

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2019 General Membership Meeting

Date: January 14, 2019

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 69).

Presidents Report Seth Fischer

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

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Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

Ferd Neumann's family is asking that members please stop by and say hello. Get Well Wishes and Prayers are being sent to Ferd for a complete and speedy recovery.

Patricia Reciniello is in the hospital, please no calls and no visits at this time. Get Well Prayers and Wishes are being sent to Trish for a complete and speedy recovery.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

President Seth Fischer made a Presentation to Member Ann Donegan for her 35 Years of Service: Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

35 Years of Service

Ann Donegan #692

Ann Donegan #692 – 35 Years of Service – Life Member

Ann has been a Member since 1984. She comes from a family of HCFAS volunteers as Gloria Steiner, her Mother was the first female Chief of HCFAS. Joseph Steiner, her Father was Chief several times. Her Sisters Emily and Maureen Steiner were also members and now her son Patrick and daughter Katie are members. Three generations of volunteers.

Ann was granted Life Membership status in 2015. She held the position of Crew Leader / EMT for over thirty years. She was Day Captain of Wednesday since 1988 and was Former Thursday Day Captain in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Ann has served on the Social Committee, Dispatch Training Committee, Ambulance Orientation Committee and the Grievance Committee. She headed the Children's Easter Egg Hunt for approximately fifteen years. She was also the Chairperson for the Open House in 2013 and she headed the children's games at Open House for many years. Lastly, Ann was the Co-Chair for the Pot Luck dinner. Congratulations Ann for your 35 Years of loyal and dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by Thomas O'Leary to change the order of the meeting to hear the following:

Second Reading by David Mohr – Chairman of By-Laws Committee (First Reading was on December 10, 2018).

Proposed By-Law Change – #01-2018

Proposal:

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To require any member running for an elected position be in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the Standard Operating Procedures.

Background/Justification:

A member running for elected office should, at a minimum, be in good standing with the organization.

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

ARTICLE X, Section 1 - Nominations

Nominations for Annual Elections to Office shall be accepted from the floor at the November General Membership Meeting. All nominees must be Members in Good Standing in accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the Standard Operating Procedures.

Proposers	
John Palmieri #499	/s/
Brian Canty #757	/s/
Ann Schwartz #1313	/s/

Discussions Held – Members Voted by ballot

Vote on Proposed By-Law amendment: 34 Yes 34 No

AMENDMENT IS NOT ACCEPTED. Required 2/3 vote is 46.

Motion made by Tony Cruz and seconded by Andrew Taylor to destroy the Ballots.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by Jeffery Brenner to approve the December 10, 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

If you can help at all please let me know!

Thank you letters and cards received for: Good & Welfare: Sheryl Roach and Tom O'Leary.

All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report

Seth Fischer

Good evening and welcome to the first General Membership Meeting of 2019. For those attending your first meeting thank you very much for attending, it is greatly appreciated. This is

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already shaping up to be an exciting year. I would like to thank all outgoing 2018 Board and Operational Officers for making the transition almost seamless. Everybody worked very hard starting mid to late December to get all of their ducks in a row to hit the ground running, and it was very impressive to see the wheels in motion prior to the changing of the guards.

The Board of Directors already had our first meeting, and we are all excited to be working for all of you in 2019.

Quick Points:

Billing Review:

1. 4974 PCR's submitted for billing (differential on call volume vs. actual is based on bad PCR's, non-billable PCR's (MOS/Members), (negative transports).
2. 4835 PCR's were processed
3. Total charge amount that we billed was \$4,356,975.74
4. Total amount paid was \$1,710,115.68
5. Total amount adjusted was \$1,530,443.72
6. Total amount written off was \$59,157.83
7. Open receivables or bad debt is \$1,057,258.51.

To create a comparison for you, in 2017 our fiscal revenue was \$1,723,902.70 and in 2018 we are currently reporting \$2,127,296.54 with a positive gain of \$403,493.84. If we figure we are going to get at least another \$75,000.00 in January for December calls, we are right at the \$2,200,000.00 number that we projected or forecasted to the Town of Huntington. As today is January 14th, we are still waiting on our Town Contract.

Social Media—please be very careful as to what you post or comment on social media. We live in a world where comments and pictures cannot be erased. It is very easy to figure out who is a member of HCFAS. With regards to pictures posted on Social Media, please remember to never post a photo of a patient or their name. If you are posting a photo of a group of minors, like Boy Scouts for example, please discuss internally first.

Scene Safety—Please use caution when approaching any VIP call, especially in what are known gang areas. Do not jump any VIP calls ever.

The Town of Huntington is currently working on the schematics for our traffic light, hoping to have them back in the next few weeks.

