneth Lau (HCFAS Scholarship winners), Sophie Anczewicz (July 14 call), Sayville Community Ambulance LOSAP Committee (meeting with Bob Franz) and Doctors Without Borders (update & 6 month report). Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- First Responder SOP Change
- Amend EMS Week Meals
- CES Contract Renewal
- Disposal Order for 7 Mobile Radios
- Sale of 7 Obsolete Mobile Radios
- FRS/SCM Addition of Time Clock Modification
- Replacement Stethoscope Scott Bielanski
- Amendment to Purchase Policy Procedures Standard Mileage Reimbursement Rates .40
- Medical Clearance Forms for RTD for two members
- Vital Signs Conference Limit On Attendee's
- Jumbo CD Renewal
- Meal Allowance Reimbursement for HMFD Parade Andrea Golinsky
- East Northport Fire Department Parade
- Meeting with Tracy Yogman, Comptroller/director, department of Audit and Control, Town of Huntington.
- Meeting with Dr. Michael Stratemeier, MD, Assistant Chief of the Department of emergency medicine. Willing to volunteer as an additional Medical advisor and liaison to the Huntington Hospital.

Treasurers Report Mark Cappola

No report submitted.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey:

Thanked kitchen committee and everyone for a great meal.

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Welcome to Associate member Eva Frangiamore at the meeting this evening. It is with deep regret that we mourn the loss of Kathy Gearey and we the Officers join with each of you as we mourn her loss. Everything is moving along for the memorial service to be held on Saturday 8/14 at 7PM. Attendees, please park in the LI RR commuter lot. No Class A uniform to be worn – dress is casual. Food will be served which will be supplied by the family. There will be outside coverage from 7PM to 7AM with a squad dispatcher on each shift.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

5 Years: Joanne Cunningham & Harvey Lapidus.

10 Years: Karen Blackburn & Karen Maresco.

30 Years: Mary Ann Schramm

Officer Recognition Award May 2010: Congratulations to Dale Bartolomeo #1280 & Ferd Neumann #369.

Ambulance Calls for July 2010 broke another record with 526 calls.

A reminder to everyone to keep all doors closed unless you are doing a driver check and need to vent the trunk room. To everyone who uses the South side of the building for smoking, I remind all of you to clean up after yourselves and the door must be closed at all times.

New EMTs: Jeremiah (Jeremy) Boehm #1225, Kathleen (Kathy) Castillo # 1276, Margaret (Peggy) Coyle # 1247, Krystal Cruz #1211, Kazuo (Spike) Ishikawa #1282, Jennifer Ladd #1267, Howard Loewenthal #1260, Christopher (Chris) Mallilo #1234, Elizabeth (Liz) Mohr #1292, Brian Quinn #1256, Sheryl Roach #1253, Diane Tanko #1240, Patricia (Pat) Tufo #1242 and Anel Vargas #1277. Congratulations to all.

Delegate / Committee Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

NYSVA&RA Proxy forms will be put into your mail folders – please sign them and return them to the District 7 or my Director's mail box.

NYSVA&RA is continuing their efforts with regard to the large increase in the Volunteer Ambulance Workers Benefit Law insurance premiums and only one provider of such insurance.

They are working with Conover Byers Associates, a NJ insurance agency, to determine the feasibility of locating an alternate provider to NYSIF.

NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2010 Educational Conference will be held Sept 30th thru Oct. 3rd.at Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany. If you are interested in attending submit request to 2nd. Deputy for his signoff and then submit to Board of Directors for prior approval. Check the bulletin board or nysvara.org website for updates on the speakers and seminars.

Este Lauder passes are available this evening and can also be found on the shift sign in counter.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc., Scholarship Program –Bob Franz

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university. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university. For additional information see application form on the bulletin board & on the mail folder cabinet or visit the nysvara.org website or contact Bob Franz. Applications must be received by August 15th (postmarked no later than August 12th). (nysvara.org website – click “Membership” then click “Member Benefits” then click “NYSVARA Scholarship Information”).

Lehti Laas:

Uniform Code – Inactive life member Al Mirabella has graciously agreed to update the UC illustrations. He has the original CD and program of how he did it by hand. The committee continues to meet regularly and as was mentioned at the General Membership meeting is open for all to attend. Just contact Chair Ed Billia.

Records Retention The committee has officially begun the sorting of documents in the storage room. Documents have already been reviewed to destroy. The notification and approval of the President for destruction has been sent and once destruction approval has been given, the committee can officially begin the destruction of documents.

Officers Report's

Third Deputy Chief – David Mohr

Building:

The building is doing pretty good.

Work Details:

We continue to have project for Saturday morning. We work for a couple of hours and then have lunch, so come join us.

Vehicles:

16 – We have had the brake system checked as we have gotten numerous complaints. The brakes are fine. That year's model has brakes that are soft and must be pushed further to the floor than our other rigs.

21 – Is at Proliner for a transmission problem.

We have had two instances where damage was done to our vehicles and no report was made.

We operate oversized vehicles in emergency mode and occasionally we have accidents. That is why it is an accident, meaning not intentional. All members have a responsibility to report it if you see or are involved in one, even if it is only minor. We want to get it fixed. So please report it if you have one.

Summer Reminders

- Please turn off the air conditioning, in both the front and back, when you turn off the vehicle.
- Make sure you put the parking brake on when you park the ambulances, this engages the high idle.
- Make sure you leave the windows open a crack even with the air conditioning on so you can hear outside traffic.

Explorer Post

The annual car wash is happening on Saturday, August 28th, please come down and support the Post. They have been doing a lot of work around the building, so give them a hand and have your car washed.

On September 11th, we will be having our annual recruitment meeting. If you know of anyone that is interested, please get me their name and phone number or email address so we can contact them and invite them to the meeting.

Finally, just a reminder that we are looking for more advisors. We have had to cancel events because we didn't have sufficient advisor coverage.

2nd Deputy Chief – Jeff Brenner

Review training was a little late but is now out.

Friday Day Captain – Pam Brenner

First of all a huge thank you goes out to the following members for running back up calls over the last few weeks...Joe Frisenda, Carol Niceforo, Danielle Milione, Al Szigethy, Matt Cappola, Stephanie Mirabelli, Jeff O'Neill, Kathy Castillo, Captain Tim Ebert, Chief Anne Gabriel, Paul Kelly, Lorrie Stone, Chief Jeff Brenner, Kevin Brenner, Jeremy Boehm, Captain Keith Rubenstein, Phil Orlando, Chris Evers, Mary Brenner, Seth Fischer, Luke Bartolomeo, Brian Canty, Kevin McCann, Tyler Gibbs, Tom Hogan, Nancy Eckert, Dale Bartolomeo, Orlando Salcedo, Mindy Scalzetti, Michelle Miller, Juan Flores and Paul Kelly.

Friday is still desperately in need of a dispatcher on the 1100 shift. Anyone who is able to come in and help please let me know. I'd like to personally thank my Grams for filling in on this shift regularly.

Congratulations to Jeremy Boehm on completing crew leading

Congratulations to Vinny Maltese on finishing his EMT class

Welcome back Paul Tekverk who has returned from his LOA

Congratulations to Krystal Cruz and Kathy Castillo on entering the ACL program

Congratulations to Jeremy Boehm on entering driver training

Best Wishes to Tommy Romano and his fiancé Tiffanie in their upcoming wedding. I wish you both all the best.

Lastly I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of Chief Jeff Brenner in working with the Board and officers to plan Kathy Gearey's memorial service this coming week. Kathy's death has affected many of us in many ways but none of that compares to how her life affected this organization. I have been truly amazed by the outpouring of love and compassion I have seen in this organization over the last month through mom's illness and Kathy's passing. So I'd like to thank my HCFAS family from the bottom of my heart for all of the support you provide me and all of your fellow members

Tuesday Day Captain – Martha Brenner read by Pam Biersack

I have not been in to review the Tuesday PCR's so I don't have a detailed list of names to thank so please allow me to just send out a huge thank you to everyone who is helping to keep things going on Tuesdays while I have been out. A special thanks goes to Pam Biersack for covering the day for me while I am recovering.

The out pouring of concern and support I have received from my HCFAS family is deeply touching. Every call and every card helps me move along the recovery road. I am doing extremely well and hope to be back in an administrative capacity in a week or two.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Congratulations to Jen Ladd #1267, Dennis Vangroski #1274, Chris Mallilo #1234 on receiving there EMT cards.

4 24's all happened while on duty crews were on another call
Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.
Thanks to everyone who has answered up for a backup call and filled in on a shift - Juan Flores, Keith Rubenstein, Jeff O'Neil, Mark Cappola, Paul Kelly, Tim Quigley, Tom O'Leary, Phil Orlando, Kurt Vetter, Joe Frisenda, Tom Romano, Tom Hogan, Chris Evers and Kyle Rudden.

Nice Job to the Monday overnight crew on 8/2/10. They did an excellent job of treating a patient with lacerations to his head and Respiratory distress combined with a clotting disorder. The Patient was medivaced to Stony Brook Hospital. All the reports that I got were that the crew worked incredibly well together under extremely difficult and bloody circumstances both during and after the call. Nice job Crew leader Kevin Brenner, Driver Ray Pollard, Crew of Nancy Courtemanche, Jenn Ladd, Dispatcher Vanessa Ortiz and Chris Mallilo.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone, as submitted

July was our busiest month ever with 526 calls
Dispatchers please remember to add "CC" to the incident screen when an ALS provider is available on all Charlie, Delta and Echo calls.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan given by Carolyn Niceforo:

Day is going well. Thanks to Paul Kelly for doing all the ALS calls and everyone else who did back up calls.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?
Thank you to those who have helped with the meal this evening. Social & kitchen Committee and set up committee. Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckert and Bill Martin.

Adjournment –

The President closed the informational meeting at 2130 hours since there was no quorum to officially adjourn.

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277 Respectfully Submitted,
278 *Robert Franz*
279 Secretary
280 Draft sent to members: September 5, 2010
281 Approved: September 13, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: September 13, 2010

Officers:

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Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Mark Cappola	PRESENT
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Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	ABSENT
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Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed that 65 eligible members had signed in which meets the required quorum of 50 members.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Martha Brenner # 236 – Hospitalized, home recovering, get well wishes and prayers are welcome.
- Ann Donegan #692 recent eye surgery.
- Eileen Burns #767 – Hospitalized – home and recovering
- Israel Cortes #1174 – Wife Rosa Cortes, continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Greg Orr #983 – Wife Susie continued get well wishes and prayers.
- Norma Signorelli #304, continued get well wishes and prayers.

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- Jim Mallilo #1030 - mother, Christopher Mallilo #1234 grandmother is very ill and prayers and get well wishes are needed.
- Mark Cappola #1087, – mother & father Matthew Cappola #1106 grandparents – prayers and get well wishes.
- Sally Staszak #397 – husband John – get well wishes and prayers.
- David Mohr # 748 – get well wishes, post surgery
- Clair Tesoriero #811 – get well wishes for her father, hospitalized, illness
- Orlando Salcedo #935 –hospitalized – get well wishes.
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We Mourn the Loss of (If needed):

- Kathy Gearey #368, 36 year member, Life Member
- Lumi Hazelton's # 1239 – Father passed away.
- Alison Russo #884 – grandmother Angelina Fuoco passed away.

Congratulation on the Birth of a Baby, Engagements, Weddings:

- Clara Elliot #416 – Great Grandmother on Tuesday, August 24 on the birth of Zachary James Shoop
- Casey #920 and Jonathan Stone # 1052 – birth of a baby girl, Hailey Elizabeth, future member # 2092 proud grandparents; Richard Stone #1149 and Lorrie Stone # 1150, also grandparents Mary Winter #485 and Roger Winter #496, Uncles Christopher Winter # 897 and Spencer Newman #1082.
- Wedding announcement of Tom Romano #939, to Tiffanie Sarducci, proud father Sal Romano #925 and family, Sal say's "he's finally out of the house".

Longevity Awards

- **Karen Reim** #596 - 25 years of Service, Husband Rich
Karen Siegel as some of the older members might know her.
While an active member she raised three children.
Full time Job and was a 25 + year active member of HCFAS. Karen was the ultimate at flying under the radar,
Karen could always be counted on to be on her shift for all of these years, she has given unselfishly for these past 25 years she was an outstanding member.
Congratulations of your 25 years of service.
- **Sally Staszak** #397 - 35 years of Service
1978 – EMT Coordinator
1985 - Health and Welfare Committee
1986 – Good and Welfare committee
1987 – Day Captain
1991 – Day Captain
1988-1989 – Driver Training Committee
09/96-1996 - Leadership & Supervision Training Committee
12/92 - Granted Life Membership by the Board of Directors
Congratulations on 35 years of service.

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Andrea Golinsky to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the July 12, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Andrea Golinsky to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the August 9, 2010 General Membership Informational Meeting Report Summary as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Martha Brenner (fruit basket), Walter & Jacqueline Chaskel (call), Barbara Sykes (Kathy Gearey family) and scholarship recipients Casey Orr, Sean Bennett, Keith Lau and Joseph Gander, Jr. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- First Responder SOP Change
- Amend EMS Week Meals
- CES Contract Renewal
- Disposal Order for 7 Mobile Radios
- Sale of 7 Obsolete Mobile Radios
- FRS/SCM Addition of Time Clock Modification
- Replacement Stethoscope Scott Bielanski
- Amendment to Purchase Policy Procedures Standard Mileage Reimbursement Rates .40
- Medical Clearance Forms for RTD for two members
- Vital Signs Conference Limit On Attendee's
- Jumbo CD Renewal
- Meal Allowance Reimbursement for HMFD Parade Andrea Golinsky
- Meeting with Tracy Yogman, Comptroller/director, department of Audit and Control, Town of Huntington.
- Dr. Michael Stratemeier, MD, Assistant Chief of the Department of emergency medicine. Medical Advisor and liaison to the Huntington Hospital.
- Memorial Tree – to replace the Last Call Plaque
- Picnic Table
- Revised Return to Duty Form 301
- Amend the NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 55th
- General Membership Meeting Room use for Kathy Gearey Memorial Service.
- Full Page Advertisement in the NYSVA&RA Journal Pulse Check 2010
- Tiling of Kitchen Wall behind Stove.
- Additional Scholarships - 9 total, obtained by Robert Franz
- Obtained Community Support Imitative Grants for Legislators' Cooper and D'Amaro for \$1,000.00
- Retirements of the following members of the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services; Warren Horst – Chief of Fire Rescue Services, 25 years of service, Dinner Sunday, September 12, 2010 West Sayville Fire

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Department Headquarters, also Myles P. Quinn – Chief of Communications, 35 years of service, dinner Tuesday October 12, 2010, at the Watermill Caterers

- “Huntington Awareness Day” Parade and Festival to be held on Saturday October 2, 2010
- ALS Class, “The Difficult Airway”, Thomas Lemp.
- Retirement Celebration for Myles P. Quinn for 6 current Officers or Board members.
- Gator Trailer Lettering
- Pulse Check Conference Member Attendance for 6 members.
- Tree Trimming for the property.
- Hedge and Bush Trimming for the property.
- SOP Change Section II (Operational Guidelines)
- SOP Change Section IA (Chain of Command – Chief)
- General Meeting Room Request for Michele Miller #1072, 10/16/10
- Accepted the resignation of Justine Foranoc as the Office manager.
- Accepted the resignation of Mark Cappola as Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Mark is still a Board of Director with other duties.
- John Palmieri has been elected as the new Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
- EMS Week Tee Shirts – See David Mohr

Treasurers Report John Palmieri

2009 audited Financial Statements were presented by our CPA at the last board meeting.

The filing date of IRS Form 990 for 2009 has been extended.

A temp will be engaged to do cash receipts and cash disbursements input into the books.

An administrative committee will assist the treasurer.

Chief’s Report – Dominic Heavey:

Thanked his officers and everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts.

Thanked the kitchen staff for the delicious meal this evening.

Celebrate Huntington “Unity in the Community” Parade & Festival in Huntington Station is Saturday October 2, 2010 from 1000 hours to 1700 hours. We will not march in the parade The same weekend there will be the movable Vietnam War Memorial wall on display at Peter Nelson Park on Oakwood Rd. We will need personnel for stand bys for these events.

In August, 19 members successfully completed an incident awareness course on weapons of mass destruction.

Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue Calls for Jan to August 2010:

HCFAS 3,610 100 calls were 24 2.77%. Percentage is up a little bit but we are answering more calls.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Joanne Cunningham – 5 years
- Harvey Lapidus – 5 years
- Karen Blackburn – 10 years

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- Karen Maresco – 10 years

New EMTs

- Jeremiah (Jeremy) Boehm #1225
- Kathleen (Kathy) Castillo # 1276
- Margaret (Peggy) Coyle # 1247
- Krystal Cruz #1211
- Kazuo (Spike) Ishikawa #1282
- Jennifer Ladd #1267
- Howard Loewenthal #1260
- Christopher (Chris) Mallilo #1234
- Elizabeth (Liz) Mohr #1292
- Brian Quinn #1256
- Sheryl Roach #1253
- Diane Tanko #1240
- Patricia (Pat) Tufo #1242
- Anel Vargas #1277
- Kyle Rudden #1288

Officers Report's

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel

Introduction of new members.

Company 8 Personnel:

Must call day captain to notify when coming in on a shift.

Must sign in on LOSAP forms until the finger reader is completely up and running.

Must do check outs.

Certifications:

Everyone please check your expiration dates and sign up for a class if you expire in the next year.

Driver Training:

Anyone interested in becoming a driver trainer, please contact me.

Any driver trainer interested in becoming a tester, please contact me.

Anyone interested in becoming a driver, please contact your day captain.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner given by Anne Gabriel:

EMT and CME courses are posted on the bulletin board.

I completed sit downs with members re: Acting Crew Leader.

Thanks again, email me with anything.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Building:

The building is doing pretty good.

Work Details:

With the end of the summer we will be resuming the Saturday work details. They will be the second and forth Saturdays of each month beginning at 0900 hrs. We have light bulbs that need replacing and we also want to rearrange the trophy cabinets and hang more of the pictures around building.

Vehicles:

20 – Having a problem and is OOS

Fall Festival at Huntington:

October 9th and 10th, sign up sheet is posted. If you would like to do the stand-by as a crew, just sign up and then call me, 631-793-0702, or email me and I will make sure you stay together.

Explorer Post 215:

Thank you to everyone that came to the annual car wash. The Post raised \$390.

On September 11th, we had our annual recruitment meeting. Thirteen youths showed up and seven have already completed the paperwork and paid their dues.

Mark your calendars; Saturday November 13th is the annual pasta dinner from 1730 to 2000 hrs.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone

We received 477 calls for the month of August and mutual aided 12.

All dispatchers please write your squad # on the PCR below the times. Thanks to Margaret Cornelius for all her help with my paperwork during a very busy month.

A very special thanks to Nancy Eckhardt for filling in on many shifts during the day when asked. Nancy has become one of our most reliable dispatchers during the past year.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Congratulations to Janet Zapata #1203 on passing her dispatch test.

Welcome to new member Jenna Arcati.

4 24's all happened while on duty crews were on another call

Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Thanks to everyone who has been helping out on the 1100. Sally Staszak, Jeff O'Neill, Tom O'Leary, Nancy Eckhardt, Tomoko Hirasawa.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on a back up call, Sharyn Cullen, Pat Brumm, Dennis Vangroski, All Szigethy, Dale Bartolomeo, Jeremy Boehm, Linda Guadagnin, Luke Bartolomeo, Audin Delva, Paul Kelly, Paul Rittenhouse, Claudy Grimadeau, and Kathy Castillo

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

August was a slow down after averaging 20.25 calls in July, but still busy for some shifts with a final average of 19.20 calls per day. An Average does not accurately show the reality: There was a high of 27 calls on 8/3 to a low of 13 calls on 8/24. There were 3 24's.

In general the 11:00 shift is the busiest with the 15:00 coming in second but on 8/3 and 8/10 the 19:00 shift won with 7 calls each week and on 8/3 the overnight had 6 although not the highest for the day a large volume for a weeknight overnight.

Thanks for the back up and fill-ins as always, this call volume could not be handled without a great deal of help:

Howard Loewenthal, Bernice Maldonado, Kyle Rudden, Michele Miller, Todd Atkin, Tina Sholes, M Cappola?, Tomo Hirasawa, Paul Kelly, Dominick Heavey, Dale Bartolomeo, Luke Bartolomeo, Scott Bielanski, Jeff O'Neill, Sal Signorelli, Oscar Gomez, Tom O'Leary, Kevin Brenner and Nancy Barker.

Welcome Terrence Cheang #1308 to the 1500 shift.

Congratulations Sheryl Roach starting ACL and Anel Vargas starting driver training and Juan Flores for completion of dispatch training and ambulance orientation.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers coming for Greg and Casey Orr and family.

A special thanks to Kyle Rudden volunteering for the overnight for a DOA shooting and a cardiac arrest!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo given by Samantha Ryan

Congratulations to Kyle Rudden who recently received his EMT card and will be ACLing. Get well wishes for Orlando Salcedo, who's recently incurred a back injury and is in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Casey Orr in regards to her mother. I would like to thank everyone for doing backup calls on Wednesday. And a CL and first aider spot is available on the overnight.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Day is going well. Need back up personnel for 1100-1500 hour shift. Need dispatcher and 1st aider on 2300 hour shift.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner

Introduced new members.

I appreciate all the members who come in and do backup and additional shifts.

By-Laws Amendment Read for 1st time (see below):

Motion By Brian Canty and seconded by Mark Cappola to amend the meeting agenda to allow the reading of the By-Law amendment.