Lastly, if you have any questions I am around 24/7, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or any of the other Board Members. This is your organization, so please let us know how we can really make your volunteer experience a great one.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

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Financial Review YTD 1/1/18 – 12/31/18

HCAD – Town Tax Money:

Money Received from Town/Billing \$1,601,241.46

Expenses - \$1,595,123.07

Major Expenses:

Payroll	250,219.45
Billing Services	151,813.39
EMS Supplies	120,892.33
Vehicles	309,206.77
Building	143,578.12
Utilities	83,589.87
Communications	63,160.45
Professional Fee's	29,529.00
Insurance	282,162.23
Office	39,105.75
Uniform	14,078.35
Member Inspection	52,204.61
Training	20,135.62
Public Relations	6,225.94
Other Expenditures	29,221.19
Totals-Expenses	\$1,595,123.07

HCFAS – Squad Money:

Income – Fund Drive \$89,107.34 and Misc. Donations/Interest \$49,191.42 = \$138,298.76

Expenses \$141,110.39

Expenses:

Insurance - Life	\$ 10,641.98
Supplies	94.36
Advertising	900.00
Fund Drive	96.00
Printing	11,549.10
Events	32,081.57
Goods & Welfare	2,238.35
Miscellaneous	754.59

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Other Organizations	900.63
Member Services	79,853.81
Scholarship	2,000.00
Totals-Expenses	\$ 141,110.39

JUST A REMINDER

ARTICLE V SECTION 1 – DUES

The active membership is required to pay annual dues of \$3.00. **It is due and payable by January 1st.** Those members who are not paid up by February 1st are in arrears, and are ineligible to vote, or attend any social functions, and will be so notified by the Treasurer in writing, stating that this is a final notice, and that if payment is not received by March 1st, the member is automatically expelled without further notification. Members expelled for non-payment of annual dues may be reinstated only upon submission of a new application as described in Article III, Section 2.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

I want to start by thanking everyone for their hard work last year. I'm very excited to be your Chief and I am looking forward to working with the membership as well as the 2019 officers and board of directors.

I'm very happy to report that we currently have no 24's. I don't know if I will have the pleasure of saying that again so I'll enjoy the moment. Thank you everyone for helping to start the year strong. The majority of 24's in 2018 occurred Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the day. There are a number of shifts in desperate need of help on those days. I give the Captains a lot of credit for the hard work they put in each week to obtain additional help on those shifts. If any Company 8 members are ever available to help on those days and shifts, please consider doing so.

As some of you may know, the New York State Department of Health came to headquarters this morning for a meeting with me, President Fischer, and our legal counsel. Because there is an ongoing investigation, I can't talk about the specifics, however, I think everyone needs to know that our agency is currently under the microscope. Therefore, I can't stress enough the importance of remaining diligent with ambulance checkouts. With that said, the timing of Mark Brenner's Part 800 CME literally couldn't be better. I encourage all riding members to stick around after the meeting to participate.

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On December 22nd the Seventh-Day Adventist Huntington Church presented HCFAS with an Award in appreciation for our outstanding service and dedication to the community.

Length of Service Awards:

5 Years – Andrew Giusto #1408

5 Years – Danny Mugavero #1409

10 Years – Peggy Coyle #1247

10 Years – Emily Schaffert #1248

First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Report Posted

Firstly, I would like to thank the membership for believing in me and electing me to be your First Deputy Chief this year. I am beyond excited to continue Liz Mohr's work with our membership, Chiefs office, board, and various committees. We have 12 months to accomplish goals and visions that will bring us yet another successful 50 years of service to the Huntington Community.

This year I would like to focus on updating SCM, efficiently tracking hours and finger reads, improving our standby committee, duty tour scheduling, and communication on all fronts. With this being said I have asked all captains to update contact information for all members as well as their status and goals for this year. If you have not had an opportunity to speak with your Captain please do so as soon as possible so that SCM can reflect the accurate information and so that we can better serve you. This information will then be forwarded to hcfas.org so that will be updated as well.

Additionally, as many of you already know I am collecting all certification cards and licenses to not only update your personnel file but as well as to provide you each with a laminated copy to clip on to your person with your squad ID. This is part of your required uniform for those of you who do not always carry a wallet it will allow you to be properly identified by your patients, as well as by NYS EMS who has been conducting random inspections at the surrounding hospitals. These random NYS inspections not only reflect the department as a whole but also you as an individual provider. Therefore, if you have not already done so please place your certification card and license (if you are a driver) in my mailbox or your Day Captain's.

As a reminder when signing in for your shift with the finger reader please note the shift that you signed in on, as that will be the same shift to log out for. For example, if you come in for the Wednesday 1900 Shift and leave Thursday 0700 Shift, you are still to punch out on Wednesday 1900 Shift. If you need help with this, just ask your fellow volunteers, Captains or myself.

If you have any questions, problems with scheduling, finger reads or just want to catch up feel free to reach me via e-mail/call/text. Thank you for your continued dedication to serving your community! 2019 is going to be a great year! first.deputy@hcfas.org

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Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted

January review training is out. Please keep current and remember that our SOPs state that to remain in good standing you may only be missing 2 trainings.

Mark Brenner will be hosting a 2 Hour Non-core CME on Part 800 after the meeting. If anyone has any ideas or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted – Report Given by Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como

We have already been working to keep our equipment in good condition this year. Thank you to everyone who already mentioned issues to me. If you report something and it doesn't happen immediately, keep in mind that we are balancing getting repairs and keeping as many vehicles in service as possible. Please do remind me if you have not heard back in a while. I will do my best to get back to you about any requests you make.