A roll call of eligible voting members was made by the Secretary. 53 members were present.

Motion Passed.

By-Law amendment for term limits first reading was read.

The vote on the amendment will be at the October 11th meeting.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 Delegate Report

Pulse Check , the State Association's Educational Conference and Trade Show will be held in Albany, Sept. 30-Oct 3.

I am in the process of collecting member proxies. If you were a HCFAS member prior to Oct. 2009 you will find a proxy in your mail folder. Please sign, date it and place it in the NYSVARA Dist 7 mailbox. If you became a member after that date you were not registered with the Association and will not be receiving a proxy. You will become registered with the renewal of members in Oct.

I want to extend our congratulations to Claudy Grimadeau for being named a scholarship recipient.

The next Dist 7 meeting will take place next Tuesday , Sept. 21st. at Middle Island Fire Dept.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – re: Scholarships and LOSAP as presented in the September pulse.

HCFAS Scholarships

An unexpected pleasant surprise! An anonymous benefactor has generously made a donation to HCFAS for the specific purpose of funding the nine eligible HCFAS scholarship applicants that failed to be selected in the random drawing that was held at the June membership meeting. Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to members Keith Davis #1208, Nimka Khanna #1195, Carl Schramm #997, Mary Ann Schramm #595, Matthew Valle #1238 and Sean Bennett, son of Lori Bennett #1265, Joseph Gander, Jr. son of Joseph Gander #1166, Keith Lau, brother of Allison Lau #1226 and Casey Orr #1283, daughter of Greg Orr #983. Congratulations to all the recipients and many thanks to our anonymous benefactor for such a generous donation.

SERVES - Tuition Reimbursement Suffolk County Community College

The Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$2.5 million SAFER grant to Suffolk County for the purpose of fire based recruitment and retention programs which resulted in the SC budget for the SCCC tuition assistance program (SERVES) being made available for Volunteer Ambulance Workers. The Suffolk Educational program for Recruitment in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) will have a strict one-time only open SERVES enrollment for the Spring 2011 Semester for all eligible volunteer ambulance workers from October 15, 2010 through November 15, 2010. The SERVES Administrative Guide (containing all policies and application forms) is available at the SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services (FRES) home page (www.suffolkcounty.ny.gov). A copy of the Guide is posted on the bulletin board and if anyone has any questions, please contact Bob Franz or Andrea Golinsky.

LOSAP 2009 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2009 LOSAP benefit statements were distributed to all participants this past weekend in your member mail folder. Please review this statement carefully and if any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in Secretary Bob Franz's

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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. Thank you to Margaret Cornelius and the fund drive committee for your continued assistance in distributing all the reports. Thank you to Andy Ball & Margaret Cornelius for entering all the data during the year. If anyone has any questions, please contact Bob Franz.

Suffolk REMSCO – Next meeting is tomorrow at 7PM at SC EMS office in Hauppauge. They will be discussing a draft position paper on medical direction in SC.

NY Bridge Plan – this is a new temporary statewide insurance option for uninsured legal residents who have medical conditions. Information is posted on the bulletin board.

Post 215 – David Mohr – Mark your calendars; Saturday November 13th is the annual pasta dinner from 1730 to 2000 hrs.

Article in Times of Huntington (9/9/10) “It’s a matter of trust – Moments in the lives of Explorers with Post 215”.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – Squad Physicals and Flu Shots – Tuesday October 19, 2010 – 1900 hours to 2100 hours and Saturday November 6, 2010 at 0900 hours to 12 Noon.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. Please update your email address via David Mohr.

CME Training – Pam Brenner: Register for the CME on the SC EMS website.

SOP’s/By-Laws – No Report - If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Old Business

New Business

See above -By- Laws Amendment read for the first time as printed below.

The vote on the amendment will be at the October 11th meeting.

Second Annual HCFAS Golf Outing GFBG (Good Friends Bad Golf), Mark Cappola, Director, Thursday October 21, 2010 at 12 Noon at Crab Meadow Golf Course (Pending approval by Board of Directors).

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped with the meal this evening. Social & kitchen Committee and set up committee. Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckert, Bill Martin.

Raffles – Various Gifts

1. Mum Plant: Tim Quigley
2. V-tech Phone system – D. Heavey: Lorrie Stone
3. Mets Tickets (2) – Hubbinette, Cowell Associates: Tomoko Hirasawa
4. Chateau Diana, Merlot : Joanne Cunningham

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5. Mum Plant: May Beth Kraese
6. Mets Tickets (2 with Parking Pass) – Hubbinette, Cowell Associates: Joe Grant
7. Mum Plant: Crystal Muller

The vote on the following by laws amendment will be at the October 11th meeting. The amendment was printed in the September Pulse.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

Background and Purpose:

- Whereas: HCFAS bylaws currently impose term limits on Operational Officers of two consecutive one-year terms of office. And
- Whereas: No term limits are set for members of the Board of Directors. And
- Whereas: Term limits: downgrade seniority, favor meritocracy, Increase competition, encourage new challengers, improve tendency to vote on principle, and introduce fresh thinking and new ideas. And
- Whereas: Upon passage, this bylaw will become effective immediately and apply to the Board of Directors currently in office, Therefore be it,
- Moved: That the HCFAS Bylaws be amended as Follows (deletions lined through, additions underlined):

ARTICLE II

Add New Section 20

SECTION 20 - TERMS OF OFFICE – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors will be limited to three consecutive two-year terms of office.

Time spent in filling a vacated position will not count towards the term limit.

Upon having been elected to three consecutive two-year terms, a director will again be eligible for re-election only after one year has elapsed from his last term.

A complete one-year term of office will be defined as running from January 2nd, 0700 hours following the annual December election until January 2nd, 0700 hours of the following year.

Section 20 renumber to Section 21

SECTION 21 - TERMS OF OFFICE – OPERATIONAL OFFICERS

The following operational officers will be limited to two consecutive complete one-year terms of office:

1. Squad Chief
2. 1st Deputy Squad Chief
3. 2nd Deputy Squad Chief
4. 3rd Deputy Squad Chief
5. Chief Dispatcher

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458 An officer upon completing two consecutive one-year terms will again be eligible for the same
459 office only after one year has elapsed from his last completed term.
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Proposed By: Nancy A. Barker Nancy Barker #930

Mark Cappola MARK Cappola #1087

Ann Maroney Ann Maroney #421

First Reading _____ Second Reading _____

Vote Results: For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

Date: Passed _____ Withdrawn _____ Rejected _____

Signature: Secretary, Board of Directors _____

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462 **Adjournment** –
463 Motion to Adjourn meeting at 2150 hours made by Pam Brenner Biersack, and
464 seconded by Oscar Gomez. Results: Unanimous
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467 Respectfully Submitted,
468 **Robert Franz**
469 Secretary
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- Patty Salajka # 1164 on the loss of her aunt in Florida.

Congratulation on the Birth of a Baby, Engagements, Weddings:

- Congratulations on the marriage of Megan Sarcona #1066 and Keith Davis #1208.
- Congratulations to Mary Beth Steenson Kraese, District 17 Volunteer of the Year by Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amato (D-Huntington Station) See flyer attached.

Motion by Joann Vogel, seconded by Mark Cappola to change the order of business and proceed with the 2nd reading of the By-Laws amendment for term limits & vote and reading of the proposed Standard Operating Procedures amendment Chain of Command.

Unanimous

The proposed By-Laws amendment on term limits was read for the 2nd reading and discussed (a copy of the amendment is at the end of these minutes).

A roll call of eligible voting members was made by Secretary Franz and tabulated by President Winter. 58 ballots were distributed.

Results of vote: 21 votes For 36 votes Against 1 vote Abstain.

The proposed amendment was rejected.

Motion by Joanne Vogel, seconded by Rich Stone to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous

The proposed Standard Operating Procedure amendment chain of command was read and discussed (a copy of the proposed amendment is at the end of these minutes).

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Nancy Eckhardt to accept the September 13, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Motion was withdrawn since minutes were not posted for 14 days prior to the meeting on the bulletin board.

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Israel Cortes family with donation in memory of Rosy; Greg, Casey and the Orr family; Kathy Leonard; Casey, Jonathan & Rebecca Stone. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Meeting Room Use by Christy Stiles # 1024
- Town of Huntington Chief's Council Annual Dinner
- HCFAS Golf Outing
- A disciplinary action was taken upon a member who was found to be not in the best interest of the squad. A six month suspension was imposed.

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- Paul Kelly and Rich Gierbolini were in attendance at the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall along with guest speaker Deacon Ed Billia who honored our many Vietnam Veterans. It was truly a magnificent sight to see. Ed did mention in his speech Paul as a Bronze Star recipient.
- Congressman Steve Israel will host a free event for the whole family!
- First Responders Family Appreciation Day Saturday, October 23, 2010, 10:00AM – 12:00 PM @ West Hills Day Camp, RSVP to Lisa at 631-434-7500.

Treasurers Report

John Palmieri

No report.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey by 2nd Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner:

Thanked everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts.

Thanked everyone for participation in the Fall Festival, the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall and the Unity in the Community parade & festival.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Joanne Cunningham – 5 years, overdue from a previous meeting
- Claudy Grimadeau – 5 years
- Kevin McCann – 5 years
- Paul Biersack – 10 years
- Jim Barkocy – 30 years, overdue from a previous meeting

Officers Report's

First Deputy Chief's Report – Anne Gabriel by 2nd Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner

I apologize for not being able to make the meeting. Work is keeping me late tonight.

Phone roster:

Thank you to Chris Winter and Jim Mallilo for their help in compiling rosters by crew status. They are available online in the "Forms" folder. Feel free to utilize these when obtaining a replacement for your shift. Anyone who does not have a username and password for the HCFAS network should contact Jim.

Company 8 - I am still waiting on at least one Captain to finish LOSAP paperwork from as far back as 9/12. I have asked all Captains to complete the paperwork by the middle of October, so I can complete my third quarter report, and then recommendations will be made to drop delinquent members from Co. 8. Why are Captains so far behind in their paperwork? Good question. It's a problem that has been allowed to occur all year without action or resolution.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

Training and Education-

All review trainings are out; please make sure you are up to date.

Members who completed the DHS WMD class, I am awaking your certificates from 30. They will be to you shortly.

No members requested reimbursement for Vital Signs.

Pulse Check- All paperwork for reimbursement should be into me as of yesterday.