Please remember to be careful with our equipment and treat it with respect. It will last longer and work better with more gentle use.

If you have things you would like to work on, anyone is welcome to take on equipment or vehicle projects. Let me know what I can do to assist you in making the changes you want to see.

Thank you to Jeff Brenner for getting me all the necessary Third Deputy Chief information.

Thank you to the following members for their assistance with moving vehicles to/from various repair shops: Paul Bayer, Israel Cortes, Brandon Eybergen, Esteban Lopez.

Thank you to Bobby Loysch for replacing the NYS Registration stickers.

Thank you to Paul Bayer for repairing some of the ALS cooler locks

Thank you to Liz Mohr and Lauren Connolly for retrieving the necessary equipment from 80 to stock 89 as a responder vehicle again.

16 has received a replacement ALS cooler and is back in service.

81 had many of the broken lights repaired.

19 suspension is currently being repaired. The back step has been repaired.

21 had the rear door striker pin replaced.

80 is having the damage due to the crash a while ago repaired.

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After 80 is done, hopefully we can start having some of the cosmetic damage on the ambulances repaired.

Lifepak 15 and Lucas service should be happening shortly.

Chief Dispatcher's Report 2019 – Michael Barker – Report Posted

Dispatch Training: There are 17 members in dispatch training plus 8 Post members for a total of 25. I have been visiting each shift to meet the trainees to determine their individual progress, which will be completed at 2300 this evening. The trainees who are ready to take the dispatch test will be accommodated first, and then we will schedule appropriate classes to get rest to the same position. I have a meeting with the dispatch training committee tomorrow evening. Please see the Dispatch Training Status report.

Pagers: I have discovered 12 Motorola Minitor 5 pagers in the desk and in the box in front of the desk and a number of new and used batteries. I have been charging them two at the time. Once the 2003 Radio / Pager Issue Agreement has been approved, we can begin to issue these pagers. There are a gaggle of Minitor 4, 3, and 2 pagers in several boxes under the desk and I will have to evaluate them.

Radios: There are a few “spare” XTS 1500 radios available. There are plenty of replacement batteries in varying degrees of acceptability.

Supplies: Office supplies appear to be sufficient, and I will be replacing as used. If you take the “next to last” of any item, please leave me a note. If you need anything, please let me know. Keys: There are keys in my mailbox and every desk drawer. Some are marked but most are not. If you need a replacement key, please let me know.

I will endeavor to learn the ESO function, the SCM process, phone system, shredder, copiers, printers and replacement cartridges for same as soon as possible. I appreciate your patience.

Chief Dispatcher's Report 2018 – Patricia Tufo – Report Posted

December 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018

Alarms.....537

Signal 24's.....001

Signal 24%.....0.18

Signal 24's by Day of Week

Sunday.....0 (ytd = 1)

Monday.....0 ytd = 1)

Tuesday.....0 (ytd = 1)

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363 Wednesday.....1 (ytd = 16)

364 Thursday.....0 ytd = 14)

365 Friday.....0 (ytd = 15)

366 Saturday.....0 (ytd = 3)

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368 **Total # Alarms for 2018.....5932** (This is a **decrease** in calls by **280**, as compared
369 with the total # of Alarms in 2017).

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371 **Total # of Signal 24's for 2018...54** (This number includes 5 from October that did not
372 show up on the Stats, as well as 3 additional calls that HCFAS took back from Med com,
373 after originally 24'd and subsequently transported the PT).

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375 **Signal 24% rate for 2018.....0.91** (In 2017, we had a Signal 24% rate of 0.75, with a
376 total # of alarms at 6212.

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378 **Multiple calls running % rate for 2018.....59.4**

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380 It has been an honor to serve as your Chief Dispatcher in 2018. I want to thank our Drivers,
381 Crew Leaders, EMT's, First Aiders, ALS/Paramedics, Dispatchers and those Members that
382 show up when we page out for assistance! Additionally, I would like to thank the Dispatch
383 Training Committee, for all of your patience and hard work! Let's continue to work together
384 and keep the momentum going!

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387 **Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted**

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389 Happy New Year to you and your families. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as Sunday
390 Captain. I would like to thank Chief Como for helping make this transition seamless.

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392 I will continue Chief Como's practice of weekly e-mail of the Sunday schedule. If you would
393 like to be included or if you would like to be removed from the list, please e-mail me at
394 sunday.captain@hcfas.org. or call me at (516) 457-0967.

395 I would like to wish Jake, Esteban, Michael, and Lauren good luck in their upcoming semester.
396 Help is always needed and appreciated on Sundays, so feel free to come in.

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398 Anyone in need of Driver Training please feel free to contact me and come in on a Sunday. I
399 look forward to working with you all.

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401 Wishing you and your families great health and joy throughout 2019.

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404 **Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted**

405 Thank you to all Company 2 members that continually come in for their shifts and if not try to
406 find coverage, thank you for completing your check outs at the start of your shifts and for re-
407 stocking after calls. The same thanks for Company 8 members and those who answer up to pages
408 if it wasn't for you we would not remain 24 free. You are all awesome in my book.

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My schedule will be posted each week usually 3 days prior to Monday on the board down stairs, on our private FB page or in a blast e-mail. There is always help needed somewhere, so if you need to make up hours or just want to come in and help out that is always good, I ask that you please inform me so I can adjust the schedule to stay problem free.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

A Huge thank you to everyone who helped out this past Tuesday! We started off the year with a 25 call day! Including 9 calls in 2 hours!! We were able to have on the road 4 ambulances and 2 fly cars all at once. Thank you to Martha for dispatching the chaos as well as the 0700 Shift for staying for a few extra calls.

Help is needed on the Tuesday 1100 shift while some people are on leaves as well as the Tuesday 2300 shift. If anyone is available please let me know.

Thank you again to everyone for all the hard work and helping out with a busy start to the year.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

Happy New Year!

Wednesday's have been off to a good start so far this year. It's been about a month with no 24's and that wouldn't be possible without all of the members who consistently come in and help out.

With that said, Wednesday is almost ALWAYS in need of help during the first 3 shifts of the day. We officially do not have a full, permanent first due crew on the 0700, 1100 or 1500 shifts. This has been a large source of stress for myself and as some of you know, I spend many hours making phone calls to members each to see who can come in and cover those shifts. If any admin members would like to make some of those calls or if any members would like to make a commitment to fill any of the gaps, I would be eternally grateful for the help.

We had a pretty notable call last week on 1/09/19. The 1500 Crew responded to the scene of a gang related stabbing near the Big H shopping center. Once the scene was secure, crews were able to calm the patients and stabilize them while transporting to the best-fit hospital. Great job guys!

I'd lastly like to thank everyone for voting me in as 54 for another year. Last year I learned a ton but certainly wasn't the perfect captain. I am looking to learn from my mistakes and have an even better 2019.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

I want to welcome Mr. Brett Dowler to the 0700 Shift. Brett is coming in as one of our college students and has been doing double duty shifts on Sundays and Thursdays in order to get through dispatch training. We let Brett do an observation ride last week and on his very first ambulance call ever he caught a trauma with a medivac so hopefully that has inspired him to come back.

Zachary Flurkey is moving from Thursday to Friday due to changes in his school schedule. My loss will be Friday's gain

Staffing is a big issue, I need a 2nd full crew on the 0700 Shift, a 2nd full crew on the 1100 Shift, 2 full crews on the 1500 Shift and a full 2nd crew on the 2300. I want to thank all the regulars Bob and Fiona who do the extra shift each week and I want to thank company eight members for stepping up last week, they did so well that they staffed me out of a riding position. But I really need more help, Company 8 if you could please continue to come out on a regular basis that would be terrific.

This past Thursday we had a medivac of very uncertain causes. Woman found on the road bleeding from her head. I am sure you saw the pictures on line

Feedback from Stony Brook Hospital thanks to Fiona's investigation:

Your patient is still at Stony Brook Hospital in SICU with:

- Non-depressed skull fracture
- Bi-frontal subdural hematomas
- Left temporal contusion
- Left frontal sub-arachnoid hemorrhage
- Right clavicle fracture

I reached out to the flight medic Luckingham, Tracey thanked her for her assistance on the call. the crew did a great job and they were so easy to work with. There was a kid with them and it was his very first ambulance call ever. So, as usual HCFAS still has a great reputation. Great job by the crew: Fiona Witkowski, Bob Biersack, Keith Davis, Lauren Connelly, Brett Dowler and Joe Losquadro.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted and Given by day Captain John Mancino

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, Happy and healthy New Year to all. Congratulations to James Kelly for passing his dispatch test and is now ACLing.

I want to thank all the outgoing officers for your hard work and dedication. For the incoming or reelected, we have an awesome team of officers and I'm looking forward to serving with you all. Please Stay safe and love each other.

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Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor - Report Posted

First and foremost, I wanted to thank everyone who voted in December 2018. I wanted to say Thanks to Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como for training and showing me all the procedures as far as being a Day Captain. I will do my best to fully the role and responsibilities as the 2019 Day Captain.

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays. Just to note certain members that have responded on signal 3 and coverage from these past weekends. Members are Melissa Anastos, Andrew Giusto, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Matthew Valle, Douglas Mayer, Brian Canty, Jeffery Brenner, Richard Cortes, Jonathan Dominick and new member Kimberly Preston for helping out during 1500 and 1900 shift. If I forgot anybody, please let me know. I do apologize for this.

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the Company 7 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

I wanted to say Thank you all for coming and helping out this past weekend as the finish up with 16 calls, with no signals 24 YTD. Great job, everyone.

I wanted to say Congratulation to EMT-B Lauren Aviles (1900) for receiving her Five Year pin. It is great to have you on Company 7 as you trained our members and post 215 members.

I also wanted to say Congratulation to our New EMT-B Casey O'Riordan (2300) Shift. Casey will be having her sit down with ACL Coordinator to start training to become a Crew leader.

Note: Please support our Explorer Post 215 Pasta Dinner, on Saturday January 19, 2019 between the times of 6:00 pm (18:00) -10:00 pm (22:00). The cost is \$10.00 for all you can eat Pasta Dinner.