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140 **Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr**

141 **Building:**

142 The building is still doing pretty good.

143 **Vehicles:**

144 16 – OOS for starter problems

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146 **Fall Festival at Huntington:**

147 This past weekend was the fall festival. I have 53 Squad members, 24 Post members and 7
 148 surrounding departments to thank. A total of 608 hours of volunteer services was provided to the
 149 Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Huntington. We treated 20 patients, with three having
 150 to be transported to the hospital. I would first like to thank Eaton's Neck, Dix Hills, Halesite,
 151 Cold Spring Harbor, East Northport and Greenlawn fire departments, along with Commack VAC
 152 for their assistance. I would also like to thank

Operational Personnel

Erica	Alicea	Gail	Glister	Bernard	Poole
Todd	Atkins	Joe	Grant	Tim	Quigley
Mike	Barker	Claudy	Grimadeau	Brian	Quinn
Nancy	Barker	Nancy	Griesel-Eckhart	Patricia	Reciniello
Dale	Bartolomeo	Linda	Guadagnin	Tommy	Romano
Luke	Bartolomeo	Paul	Kelly	Keith	Rubenstein
Jeremy	Boehm	Tom	Lemp	Allison	Russo
Stephanie	Caracciolo	Kathy	Leonard	Sam	Ryan
Brian	Canty	Heidie	Magerle	Mindy	Scalzett
Nancy	Courtemanche	Donna	Maltese	Tina	Sholes
Krystal	Cruz	Vincent	Maltese	Sal	Signorelli
Joanne	Cunningham	Karen	Martin	Karen	Sprague
Audin	Delva	Nicole	Menditto	Sally	Staszak
Kate	Dolgin	David	Mohr	Kurt	Vetter
Anne	Gabriel	Elizabeth	Mohr	Jonne	Vogel
Rodriguens	Gabriel	Hugh	O'Brien	Chris	Winter
Joe	Gander	Tom	O'Leary		
Tyler	Gibbs	Sue	Otto		

Explorer Post Members

Tim	Charlton	Beatrice	Martinez	Rich	Rodriguez
Danielle	Cochrane	Matt	Matuza	Trinity	Russell
Ashley	Curreri	Sam	Mohr	Isaiah	Salcedo
Matt	Hitta	Krystin	Morales	Ray	Salcedo
Aileen	Maltese	Tara	O'Reilly	Keil	Thomas
Amanda	Manning	Karen	Parada	Kristin	Tiersch
Jacob	Mann	Stephanie	Petrone	Aaron	Walsdorf
John	Maresca	Michelle	Rappa	Kristen	Wollman

Public Relations

Millie Gabriel

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154 **Explorer Post 215:**
155 Mark your calendars; November 13th is the annual pasta dinner from 1730 to 2000 hrs. I have
156 tickets. It is \$10 for adults, \$5 under 12, and under 3 is free. It is a great meal at a great price
157 and there will be door prizes as well.
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159 Also, we once again have the Holiday Extravaganza. \$5 gives you 31 chances to win. The daily
160 prize is \$25, Sunday is \$50 and \$100 on the four holidays.
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162 **Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone**
163 For the month of September we received 430 calls and 24"d 17.
164 Members passing their dispatch test since the last meeting are
165 Janet Zapata #1203
166 Nicole Menditto #1294
167 James Ostaseski #1301
168 Richard Stein #1311
169 Joe Grant #130
170 On November 1 we will eliminate the LOSAP sign in and the run report sheets.
171 The roster sheet will continue to be posted but will not have to be signed
172 **Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Samantha Ryan**
173 Thank you to everyone who have been coming out to do back up calls.
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175 **Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:**
176 Day is going well. Thank you to everyone who have been coming out to do back up calls or
177 filling in on open shifts.
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179 **Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:**
180 Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.
181 Thanks to everyone who has been helping out on the 1100. Sally Staszak, Jeremy Bohem.
182 Thanks to everyone who helped out on a back up calls.
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184 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner given by Pam Brenner**
185 Congratulations to Juan Flores who is now an aide.
186 Thanks for the back up and fill-ins as always, this call volume could not be handled without a
187 great deal of help:
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189 **Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner**
190 I appreciate all the members who come in and do backup and additional shifts.
191 James Ostaseski is now a first aider. Richard Stein and Joseph Grant passed Dispatch Training.
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193 Kyle Rudden is now an acting crew leader.
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Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky given by Roger Winter

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 Delegate Report

PulseCheck 2010 was held in Albany Sept. 30th thru Oct 3rd and was well attended by EMS providers from around New York State. This Educational Conference offered 30 seminars with topics including pre-hospital emergency care, management and leadership in the EMS organization and how to deal with the media. The conference was well attended by EMS providers from around New York State. Vendors were available to show new equipment and there were several ambulances to check out.

Proxies were presented and ballots were voted. The slate presented previously by the nominating committee was elected. They are

President-	Michael Mastrianni
Executive Vice President	Henry Ehrhardt
Vice President	Chris Bitner
Secretary	Teresa Hamilton
Treasurer	Robert Franz
Financial Secretary	Colleen James

Drill team competitions took place Friday night. Although there were not many teams competing, it was interesting to see them execute the problems given to them.

The Presidential Reception, Banquet and Memorial Service was held Saturday evening. The Memorial Service was, as usual, very moving. Our two deceased members, Sue Bolen and Kathy Gearey were recognized during the ceremony as were the departed members of member departments across New York State.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad was recognized as the Honoree of PulseCheck 2010 and was presented with a plaque which was accepted by Bob Franz and myself.

I want to extend our congratulations to Claudy Grimadeau for being named a scholarship recipient.

The next Dist 7 meeting will take place next Tuesday , October 19th at Community Ambulance of Sayville..

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – re: Scholarships and LOSAP as presented in the October pulse.

SERVES - Tuition Reimbursement Suffolk County Community College (SCCC)

The Suffolk Educational program for Recruitment in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) will have a strict one-time only open SERVES enrollment for the Spring 2011 Semester at SCCC for all eligible volunteer ambulance workers from **October 15, 2010 through November 15, 2010**. The SERVES Administrative Guide (containing all policies and application forms) is available at the SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services (FRES) home page

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(www.suffolkcounty ny.gov). A copy of the Guide is posted on the bulletin board and if anyone has any questions, please contact Bob Franz or Andrea Golinsky.

LOSAP 2009 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2009 LOSAP benefit statements were distributed to all participants in your member mail folder or sent via USPS. Please review this statement carefully and if any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in Secretary 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. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz.

Post 215 – David Mohr – Mark your calendars; Saturday November 13th is the annual pasta dinner from 1730 to 2000 hrs.

Also, we once again have the Holiday Extravaganza. \$5 gives you 31 chances to win. The daily prize is \$25, Sunday is \$50 and \$100 on the four holidays.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty –

Children Holiday Party is Saturday December 11th – 2 to 5 PM. Adult Holiday Party Saturday December 18th -5:30 to 10:30PM.

Squad Physicals and Flu Shots – Tuesday October 19, 2010 – 1900 hours to 2100 hours and Saturday November 6, 2010 at 0900 hours to 12 Noon.

Slide Show – Meagan Sarcona will put slide show together but needs pictures.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. Please update your email address via David Mohr.

CME Training – Pam Brenner: Register for CMEs on the SC EMS website. CME scheduled at the Squad on Saturday October 16th at 9AM.

SOP's/By-Laws – No Report - If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

RTE Class starting up – Any member who wishes to challenge, please contact Brian Canty.

Old Business

Second Annual HCFAS Golf Outing GFBG (Good Friends Bad Golf), Mark Cappola, Director, Thursday October 21, 2010 at 12 Noon at Crab Meadow Golf Course.

New Business

Joanne Cunningham - Zumba classes a success. Look for signup sheet for Yoga class.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckert, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Styles and David Mohr.

Setup committee: Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Mum Plant –Casey Stone
2. Large Pumpkin – Mark Cappola
3. Small Pumpkin – Rich Rudolph
4. Italian Dinner (Get Sausage from Kitchen) – Samantha Ryan
(The Italian Dinner is 2 lbs Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Parmesan Cheese and 1 lb.
Sausage.)
5. Mum Plant – Vincent Maltese
6. Bottle of Chateau Diana Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret Cornelius
7. Ritter Sport Sampler –Richard Stone
8. Mum Plant – Jenna Arcati
9. Small Pumpkin - Chris Winter

The following proposed By-Laws amendment on term limits was read for the 2nd reading, discussed, voted upon and was rejected as indicated earlier. The By-Laws amendment appeared in the September Pulse and copies were distributed at this meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

Background and Purpose:

Whereas: HCFAS bylaws currently impose term limits on Operational Officers of two consecutive one-year terms of office. And

Whereas: No term limits are set for members of the Board of Directors. And

Whereas: Term limits: downgrade seniority, favor meritocracy, Increase competition, encourage new challengers, improve tendency to vote on principle, and introduce fresh thinking and new ideas. And

Whereas: Upon passage, this bylaw will become effective immediately and apply to the Board of Directors currently in office, Therefore be it,

Moved: That the HCFAS Bylaws be amended as Follows (deletions lined through, additions underlined):

ARTICLE II

Add New Section 20

SECTION 20 - TERMS OF OFFICE – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors will be limited to three consecutive two-year terms of office.

Time spent in filling a vacated position will not count towards the term limit.

Upon having been elected to three consecutive two-year terms, a director will again be eligible for re-election only after one year has elapsed from his last term.

A complete one-year term of office will be defined as running from January 2nd, 0700 hours following the annual December election until January 2nd, 0700 hours of the following year.

Section 20 renumber to Section 21

SECTION 210 - TERMS OF OFFICE – OPERATIONAL OFFICERS

The following operational officers will be limited to two consecutive complete one-year terms of office:

1. Squad Chief
2. 1st Deputy Squad Chief
3. 2nd Deputy Squad Chief
4. 3rd Deputy Squad Chief
5. Chief Dispatcher

A complete one-year term of office will be defined as running from January 2nd, 0700 hours following the annual December election until January 2nd, 0700 hours of the following year. Time in office spent in filling a vacated office will not count towards the two-year limit.

An officer upon completing two consecutive one-year terms will again be eligible for the same office only after one year has elapsed from his last completed term.

Proposed By:  Nancy Barker #930

 MARK COPPOLA #1087

 ANN MARONEY #421

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Vote Results: For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

Date: Passed _____ Withdrawn _____ Rejected _____

Signature: Secretary, Board of Directors _____

As indicated earlier the following proposed SOP amendment on Chain of Command (officer responsibilities) was read and discussed and referred to the Board of Directors for further action. The amendment appeared in the October Pulse.