Company 7 has gained a new member to the 1900 shift. Kimberly Prestin #1505 has advanced to training in Dispatch. I would like to congratulate members #1532 Nicholas Oberle, #1530 Leyda Mata #1530 and #1528 Equislaure Gabriel on becoming First Aiders and starting Ambulance Orientation.

Saturdays need help throughout the day but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

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Delegate & Committee Reports:

EMS Organization meetings – Bob Franz

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assoc. District 7 – Tuesday 1/15/19 8 PM at Wyandanch Wheatley Heights Ambulance Corp.
Suffolk County Ambulance Association – Wednesday 1/16/19 7:30 PM at Medford Ambulance.

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2018 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2018.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2018 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2018 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 with the Town of Huntington Assessor is Friday March 1, 2019 for property tax year 12/01/19 to 11/30/20. 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, 2019, 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 3/1/19 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/19), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 8, 2019. To be eligible, your name or your name and your spouse's 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, 2019.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2019, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 or email robo4200@hotmail.com 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 3/1/19 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2019, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 9th.

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

The 2017 SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES program follow.

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

- SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of November 2018 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an “A” would be \$2,610.

- The student-volunteer will receive reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA.

- The number of credits supported by the program; full or part time; covers a Bachelors Degree or up to 120 credits (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours).

- **The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Spring Semester is February 1, 2019.** Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

- **For more information about SERVES go to**

- www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.

- This is NOT an educational program; it is a retention program designed to help keep Members in the Volunteer Fire & EMS Service.

2019 Election Results – Corporate Officers - Secretary Bob Franz

The 2019 Corporate Officers Elected at the Board of Directors Meeting December 20, 2018:

President Seth Fischer

Vice-President Ann Schwartz

Treasurer Brian Canty

Secretary Bob Franz

Elections - Secretary Bob Franz

Thanks to Annette Hershkowitz for supervising the annual election and her committee for all their preparation and hard work to have the election process run so smoothly. Election ballot sign in, dues collection, distribution of holiday gift card, member ID cards and 50th Anniversary Journals: Christine Roulo, Peter Nakelski, Jean Giacomini, Andrea Golinsky, Carolyn Mullen, Martha Brenner, Christine Tedone, Gina Angevine, Roxanne Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Richard Cortes, Israel Cortes and Equislaure Gabriel. Vote Counters: Joanne Vogel, Pete Nakelski and Christine Roulo. Preparation of the ballot sign in roster: James Mallilo. Thanks to Christine Roulo for ordering & coordinating the delivery of the SC Board of Elections voting machine and arranging for SCBOE custodian Bob Sarducci.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or e-mail Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).

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Explorer Post 215- Susanna Otto & Brian Canty - A Fundraiser Pasta Dinner will take place at HCFAS HQ on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Please come out and support our Explorers.

Peer Review Committee – John Mancino & Fiona Witkowski - On January 17, 2018 there will be a Stop the Bleed course. This is a non-core CME Class. On February 6, 2019 there will be a Long Island Prep Seminar on Fentanyl and Carfentanyl. All the members are welcome and invited to attend. Future classes are in progress: Writing a good e-PCR and Delivering a Baby.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy & Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contacts Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month. We are Seeking to expand the committee with Articles.

Stand-by Committee – Eric Nazinisky – Crews needed for Commack Ambulance Stand-by. See Bulletin Board located in the ready room for Details.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – The March 2, 2019 Installation Dinner Dance RSVP's were due by January 9, 2019. If you are attending with a guest please make sure that you respond with a guest.

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations received \$89,307.00 as of 2018. We have received \$1,620.00 to date. First wave is going out on March 15, 2019.

Old Business:

Martha Brenner – Still has the HCFAS Journals and Blue Hoodies. If you need one or have not yet received a Journal or a Blue Hoodie please contact Martha.

New Business:

Joanne Cunningham - The sign-up sheet for Weight Watchers is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Ready Room.

Lehti Laas – Thanked Mary Brenner and Peter Nakelski for their Fund Drive work. Some of the funds will be used for the Jiminy Peak Ski Trip Scheduled for February 23, 2019. Lehti needs a minimum of 40 people to sign up for this Event. If interested in attending please contact Lehti.

Andrew Campagnola – I don't feel it was right that I was not allowed to speak at the previous meeting on the By-Laws amendment and supported this with a reading of the By-Laws amendment section. He said it is beneficial to discuss these matters before the day that we vote on them in case questions arise that can be addressed without having to waste more time before bringing it back for a vote.

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Closing:

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Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 74, Probationary 9, Total: 83

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: January 20, 2019

Approved: February 11, 2019

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2019 General Membership Meeting
Date: February 11, 2019

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46 **Get Well Wishes, Prayers and Congratulations:**

47 It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of Keith Albano, son of Israel Cortes. Our
48 thoughts and prayers are with the entire Cortes Family: Richie, Roxanne, Stephanie and Vanessa.
49 Stay strong guys.

50 Peter Nakelski is in Glen Cove recovering and doing very well. Calls and visits are welcome.

51 I am pleased to announce that Patricia Reciniello is back home. Please no calls and no visits at
52 this time. Get Well wishes, thoughts and prayers are sent to Trish for a complete and speedy
53 recovery.

54 Now, I have some great news. The biggest Congratulations to Susanna (Sue) Otto on her recent
55 Engagement to Andrew DeCarlo. We are all very happy for Sue.

56 **Longevity Awards (Length of Service):**

57 58 **President Seth Fischer made an announcement for Length of Service Awards:**

60 **15 Years of Service**

61 Alyssa Axelrod #1102

63 **5 Years of Service**

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67 **Secretary's Report Robert Franz**

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69 Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Tyler Gibbs to approve the January 14, 2019 General
70 Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

71 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

72 Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered: Kathy Leonard and an anonymous
73 couple with a \$250.00 Donation; Stand Bys - Community Ambulance Company (Sayville) and
74 Commack Volunteer Ambulance Company; Good & Welfare: Margaret Cornelius and Mary
75 Jane Woznick. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

76 77 **President's Report Seth Fischer**

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79 Good Evening everyone and thank you for attending the second General Membership Meeting
80 of the year.

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82 We made it through the first 30 days of the year and as you all know it has been a rough patch;
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- HCFAS has received a Statement of Deficiency (SOD) from the Department of Health, based on a member providing patient care on expired credentials. In response, we have provided the DOH with a detailed description of proactive measures being taken and engaged legal counsel to ensure this will not happen in the future.

Our Chiefs and Operational Officers:

- Have laminated all your cards and-mandated that they be on your person on all calls.
- Will be requiring that checkouts be done with regularity to be prepared for future DOH random spot checks either at our building or at Huntington Hospital.
- Will be recommending that such other regulations that they feel may be necessary to ensure our continued excellence.

Your Chiefs and Day Captains have done an amazing job keeping us all in line and I appreciate their efforts. A special thanks to our First Deputy Chief Liz Wuestman who has lead this charge for laminating y our licenses and credentials.

As a reminder the DOH is watching, so please continue to do your check outs and always carry your credentials.

If anyone has any questions, it would be my pleasure to speak with you or if you would like me to speak with your shift to answer any questions or concerns please let me know and I will make myself available to come down to the building to discuss with your group as a whole. My e-mail address is sethfischer11@gmail.com and my cell is 631-697-6286, just say the word.

In other news we got the green light, for lack of a better phrase, to review the final plans with the TOH on the traffic light for the front of our building. Secretary Franz, Chief Dispatcher Barker and I met with Town of Huntington officials to review the schematics. These will be operated remotely by our dispatchers when ambulances are leaving or returning back to headquarters. There will also be visible white markings on the street, along with permanent signs, alerting motorists what is ahead. As there are three additional Town Board meetings that need to occur in the interim, we are looking to break ground and begin the work around May/June time frame (the ground temperature needs to be above 40 degrees anyway). As your safety is always my number one concern, please continue to use your emergency lights when leaving and returning to HCFAS headquarters.

Let's all keep up the great work that we always do.

President Fischer responded to various questions that were asked by various members pertaining to the NYS DOH SOD and possible future actions.

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Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

The Town agreement has not been finalized and signed. Therefore, we have no money coming in.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Absent - Report Posted and Given by First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman

Thank you all for your continued hard work. The officers and members have been doing a great job and it shows with our low 24 Rate. This is something to be very proud of. Keep up the good work!

Announcements:

This year's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 10th. If you would like to participate the sign-up sheet is located in the ready room. We will be meeting at HCFAS HQ in Class "A" Uniform no later than 12:45 PM.

The minimum amount of participants for the squad Ski trip was not met, so unfortunately it has been cancelled. I want to thank the Board of Directors for supporting the Motion for this trip. I'm hopeful that we will have more opportunities like this in the future.

Length of Service Awards:

15 Years - Alyssa Axelrod, #1102

5 Years - Diane Muszynski, #1417

First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Report Posted

Reminders:

Please remember to punch in and out of every shift on the same shift that you punched in on.

Please collect your laminated certification cards/licenses tonight. For those of you who haven't handed them in please do so. If you are not a Driver/Crew Leader thank you for providing me with your most updated cards however we did not laminate them as this is not something the state requires, we will work on this at a later date for those of you who want a laminated copy.

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Please take a minute to welcome and get to know our new members: This past week we approved five new members: Tristan Liu (Saturday 1500 Shift), Joseph Savaglio (Wednesday 0700 Shift), Jonathan Guarino (Wednesday 1500 Shift), Nicole Campbell (Tuesday 0700 Shift) and Kimberly Reyes- Flores (Thursday 1500 Shift).

As always, I am a phone call away whether it be my personal cell: 631-418-5596 and my Chief's phone: 631-487-7571.

Huntington Chiefs' Council 2019 Memorial Scholarship Applications are on the mail folder counter.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman

The February review training has been posted. It is on Sexual Harassment which is an annual compliance requirement. Please complete the training as soon as possible.

On Thursday February 28th at 7:00 PM, Dr. Brandler will be presenting on Cardiac Arrest and Death.