Standard Procedure Manuel

1. Chain of Command (Refer to By-Laws for exact description of duties)

1. The Squad Chief shall be the senior Operational Officer and all other ~~operational~~ Squad members are subordinate.

2. The Chief shall have the power to temporarily suspend, at any time, ~~any officers or~~ members who do not perform their duties, ~~who behave in a manner not in keeping with the best interest of the organization, fail to uphold the rules and regulations, or are insubordinate; for a period of time no greater than 30 days, or to limit access to the building or request a completed work detail or some other form of activity. The infraction will be discussed with the member, the member's Captain/Chief Dispatcher or Liaison as is applicable and a chief officer as soon as they can meet but more than 10 days following the infraction or the complaint. The disciplinary issue and outcome will be detailed on a written PIP (Personal Improvement Plan). The PIP will include the details of the infraction and any remediation required to be completed. The PIP will be reviewed with the member, their Day Captain/Chief Dispatcher or Liaison and a Chief Officer. The PIP (Personal Action Plan) will be signed by the Chief Officer present at the meeting and by the member and a copy will be placed in the member's personnel file. A copy of the PIP will be provided to the Board of Directors Secretary within 48 hours of the action. The member may request a hearing of the Board of Directors at which point the Chief will file charges against the member in accordance with the By-laws. For egregious actions on the part of a member if the Chief believes the disciplinary outcome may or should exceed 30 days, charges must be filed in accordance with the by-laws. (refer to the by-laws Article III Section 9.)~~

2. The Chief shall have the power to temporarily suspend, at any time, ~~any officers or~~ members who do not perform their duties, ~~who behave in a manor not in keeping with the best interest of the organization, failure to uphold the rules and regulations, or for insubordination; for a period of time no greater than 30 days, or to limit access to the building or request a completed work detail or some other form of activity. The member may request a hearing by the Board of Directors. In the event a hearing to review the disciplinary action is requested the Board of Directors will hold the hearing within 10 days of the request. A vote of 2/3 of the Board present at the hearing will be required to amend the Chief's actions. For egregious actions on the part of a member of if the Chief believes the disciplinary outcome may or should exceed 30 days Charges must be made in writing and filed with the Secretary in accordance with Article III, Section 7 of the By-Laws.~~

3. The Chief will call the first meeting of the Operational Officers each year no later than January 10th at which time a tentative schedule of meetings for the year will be set.

4. ~~3.~~ The Squad Chief shall attend all meetings of the corporation, ~~the Operational Officers~~ and the Board of Directors. The Chief shall report to the Board any repairs or requests for additional equipment or supplies as governed by the Purchase Policy and Procedures. The Chief shall report to

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the Board of Directors on personnel, vehicles and equipment at regularly scheduled Board meetings, and on equipment and supplies for the ensuing year's budget at the annual Budget meeting of the Board of Directors.

~~5. 4.~~ The Chief shall be a member "ex-officio" with the right to vote on all committees dealing specifically with the duties of his office.

~~6.-5.~~ The Chief shall hold a valid EMT card or equivalent and shall maintain this qualification throughout his term.

B. First Deputy Chief:

1. The First Deputy Chief is the second Operational Officer in the Chain of Command. The First Deputy shall be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the Chief.

2. The First Deputy Chief is in charge of personnel, Company 8, and Driver Training.

3. The First Deputy Chief shall report to the Squad Chief all infractions or violations of the By-Laws.

4. In the event any Day Captain position is unfilled, the First Deputy Chief shall assume responsibility for the day.

C. Second Deputy Chief:

1. The Second Deputy Chief is the third Operational Officer in the Chain of Command. The Second Deputy shall be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the First Deputy.

2. The Second Deputy Chief is in charge of the Training Committee and responsible for arranging and securing the proper first-aid training and monthly review training for members, and to see that all first-aid equipment is operative and available. The Second Deputy shall oversee the First-Aid Supply Committees to ensue the proper ordering and receipt of first-aid equipment and supplies in accordance with the Purchase Policy and Procedures.

D. Third Deputy Chief:

1. The Third Deputy Chief is the fourth Operational Officer in the Chain of Command.

2. The Third Deputy Chief shall be responsible for vehicle and building maintenance.

3. The Third Deputy shall be responsible to make work assignments for the orderly and clean maintenance of headquarters.

E. Chief Dispatcher:

1. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for all Dispatchers and clerical personnel.

2. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for all communications equipment (except advanced life support equipment) and its weekly inspection.

3. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for maintaining the Crewleaders' red logbook, ~~the FCC radio logbook, the non-emergency logbook, the business logbook, and the all posted communications logbook.~~ and appropriate electronic documentation in CAD.

4. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for updating the rolodex and computer street directories, ambulance rolodex and all maps.

5. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for dispatch training and shall oversee the Dispatch Training Coordinator.

6. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for the adequate supply of all printed forms and clerical supplies, and for office machinery maintenance.

7. The Chief Dispatcher is not a line officer.

F. Day Captain:

1. In the absence of the Chief Officers, the Day Captains are the senior Operational Officers for their day.

2. Day Captains are responsible for providing weekly duty rosters for their day. Completed duty rosters should be posted 48 hours in advance, but must be posted not less than 24 hours in advance. Day Captains shall inspect quarters upon their arrival and see to it that only qualified and authorized personnel use the equipment. They shall ascertain that the vehicles and equipment are properly functioning at Headquarters and on emergency calls.

3. Day Captains shall make sure that run reports are filled out accurately and legibly and are to check them on a weekly basis. **The Day Captain will complete QA/QI forms run reports for all calls on their day. This report will note any and all issues found on that weeks run reports and the reports and the form will be submitted to the QA/QI committee within 30 days of the date of the run reports.**

4. Day Captains are responsible for the timely advancement of all members assigned to their day. **The Day Captain is responsible to see that all training paperwork is completed and available at the Officers meeting at which the advancement is proposed. The Day Captain is responsible to monitor the training process and to work with the member to assure appropriate and timely training. The Day Captain will report any training issues to the appropriate Chief Officer and at the next Officers Meeting.**

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5. Day Captains are responsible for obtaining coverage by another officer in the event they are unavailable on their day, or any portion thereof.

6. Day Captains shall be responsible for personnel being properly trained, in uniform and present no later than ten minutes before their tour of duty (unless previous arrangements have been made with the Day Captain).

7. Any problems or questions raised by crew must go through the Day Captain to the appropriate Chief Officer. In the event of the unavailability of the Captain of the day, any other Day Captain may be contacted.

G. All operational officers are responsible to:

- a. Attend the General membership Meetings and the Officers Meetings. A written report is required to be submitted prior to these meetings: to the secretary of the Board of Directors no less than 48 hours prior to the General Membership Meeting and to the First Deputy Chief and Officers Secretary no less than 48 hours prior to the Officers Meetings.
- b. Submit an article for publication for each monthly issue of PULSE.
- c. Maintain certification as outlined in the by-laws.

Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn Pamela Brenner Biersack and seconded by Jeremy Boehm to adjourn the meeting at 2200 hours: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft sent to members: October 25, 2010

Approved: November 8, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: November 8, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer John Palmieri	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	ABSENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Martha Brenner	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed that 83 eligible members had signed in which meets the required quorum of 50 members.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Christine Blackwell #661 - hospitalized , get well wishes and prayers
- Margaret Cornelius #704 – hospitalized, get well wishes and prayers
- Andy Ball #206 – get well wishes and prayers.
- Martha Brenner # 236 – continued get well wishes and prayers are needed and welcome.
- Norma Signorelli #304- continued get well wishes and prayers.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Bryan Hermann son of Life member Larry Herman and son of Associate Member Eileen Herman.

Announcements /Presentations:

- Introduction of Dr. Michael Stratemeier – Assistant Chief of Department of Emergency Medicine soon to be promoted to Chief of Emergency Medicine at Huntington Hospital.
- On Line Duty Tour Scheduling – presentation by David Mohr.
- What is the 11 day of the 11 month mean? Armistices Day – The end of the war to end all wars, -We know it as Veterans Day. Robert Franz, Richard Gierbolini, Paul Kelly and I participated in the Town of Huntington Wreath Ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day on 11/11/2010 –Thursday. Bob mention that over 700 flags (3x5) were placed on the Town of Huntington grounds to commemorate Veterans Day – HCFAS sponsored one of the flags. It is a sight to behold.

3) Longevity Awards – Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

- Elizabeth Steenson #820, 20 years of service.
 - Liz, Lizard, Steenson #820, “Life Member” and Former EMT-B, and Crew leader, now a dispatcher, famed head of the “Seniors on the Run”, Tuesday 1900 crew, That crew under her supervision has still the fastest “2” time in then squad. Liz’s forte is that she is the Explorer Post 215 “Secret Benefactor” or “Secret Mrs. Santa”. Whenever there is an event that needs additional support Liz is there to make up the difference. Sometimes it financial sometimes it is just being present to ensure the Post is able to participate that day. Liz comes from a family of volunteers, husband Fred, a volunteer fireman at Huntington Manor Fire Department, Son Freddie also a volunteer at Huntington Manor Fire Department and Daughter Mary Beth a volunteer at HCFAS and Huntington Manor Fire Department Thank you Liz for your twenty years of service.
- Sheryl Burke # 827, 20 years of service
 - Sheryl a Captain for 11 years, mostly Monday or Tuesday, she started as an EMT-B Crewleader and Driver and now is an EMT-CC and ALS preceptor. She is a “Life Member”. In her earlier years she was at the squad all the time was on every committee. This squad work led to her become a Registered Nurse, you might see her down in the Emergency Room as the Triage Nurse directing the crews after determining the status of the patient. When she got married to Kevin and became a mother of two boys her responsibility tripled as two boys and one husband equals three to look after. Thank you Sheryl for your twenty years of service.

Motion by Mary Winter, seconded by Nancy Barker to change the order of business and proceed with the nominations for the 2011 officers and the 1st reading of the proposed By-Laws amendment for a required 51% of the votes cast by members for a chief officer position.

Unanimous

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95 **Board of Director:**
96 Pete Nakelski nominates Richard Stone
97 Clara Elliot nominates Lehti Laas
98 Rich Gierbolini nominates Thomas Lemp
99 Mary Brenner nominates Andrea Golinsky
100 Anne Donegan nominates Alyssa Axelrod
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102 **Chief:**
103 Brian Canty nominates John Palmieri
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105 **1st Deputy Chief:**
106 John Palmieri nominates Christopher Winter
107 Phil Orlando nominates Brendan Fitts
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109 **2nd Deputy Chief:**
110 John Palmieri nominates Michele Miller
111 Mary Brenner nominates Jeffrey Brenner
112 Alison Russo nominates Tim Ebert – Tim declines
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114 **3rd Deputy Chief:**
115 Jim Mallilo nominates David Mohr
116 Anne Donegan nominates Robert Loysch
117 Rich Gierbolini nominates Ferd Neumann – Ferd declines
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119 **Chief Dispatcher:**
120 Mary Jane Woznick nominates James Mallilo
121 Pete Nakelski nominates Jeremiah Boehm
122 Megan Davis nominates Tyler Gibbs
123 Mary Jane Woznick nominates Rich Gierbolini – Rich declines
124 Lehti Laas nominates Nancy Eckhardt
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126 **Day Captain:**
127 Harvey Lapidus nominates Martha Brenner
128 Mary Brenner nominates Pamela Brenner
129 Sam Ryan nominates Keith Rubenstein
130 Claudy Grimadeau nominates Tim Ebert
131 Tim Ebert nominates Samantha Ryan
132 Matt Cappola nominates Alison Russo
133 Casey Orr nominates Greg Orr
134 Megan Davis nominates Keith Davis
135 Alyssa Axelrod nominates Scott Bielanski
136 Lehti Laas nominates Paul Biersack
137 Jeffrey Brenner nominates Luke Bartolomeo
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139 The order of nominees on the ballot was then chosen by lot as follows:
140 Note: ballot will be based on qualification status of each nominee according on By-Laws.