Mark Brenner will be offering a 1-hour non-core CME after the March GMM. The topic will be "Infusing Caring Into Emergency Medical Care." Thank you to Mark for his presentation on Part 800 after the January GMM.

On Tuesday March 12th, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Colby Rowe will be returning to present on Trauma Pre-Notification and a call review of patients we have transported to Stony Brook Hospital. Schedule permitting, Colby will be joined by Dr. Vossinkler, Chief of Trauma at Stony Brook Hospital.

We have changed CPAP devices to the Flow Safe II EZ device. A sample is in the ready room and a training e-mail will be going out to all ALS providers. If anyone has any questions or any concerns please reach out to me.

Thank you for all your hard work, efforts and continued dedication to HCFAS.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Please be careful with the Trucks. We have already had too many accidents this year. There are many little items that need repair and we are working on it.

Unit 80 is now back in service after a lengthy repair. Unit 82 is currently undergoing repairs. The WiFi/Cellular/GPS antennas were installed on Unit 82 prior to the accident, so after it is repaired, it will be fully EPCR compatible.

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More mechanical issues were discovered on Unit 19 and it is still being repaired by Ford. After it returns we will try to have the damage from last year's accidents repaired before it goes back into service.

Unit 18 had an extensive engine repair and is now running well.

Thank you to Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como and Chief Michael Como for covering 33 responsibilities while I was on vacation.

Thank you to Dale Bartolomeo for removing the old Laptop mount from Unit 2-15-20.

Thank You to Tim Ebert, Mark Brenner and Pam Brenner Davis for retrieving Unit 80 from 9th Street Auto and switching equipment around to stock it.

Please remember to fill out a hospital restock form so that the squad can recover supplies from the Hospital in a one for one exchange for what we used. The forms are now available at headquarters in addition to the hospital. The hospital sticker is not mandatory. It goes in the restock mailbox at headquarters after it is completed.

Lifepaks and Lucas devices were all serviced. We are making sure that the service contracts on the stretchers and power lifts are all up to date.

Extra regulators will be stocked on all the Ambulances.

In Ambulance charges have been purchased for the EPCR Laptops and will be stocked on The Ambulances.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

February calls as of 1200 Hours today: 182 calls, 0 signal 24's, 16.5 calls/day.

Year to Date we have two (2) signal 24's on 649 calls for a rate of .003%.....Fantastic!

During the past months, four members have passed the Dispatch test, fourteen have attended Dispatch classes and six members are scheduled to attend a class tomorrow evening. Five new members were accepted at the Board meeting last Thursday and we are committed to having them pass Dispatch training within three months of their first shift.

THANK YOU to the crews who are telling the Dispatcher who is responding on the call. It makes our job so much easier. Much improved from the previous quarter. We still have work to acclimate the Paramedics but we do appreciate your efforts.

Last month's Review Training on the difference between "RMA" and "Unfounded" posed many questions about the difference between "Unfounded" and "No Patient Found." With apologies to Dan Quayle: "Potato/Potatoe." While it may have torpedoed this politician's career it makes no difference here. Thanks to Jim Mallilo, "No Patient Found" is no longer to be found so now you just input "Unfounded."

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Please do not use “Negative Transport.” This does not answer the question. When the ambulance does **not** transport, please add, “Unfounded, RMA, Cancelled, or Signal 50.”

Last, but not least, if you receive a call from the Lloyd Harbor Police Department, Huntington Manor or Huntington Fire Department, please handle the call the same as if you received it from Med Com. Send out an ambulance or page out for a crew and start the call manually in the CAD. Please do not tell them they have to call 911.

Thank you for all you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Firstly, I would to thank all the members of Company One for their dedication. I would also like to recognize the members of the 15:00-19:00 Shift for assisting the officers and Day Captains as we checked out all the ambulances prior to the DOH visit.

Additionally, thanks to the members who came in on Super Bowl Sunday to cover multiple open shifts and calls. I’m especially grateful to all of you who do multiple shifts and those who come in to cover shifts.

The 2300 shift is still in need of a permanent Dispatcher and a second due crew. This shift will continue to need help for some time, so if you can come in, please let me know.

Finally, please extend a warm welcome to new Member, Fabrizia Maiello on the 07:00 Shift.

Monday Co. 2 Captain’s Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted

Thank you to Company 2 Members and many Company 8 Members for always doing your best to keep the calls covered and things running smoothly on Monday’s keeping us 24 free.

Please always make sure that you have your Driver ID if you are indeed a Driver and your EMT B-CC-P credentials on your person while on duty {of course unexpired}.

My schedule will be posted each week usually three days prior to Monday on the bulletin board downstairs, on our private FB page or in a blast e-mail. There is always help needed somewhere, so if you need to make up hours or just want to come in and help out that is always good, I ask that you please inform me ahead of time so that I can adjust the schedule to stay problem free.

Be safe.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain’s Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

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A huge thank you to all the Tuesday Members! The first month was a very busy month; in the first five weeks we had three days of over twenty calls a day. We were able to handle every call.

Thank you to everyone who has come in and help filled shifts that are in desperate need of assistance!