141 **Board of Directors:**

142 Andrea Golinsky
143 Lehti Laas
144 Alyssa Axelrod
145 Thomas Lemp
146 Richard Stone

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148 **Chief:**

149 John Palmieri

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151 **1st Deputy Chief:**

152 Christopher Winter
153 Brendan Fitts *

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155 **2nd Deputy Chief:**

156 Michele Miller
157 Jeffrey Brenner

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159 **3rd Deputy Chief:**

160 David Mohr
161 Robert Loysch *

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163 **Chief Dispatcher:**

164 James Mallilo
165 Tyler Gibbs
166 Jeremiah Boehm
167 Nancy Eckhardt *

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169 **Day Captain:**

170 Pamela Brenner
171 Martha Brenner
172 Tim Ebert
173 Luke Bartolomeo
174 Scott Bielanski
175 Paul Biersack *
176 Keith Davis
177 Greg Orr
178 Alison Russo
179 Keith Rubenstein
180 Samantha Ryan

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182 * Secretary note: Nomination subsequently declined

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The proposed By-Laws amendment for a required 51% of the votes cast by members for a chief officer position was read by Jim Barkocy for the 1st time (a copy of the amendment is at the end of these minutes).

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Ferd Neumann to accept the September 13, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Ferd Neumann to accept the October 11, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Greg, Casey & the Orr family; Dolores Thompson Co-Chair of Huntington Awareness Day Parade & Festival – for our participation. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Town of Huntington Veterans' Wreath Ceremony – Robert Franz, Richard Gierbolini, Paul Kelly and Roger Winter in attendance.
- Disposal Order for 8 Portable Radios
- Sale of 8 Obsolete Portable Radios
- Amended Motions for Consideration Format
- Disposal Order for Mobile & Portable Radios
- Sale of 82 Mobile & Portable Radios
- Christopher Fischer #996 Paramedic Program
- Fuoco Group Amended Financial Report Tax Return
- Town of Huntington Budget for HCAD \$1,733,500
- Holiday Cards to be mailed 2nd Division Fire and Ambulance Departments
- Fall Festival 2010 Participation and funding
- Voting Machine and Elections
- Bayshore Movers
- Holiday Cards for Associate & Inactive Life members
- Explorer Post 215 Renewal 2011
- Explorer Post 215 Chief Advisor Appointment
- Explorer Post 215 Associate Advisors, Committee Members and Adult Leaders Appointments
- Holiday Gift Cards
- FASNY Legislative Conference
- Dues Account transfer to TD Bank \$2,500
- Sale of 2 Surplus Lifepak 12's
- Install Lifenet Modems in our remaining 9 Lifepak 12's
- Yoga Fitness Classes
- Snow Removal, Muller Landscapes
- Children's Holiday Party

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- Adriana Dovi General Meeting Room Request
- Copy Machine Maintenance Renewal

Treasurers Report John Palmieri

Presentation was made of HCFAS internal financial report. The bond principle & interest payment of \$408,769 was made on November 1st. All bank accounts total approximately \$2.8 million and HCFAS & HCAD checking account balances were given. John mentioned various major expense account totals.

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey by 2nd Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner:

Thanked everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Membership 5years+
 - Ozlem Bilgen – 5 years
 - Tom D'Antonio – 10 years
 - Sheryl Burke - 20 years
 - Elizabeth Steenson – 20 years

Officers Report's

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner:

Education/Training-

Reminder to keep your certifications current

All classes are posted downstairs and on the Suffolk REMSCO website

Thank you to Mark Brenner for his CME series he had offered for the past few months.

Equipment

The BOD has approved the sale of the two spare LP12's and the purchase of the Rosetta 12 Lead EKG transmission device.

We will be keeping the cell phones for the ambulances.

Three members advanced to crewleader.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Building:

The soda machine is temporarily out of order. The compressor broke. It will be at least another week before we can get the new compressor.

Vehicles:

We are having a few issues with the radios cutting out when all the lights are on, both Rich Stone and I working on it.

First Annual Holiday Parade:

The Town of Huntington, along with the Huntington Chiefs' Council, Huntington and Huntington Manor Fire Departments, the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District are sponsoring a Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 27th. The parade will start at 6p with staging at 5p. The staging area is New York Avenue north of Holdsworth Drive and the parade will head north on NYA to Main Street, make a left and go to

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Woodbury Road. There will be a Carnival on Wall Street where the tree lighting will take place. Wall Street will be closed till about 9p.

We have been requested to do a stand-by at the carnival and to participate in the parade. This is an informal, festive parade, no class A uniforms. All vehicles in the parade must be decorated in a holiday theme and floats are encouraged. We are looking to transform the trailer in to a gingerbread house for the parade. The BOD will be considering a proposal on Thursday for the parade. We would construct a wood frame that would encircle the trailer. HMFD has been in a similar parade in the past in Patchogue and they have done a gingerbread theme and will be donating what they have towards decorating our house. We would have lights and music wired to the float in accordance with parade rules. HMFD is also lending us a couple of gingerbread costume as well.

Watch your email for more information regarding the parade following Thursday's BOD meeting.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone

For the month of October we ran 483 calls and 24'd 14.

Francine Vasta #1305 passed her dispatch test this past Thursday.

As of Nov. 1st we no longer sign the roster and LOSAP sign in sheets and the dispatcher is no longer filling out LOSAP run report sheets.

Please remember to use the finger reader when signing in and out for your shift.

Dispatchers please enter anyone who answers up for a call including the on duty crew in personnel on the CAD incident response screen.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Samantha Ryan

Everything is going well. Thank you to everyone who have been coming out to do back up calls.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Day is going well. Thank you to everyone who have been coming out to do back up calls or filling in on open shifts. I will need help on Thanksgiving Day.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert:

Still need help on the 1100 shift. Crew leader, Driver, ALS.

Thanks to everyone who has been helping out on the 1100. Sally Staszak, Jeremy Boehm, Tyler Gibb. Thanks to everyone who helped out on a back up calls.

Welcome back David Mohr.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

Thanks for the back up and fill-ins as always.

Welcome to new member Anne Schwartz #1313.

Many thanks to Lorie Stone who has been helping out by doing an extra shift on Tuesday but will be leaving to take care of her grandchildren.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Report – Alison Russo

Wednesdays are going well with Company 4 members. Overnight help is needed -ALS is helpful. I am also looking for extra help on 11-24 the night before Thanksgiving.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner

Welcome to fall! October has been a particularly busy for Friday crews, overall for the month we averaged 19 calls a week and then last week just for fun we had 28 calls! I would like to thank all of the Company 6 members and all of the backup personnel that helped to cover all of the calls.

In particular I'd like to thank... Jeremy Boehm, Seth Fischer, Luke Bartolomeo, Rich Rudolph, Krystal Cruz, Matt Cappola, Nancy Courtemanche, Tom Hogan, Vinny Maltese, Mark Cappola, Tyler Gibbs, Carol Niceforo, Al Szigethy, Paul Rittenhouse, Laurie Hoffmann, Chief Jeff Brenner, Captain Martha Brenner, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Joe Grant, Jeff O'Neill, Lorrie Stone, Scott Bielanski and Keith Davis.

The 2010 officers have worked arduously over the last nine months to learn and adapt the Finger Reader system. I'm so happy that as of November 1st we are finally going "Live". I'd like to remind all members to finger in and out when they come in for a duty shift and to report any difficulties to your captains. Going paperless will make our jobs as captains easier and I'm excited to save a few trees in the process.

I'd like to congratulate Rich Stein on becoming a first aider and entering Driver Training.

Congratulations also goes to James Ostaseski and entering the ACL program. And

Congratulations to Joe Grant for becoming a FA and then a CL.

Help is still needed on the 1100 shift and the 2300 shift. Anyone with a couple of hours to help out please let me know.

Lastly, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve fall on Friday this year. I will be posting rosters soon. Anyone who can help out on these holidays please let me know.

Officers' Monthly Recognition Awards – Third Deputy Chief David Mohr & Second Deputy Chief Jeff Brenner

June:

Earlier in the year, a plea for extra help on my Saturday overnights was made. The "Seniors on the Run" Tuesday 1900 crew was one of those who pledged their support. It all started calmly enough with an assault 15 minutes into the shift and less than an hour after that, an overdose. Minutes after that call ended, half the crew responded to a motorcycle MVA while the other half responded to a patient suffering from injuries from a fall. Both calls were followed up by a bleeding call and after that, all Hell broke loose! 4:48am brought an unfounded respiratory; 4:54am had someone with multiple head wounds; 5:04am with a sick call; and 5:05am with multiple stabbing victims. And finally, if all that wasn't enough, they topped it all off by answering a mutual aid for ALS from Greenlawn! Thanks go out to a few others for supplementing this shift on one or two calls but all the credit in the world goes to this crew. They were good to their word, stepped up and met the challenge head on and exceeded all of our expectations in doing so!

Chris Winter #897
Glen Stern #1294
John Palmieri #499
Sue Otto #790

Christy Stiles #1024
Jim Hanson #1291
Matt Valle #1298
Tom D'Antonio #1006

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July:

A year ago this member was on the verge of being dropped from the Squad. She had some personnel issues but had every intention of returning to active duty. Upon receiving a letter of intent she contacted her Captain and returned to duty. Being slightly unsure of herself, she started with dispatching. Since then she has made an extraordinary effort to learn everything about dispatching to the point where she is now a member of the dispatch training committee and teaches CAD 2. She is also a member of the kitchen and uniform committees and works very hard on each of them. She has also filled in on many shifts when a dispatcher is needed. This turn around exemplifies the volunteer spirit that drives the Squad.

Nancy Eckhardt #1170

August:

On Thursday, September 23rd, at 14:11 hours we received an echo cardiac arrest call on Elm St in Huntington Village. A middle age male patient was found unresponsive and not breathing on the third floor of an apartment building. The crew initiated CPR and defibrillation; an IV was initiated; and an endotracheal intubation tube was secured. Within just a few short minutes of arriving on scene, the patient regained his pulse. The patient was packaged, extricated and transported to Huntington hospital. While en route the patient went in to cardiac arrest again. Medications were administered and CPR continued. Upon arrival at the hospital the patient again regained spontaneous circulation. Because of a quick response, outstanding and uninterrupted CPR, and prompt defibrillation, this patient was successfully resuscitated.

Clara Elliot #416

Eric Schmierer #909

Fran Vasta #1305

Kathy Hayes #749

Kazuo Ishikawa "Spike" #1282

Kevin Brenner #1014

Rich Fernandez #1217

Tom Curry #833

September:

On August 2, we received a call that would be remembered for its "in your face type street medicine." It started as many of our calls do, a fall. Upon arrival on the scene it was discovered that the patient had a rare bleeding disorder. ALS was immediately requested as was the helicopter. The patient was in a very difficult place to package and even more difficult to extricate as he was unconscious, profusely bleeding, nasally intubated and had to moved up a steep flight of basement stairs. Following the call the entire crew participated in cleaning, decontaminating and restocking the ambulance. This was a very out of the ordinary call that exemplifies the esprit de corps that of the Squad.

Chris Mallilo #1234

Jennifer Ladd #1267

Kevin Brenner #1014

Matthew Valle #1238

Nancy Courtemanche #978

Ray Pollard #1110

Vanessa Ortiz #1297

October:

On August 30, we received a seizure call with agonal breathing at the Dragon Gate Restaurant. Upon arrival it was quickly determined that the patient was in cardiac arrest. CPR was immediately initiated with the assistance of the police officer on scene. The patient was transported with CPR in progress. Prior to leaving the hospital the crew was informed that the patient had regained a pulse and was breathing on his own. It is a rare cardiac arrest that concludes with such a positive result. It is the hard work and dedication of the crew that embodies the mission and cause of the Squad.

William Martin #1063

Chris Winter #897

Jill Decker #908

Joel Paul #1068

Joel Paul #1068

Karen Martin #1118

Nancy Barker #930

Tulip Bulbs Planting- Lehti Laas reported by David Mohr

I would like to thank Alyssa Axelrod and Nancy Eckhardt for the planting the spring bulbs. In the spring, look for tulips, daffodils, and crocuses on the west side of the parking lot by Markham and on the south side of the parking lot in the back of the building. Lehti thank you for your continued participation and supervision of this beautification project.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 Delegate Report

PulseCheck 2010 was held in Albany Sept. 30th thru Oct 3rd and was well attended by EMS providers from around New York State.

Drill team competitions took place Friday night. Although there were not many teams competing, it was interesting to see them execute the problems given to them.

The State Association will be informing the state legislators for an amendment to the V&TL to authorize a blue light for ambulances. Bob Franz attended the FASNY legislative conference in Albany and mentioned that FASNY did not put this on their Legislative agenda for 2011 as requested.

The next District 7 meeting will take place next Tuesday, November 16th at Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance at 8PM.

Suffolk County FRES Recruitment committee meeting is Wednesday November 17th at 6PM at FRES in Yaphank.

SCACA Meeting is Wednesday November 17th at 8PM at East Moriches VAC.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz – re: Scholarships and LOSAP as presented in the November pulse.

SERVES - Tuition Reimbursement Suffolk County Community College (SCCC)

The Suffolk Educational program for Recruitment in the Voluntary Emergency Services (SERVES) will have a strict one-time only open SERVES enrollment for the Spring 2011

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Semester at SCCC for all eligible volunteer ambulance workers from **October 15, 2010 through November 15, 2010**. The SERVES Administrative Guide (containing all policies and application forms) is available at the SC Fire Rescue Emergency Services (FRES) home page (www.suffolkcounty.ny.gov). A copy of the Guide is posted on the bulletin board and if anyone has any questions, please contact Bob Franz or Andrea Golinsky. SCCC has been approved for an EMT-Paramedic program.

Suffolk REMSCO – The next meeting will be tomorrow evening at SC EMS in Hauppauge at 7PM.

Explorer Post 215 – David Mohr

This Saturday is the annual pasta dinner from 1730 to 1900 hrs. If you haven't got your tickets yet, I have them. It is \$10 for adults, \$5 under 12, and under 3 is free. It is a great meal at a great price and there will be door prizes and raffles as well.

Also, we once again have the Holiday Extravaganza. \$5 gives you 31 chances to win. The daily prize is \$25, Sundays are \$50 and \$100 on four holidays.

Post Collects food for the Dolan Health Center, 2,000 pounds of food they filled 125 bags for the Dolan Center and then gave 6 boxes of food to St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach food pantry and 6 boxes to the Gloria Dei food pantry. Congratulations to all members and adult supervisors..

Uniform- Jerry Giacomini – please be patient, sweatshirts are in process.

Stand bys – Donna Smith – emails sent out. Ride the pony event 8:45AM.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty –

Children Holiday Party is Saturday December 11th – 2 to 5 PM. Adult Holiday Party Saturday December 18th -5:30 to 10:30PM.

Squad Physicals and Flu Shots – Tuesday December 7th

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org. Please update your email address via David Mohr.

CME Training – Pam Brenner: Register for CMEs on the SC REMSCO website.

SOP's/By-Laws – Proposed amendment – Chief Officers must be elected by a 51% of the votes cast to be read for the 2nd time in December, discussed and voted upon.

If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Old Business

New Business

A new memorial for deceased members will be installed shortly.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckhardt, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Styles and David Mohr. Setup committee: Brian Canty

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Mum Plant – Ken Manning
2. Mum Plant – Linda Guadagnin
3. Thanksgiving Day Set up – Trish Reciniello
4. Thanksgiving Day Set Up – Mary Jane Woznick
5. Chateau Diana Merlot – Martha Brenner
6. Chateau Diana Pinot Grigio – Ferd Neumann
7. Bag (Henry Schein) – Anne Donegan
8. Bag (Henry Schein) – Alyssa Axelrod
9. Bag (Henry Schein) – TC Curry

Plant Raffle 8:10 PM

1. John Palmieri
2. Alyssa Axelrod
3. Trish Reciniello
4. Linda Guadagnin
5. Joanne Vogel

The following proposed By-Laws amendment on a required 51% majority for Chief Officer positions was read for the 1st time this evening. It will be read at the December meeting, discussed and voted upon . It was sent via email as an addendum to the November Pulse.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE By-LAWS

Background and Purpose: The proposed By-Laws addition seeks to address the problem of vacant Chief Officer positions being filled by candidates who receive only a handful of votes.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, Section 2

Reads:

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Add:

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First Reading 11-8-10 Second Reading _____

Vote Results: For Against ____ Abstain

Date: Passed Withdrawn ____ Rejected ____

Signature: Secretary, Board of Directors _____

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535 **Adjournment** – Motion to Adjourn David Mohr and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn
536 the meeting at 2215 hours: Unanimous

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539 Respectfully Submitted,

540 *Robert Franz*

541 Secretary

542 Draft sent to members: November 28, 2010

543 Approved: December 13, 2010

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2010 General Membership Meeting
Date: December 13, 2010

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer John Palmieri	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	ABSENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Gregory Orr	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Chief Dominic Heavey	ABSENT
First Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brenner	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Richard Stone	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Martha Brenner	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Pamela Brenner	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Paul Biersack	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed that 89 eligible members had signed in which meets the required quorum of 50 members.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Orlando Salcedo #935 – injury, home recovering
- Kathy Leonard #860 – illness, get well wishes and prayers are needed and welcome.
- Mark Cappola #1087 and Matt Cappola # 1106 Father/Grandfather is ill, prayers and get well wishes are needed and welcome.
- Martha Brenner # 236 – continued get well wishes and prayers are needed and welcome.

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We Mourn the Loss of:

- We mourn the passing of Susan Barbano daughter of Deacon Ed Billia #896.

Congratulation on the Wedding:

- Congratulations to Christine Russo Tedone #667 (husband Peter)

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz, seconded by Ferd Neumann to accept the November 8, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Chris Blackwell; Ed Billia and Larry Kushnick, Festival Chairman 2010 LI Fall Festival with a \$3,500 donation for HCFAS participation. Letters are posted on the bulletin board.

Bob mentioned that the election ran fairly smoothly today except for the voting machine malfunction and switch to paper ballots until a replacement machine was delivered. All votes were properly accounted for. The run number raffle had to be abandoned due to additional manpower being needed for election duties. Bob thanked the election committee for running the election today- Chris Blackwell, chairperson, Annette & Bernie Hershkowitz, Donna Smith, Nancy Eckhardt, Rich Gierbolini, Margaret Cornelius, Joanne Vogel and Sally Staszak.

Presidents Report

Roger Winter

- Modify the Shift and Member Activity Report for the LOSAP Committee
- Purchase Invitations, Programs Postage 2011 Installation and Inspection Dinner
- Flowers for the Installation and Inspection Dinner
- Invitation List 2011 Installation and Inspection Dinner as Amended
- Renewal VESO (Voluntary Emergency Service Organization) the HCFAS Members Group Term Life Insurance Program
- HCFAS Adult Holiday Party
- Holiday Parade 2010
- HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the candidates'
- Qualifications
- Food Drive St Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach
- Advancement of \$100.00 for the Cash Box – Election Day
- Board of Directors Annual Dinner Meeting
- Operational Officers Annual Dinner Meeting
- Soda Machine Replacement
- Invest HCFAS funds in a 5 year ladder bond through State Bank of LI
- VSS Security System Rewiring
- Annual Dues NYS Assoc. of Fire Chiefs 2011
- Annual Dues Fireman's Assoc. of the State of NY
- NYSVA&RA 2010/2011 annual Squad Report & Dues

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- Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association Meeting and Light Meal @ HCFAS
- Move ignition wiring for portable radios in all vehicles
- EMT-B Refresher Class Room use
- Fire Rescue System Member Roster/Service Awards Web Interface
- NYSVA&RA Member Dues
- Amend Officer's Recognition Award Motion of 3/11/2010 and increase by \$180.00
- Approve Life Membership Candidate(s)
- Approve a Benevolent request
- Operational Officer plaque like awards for 2010 \$500.00
- Glynn, Mercep & Purcell, LLP contract renewal
- Fuoco Group LLP 2010 HCAD/HCFAS services
- New York State Insurance Fund Volunteer Ambulance Worker's Benefit Law 2011\$112,000.
- I have had a meetings and conversations with Suffolk County Department of Health EMS Division and the State of New York Department of Health regarding some irregularities. As soon as I get some results I will report to you their findings.
- Strawberry's of Hunting gave out some complementary tickets to selected shows. I would like to thank Ralph Murphy and Strawberry's for the tickets. If I get more I will notify you.

Treasurers Report John Palmieri

On November 26, Roger and I, representing the Board of Directors, wire transferred \$1,327,929.16 from HCFAS accounts at State Bank to Essex National Securities Inc. to purchase 10 blocks of Corporate Bonds. These blocks are set up with 125,000 corporate bonds in each and 2 blocks will come due each year. In this way, one fifth of these funds will be available to be reinvested or used each year. These bonds have an anticipated annual revenue stream of \$73,218.75 as of December 1, 2010.

We also have one jumbo CD in an amount of \$250,000.00 with State Bank that comes due in July. This CD is paying 1.25%.

On December 3, 2010 Roger and I opened a small business account at TD Bank. This was done in order to purchase the 250 gift cards at no cost to the Squad. This account will be utilized for small HCFAS monetary needs such as Dues, Benevolent, and gift purchases. In that same vein, we are closing three accounts at Bank of America that have not been utilized in 2010 and transferring the small amount of cash into our State Bank accounts.

We are current in all bills and have established a system of cutting checks on Tuesday and Friday. Our office costs have decreased due to utilization of Jamie McCrae as our bookkeeper and due to the involvement of Lehti's clerical crew who have undertaken to absorb much of the office manager's duties.

Various questions regarding the bonds followed. John responded with some answers later in the meeting.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Dominic Heavey by 1st Deputy Chief Anne Gabriel:

Thanked everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Membership 5years+
 - Paul Rittenhouse – 5 years

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Jeffrey Brenner (on a call)

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr (on a call)-the following report was given later in the meeting after delegate/committee reports.

Building:

If you haven't seen it yet, take a look at the second landing wall on the staircase to the second floor. A Memorial Tree has been installed in memory of our members who have answered their last call. This idea has been floating around for a number of years and this summer it was decided to make it come true. Thank you to **Director Andrea Golinsky** for the idea, **President Roger Winter** for the history and **Vice-President Brian Canty** for the research. When we started, the plaque had 73 names on it, after doing extensive research on dates of death, which we didn't have, the final number of members on the wall is at 87. The "leaves" on the tree are in the form of a star of life, with three different colors. Life Members are in brass (gold), Charter Members are in silver and all other members are in copper. There are 125 leaves on the tree and they were placed randomly, with blanks interweaved in for the unfortunate expansion.

Vehicles:

Good

First Annual Holiday Parade:

It was a big success. Thank you to everyone that helped with the building, painting and deconstructing of the gingerbread house and to all that participated in the parade.

Thank you to everyone for your support this past year, there are too many to name individually, but you know who you are. Thank You. And finally, I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

Chief Dispatcher's Report - Richard Stone

For the month of November we received 437 calls and had 12 signal 24's out and 1 signal 24 in. as of this morning we have given away 9 calls and the month is not half over so please try to listen up especially during the day.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein given by Samantha Ryan

Everything is going well. Thank you to everyone who have been coming out to do back up calls. Thanks chief officers and other officers.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert: on a call

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Martha Brenner

There has been 4 Tuesdays since the last GMM. The call breakdown has followed the pattern of the past few months in that there is no pattern:

Nov. 16, 12 calls, below average but still requiring back up personnel.

Keith Davis, Sal Signorelli, Liz Mohr, Megan Davis-Sarcona, Tom O'Leary

Nov. 23, 13 calls, again below average but requiring back up personnel:

Joe Grant, Jim Mallilo, Jeremy Boehm

Nov. 30, 20 calls, interestingly all of them came between 7 am and 7 pm, 20 calls in

12 hours and no calls for the remaining 12 hours:

Joe Grant, Ray Pollard, Jen Ladd, Paul Kelly, Luke Bartolomeo, Tom O'Leary, Sal Signorelli,

Tyler Gibbs, Jeremy Boehm, Chris Winter.

Dec 7, 26 calls-25 handled and 1 24 (third alarm in 13 minutes). This week the overnight won with 5 calls. Twice we were able to put 3 rigs on the road. This would not be possible without lots of help:

Joe Grant 3 b/u calls, Paul Kelly, Luke Bartolomeo 4 b/u calls, Laurie Hoffman, Tyler Gibbs 2 b/u calls, Tom O'Leary 2 b/u calls and the faith full 1900 crew who arrives early and were able to take a call immediately on walking in, Chris Winter, Mary Winter and Meghan Meyer.

Congratulations:

Sheryl Roach on advancement to Crewleader.

Jim Harrigan on advancement to Driver

Kazuo Ishikawa AKA Spike on entering the ACL program (with 9 calls on your shift last week your help as a crew leader is clearly needed.

My deepest apology to Janet Rubel and Christy Stiles for leaving their names off the December PULSE report.

Thanks each and everyone of the Tuesday Members and faithful back-up personnel for your support all year. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the Tuesday Captain.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Report – Alison Russo

Day is going well. Thank you to everyone for their support and for coming out to do back up calls or filling in on open shifts. I need ALS help on the 2300 shift. Alison wishes everyone a warm and safe holiday season.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan:

Thank you to everyone for coming out and assisting with Thanksgiving Day. Thursdays are going well.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Pamela Brenner

I would like to thank all of the Company 6 members and all of the backup personnel that helped to cover all of the calls. I was humbled to be your day captain. Please remember Kathy Gearey –

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she will be with us always. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve fall on Friday this year. I will be posting rosters soon. Anyone who can help out on these holidays please let me know.

Delegate Reports:

New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 Delegate Report

Andrea Golinsky given by Bob Franz

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LOSAP 2010 Points – Bob Franz

The 2010 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 Andy Ball of the LOSAP point committee.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Life Insurance Certificate and the VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy had an opportunity to do so today when they came in to vote. Anyone who did not have an opportunity to do so, please see me any time. Eligible members under the squad's group life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age). Generally, all active members are covered under the Accident & Sickness policy while on duty- the death benefit is \$250,000. Your beneficiary under the LOSAP program was indicated on the 2009 LOSAP benefit statement distributed to you a couple of months ago.

CME – Pam Brenner Biersack – CME Starts in January on Saturdays, Info to follow. Register for CMEs on the SC REMSCO website.

ELECTION VOTING POLLS CLOSE IN 5 MINUTES.

Special Events Committee –

Brian Canty - Adult Holiday party 12/18/2010 5:30–10:00PM–tonite is the last time to sign up.

Sue Otto- Thanked everyone who participated with the Children's Party on Saturday.

Medical Committee Brian Canty - nothing until January

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

See report under officers' reports above.

Post 215- David Mohr – The pasta dinner was a great success with 150 in attendance. The Holiday Extravaganza was good and winners are posted on the bulletin board.

SOP's/By-Laws

Proposed By-Laws amendment – Chief Officers must be elected by a 51% of the votes cast was published in the November & December Pulse and read for the 2nd time tonight, discussed and withdrawn by the proposers. The proposed withdrawn amendment is found at the end of the minutes.

Proposed Company 8 SOP change was published in the December Pulse and read tonight and discussed. The proposed change is found at the end of the minutes.

If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter

Treasurer John Palmieri – answered some of the bond questions raised earlier under his report.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Monument and Sign – John Palmieri – Zoning Board of appeals vote on January 27, 2010.

Old Business

Martha Brenner inquired as to the status of SOPs approved by the board during 2010 and asked President Winter to have a timetable on this for the next meeting.

New Business

Weight Watchers class may be starting up in January. Watch the bulletin board or your email.

Mary Beth Kraese read a letter praising Loraine Bacchio of Walbaums on East Jericho Turnpike and request donations for her cancer treatment. The letter is posted on the wall.

Meeting was recessed while awaiting 2011 election results.

Election results 2011 Board of Directors and Operational Officer Presented by Christine Blackwell chairperson of the election committee. See results list at the end of the minutes.

Motion by Chris Fischer and seconded by Brian Canty to destroy the ballots. Unanimous.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckhardt, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Stiles and David Mohr. Setup committee: Brian Canty, Mary Winter and John Maier.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Large Poinsettia – Greg Orr
2. Large Poinsettia – Richard Stone
3. Poinsettia – Martha Brenner
4. Poinsettia – Lori Bennett
5. Bottle of Red Wine – Brian Canty
6. Bottle of White Wine – Donna Smith
7. Christmas Cactus plants – Mary Beth Kraese
8. Christmas Cactus plants – Alison Russo
9. Holiday log arrangement. – Kathy Casstillo

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE By-LAWS Read, Discussed and Withdrawn.

Background and Purpose: The proposed By-Laws addition seeks to address the problem of vacant Chief Officer positions being filled by candidates who receive only a handful of votes.

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First Reading 11-8-10 Second Reading 12-13-10

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Vote Results: For Against ____ Abstain
Date: Passed ____ Withdrawn –YES Rejected ____
Signature: Secretary, Board of Directors _____

Proposed SOP Change – Company 8

Article II. Operational Member Guidelines

B. On Duty Crews

10. 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 Shift 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 and discussed at the next scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will continue on his regularly scheduled shift, 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~~ Crewleader, Driver, ALS provider or Paramedic higher in status or a Permanent Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and meet one (1) of the following criteria: a. Be mandated by a salaried full time job to work rotating shifts or tours with rotating days off. b. Be mandated by a salaried job to work thirty-two or more hours and is taking nine or more credits of education concurrently.

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

a. ~~The member must fill one scheduled shift per week (minimum of four hours) and must be on time and in uniform to receive credit for the shift. An eight hour overnight shift will count for two consecutive weekly tours.~~ Complete 48 hours per quarter (Jan-Mar*Apr-June*July-Sept*Oct-Dec)

b. ~~Company 8 personnel must fill an open shift position (A fill-in cannot be used to fulfill their shift requirement for the week).~~ may not apply hours as a replacement for another member as Co. 8 hours.

c. 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 shift **or to send an email via the on-line scheduling system.** ~~A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice is required.~~

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

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

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~~f. The member on Company 8 status will be required to fill out a "Company 8 Shift Completed" form. The completed form is to be placed into the mailbox of the First Deputy Chief.~~

~~g. Members on Company 8 who will be taking vacation or any extended absence must inform the First Deputy Chief in writing prior to their vacation or other commitment. All missed time must be made up by the end of the current review quarter.~~

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~~

**Official Election Results for the 2011 General Election: December 13, 2010
2011 Board of Directors and Operational Officers**

288 Eligible Voters
210 Total Votes cast

Board of Directors: four (4)

1A	<u>122</u>	Andrea Golinsky	Write in:	1 Salvatore Signorelli
2A	<u>127</u>	Lehti Laas		1 Bob Franz
3A	<u>134</u>	Alyssa Axelrod		1 John Palmieri
4A	<u>112</u>	Thomas Lemp		
5A	<u>138</u>	Richard Stone		

Chief: one (1)

6A	<u>183</u>	John Palmieri	Write in:	1 Joe Denimarck
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1st Deputy Chief: one (1)

7A	<u>175</u>	Christopher Winter	Write in:	None
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2nd Deputy Chief: one (1)

8A	<u>118</u>	Michele Miller	Write in:	1 Nancy Courtemanche
8B	<u>68</u>	Jeffrey Brenner		

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3rd Deputy Chief: one (1)

9A 131 **David Mohr** Write in: 4 Bob Loysch
1 Brian Canty

Chief Dispatcher: one (1)

10A 156 **James Mallilo** Write in: None
10B 21 Tyler Gibbs
10C 22 Jeremiah Boehm

Day Captain: seven (7)

11A 64 Pamela Brenner Write in: 5 Paul Biersack
12A 92 Martha Brenner
13A 156 **Tim Ebert**
14A 52 Luke Bartolomeo
15A 102 **Scott Bielanski**
16A 130 **Keith Davis**
17A 164 **Greg Orr**
18A 147 **Alison Russo**
19A 151 **Keith Rubenstein**
20A 158 **Samantha Ryan**

Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn Joanne Vogel and seconded by Mary Winter to adjourn the meeting at 2220 hours: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

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