Help is still needed on the following Shifts, 1st Due Crew on the 2300 Shift, 2nd Due CL on the 0700 Shift, 2nd Due Driver on the 1100 Shift and a 2nd Due CL for the 1500 Shift. If anyone is able to help out please let me know!

Also, I will be working next Tuesday and I am looking for a few extra people to help out throughout the day and night! If anyone is around please let me know! Thank you again!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

January was a pretty crazy month for Wednesday's. On January 30th, the 0700 Shift had 11 calls back to back and got them ALL covered with just a few crews. They cleared out the truck room and worked as a well-oiled machine. Shout out to Bob Biersack, Steven Benjamin, Chief Mike Como, President Seth Fischer, Andrew Giusto, Michaela Ryan and Captain Andrew Taylor for covering those calls through multiple quick turn arounds and also to Member Emily Schaffert for her outstanding Dispatch skills in handling it all.

Thank you to the new member committee and to Mary Winter for your help in getting more members on Wednesday's, while it has been a labor of love to get the shifts filled, I am grateful to all of the help I have had. Thank you to those who consistently help out, you know who you are.

With that said, Wednesday's could almost always use help on the 0700, 1100 and 1500 Shifts. If you are ever interested in coming down, PLEASE reach out to me.

Have a wonderful February and a Happy Valentine's Day!

See you next month.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

New Member who is not present tonight:

Kimberly Reyes-Flores	Thursday 1500 Shift	Starting on 2/14/19
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Help is needed, Drivers and Crew Leaders for the 0700, 1100, 1500, 2300 Shifts. I could really use company 8 members to help out. Members who love to ride; I have great opportunities for you.

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I will be out of the country and could use help February 28th and March 7th if anyone could step up and help that would be great.

On Thursday, 2/14/19, I will only be around for the morning shifts, if you need anything such as your \$10.00 allowance, please reach out to me.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted and Given by Day Captain John Mancino

My deepest condolences to the entire Cortes family. I will continue to keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Karl Forsberg on passing his Dispatch test and to Christina Denker on her completion of Probation.

I need a second due crew for the 0700 Shift and First Aider's on every shift. Please let me know if you want to help out.

Thank you all for all you do! Have a Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted and Given by First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays. Just to note certain members that have responded to signal three (3) calls and coverage from these past few weekends.

These Members are:

Chief Michael Como, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Sunday Day Captain William Connolly, Melissa Anastos, Andrew Giusto, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Matthew Valle, Douglas Mayer, Brian Canty, Jeffery Brenner, Richard Cortes, Jonathan Domanick, Kimberly Prestin, Lauren Aviles, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Deborah Rudilosso, Tim Quigley, Gary Brandel, Bazeel Walters, Hank Waldron, Fiona Witkowski, Patrick Donegan, Jack Kovalsky, Paul Bayer, Pamela Brenner Davis and Keith Davis. If I have forgotten anybody, please let me know. I do apologize for this.

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure that we have two crews available. Thank you to all the Company 7 Members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

I wanted to say welcome new member EMT Tristan Liu, Badge #1548 on the Saturday 1500 Shift. Tristan Liu is excited to be part of HCFAS and cannot wait to help out in the community we serve.

I want to Thank You to Second Deputy Chief Chief Ryane Como and Sunday Day Captain William Connolly for Covering me this past weekend. Saturday had 16 calls and the crews covered them all. Great job everyone.

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Saturday's need help throughout the day but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

EMS Organization Meetings – Andrea Golinsky

LI Fire EMS Mega Show at SCCC on Saturday, 2/16/19 and Sunday, 2/17/19. NYSVARA will have a booth at show. Please drop by and say hello.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assoc. District 7 – Tuesday, 2/19/19 8:00 PM at North Amityville FD.

SC Recruitment Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 2/20/19 6:00 PM at FRES in Yaphank.

Suffolk County Ambulance Assoc – Wednesday, 2/20/19 7:30 PM at Wyandanch Wheatley Heights Ambulance.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Assoc. Board Meeting – Saturday, March 9, 2019 in Suffern, NY.

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2018 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2018.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2018 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2018 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 with the Town of Huntington Assessor is Friday March 1, 2019 for property tax year 12/01/19 to 11/30/20. 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, 2019, 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 3/1/19 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/19), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 8, 2019. To be eligible, your name or your name and your spouse's 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, 2019.

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For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2019, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631-421-9121 or e-mail robo4200@hotmail.com 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 3/01/19 because you intend to take the \$200.00 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2019, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 9th.

Peer Review Committee – John Mancino & Fiona Witkowski – See e-mails and Bulletin Board for Future Classes. E-mails sent yesterday: Thursday, 2/28/19 - Cardiac Arrest and Death and on Tuesday, 3/12/19 - Trauma Pre-Notification and Call Review of Patients that HCFAS transported to Stony Brook Hospital.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy & Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Stand-by – Julia Vodopia – Full Crews and Bike Team Members are needed for upcoming stand-by's. There will be a 5K Run at Caumsett State Park, Saint Patrick's Day Run, another 5K Run and a Stand-by in Yaphank. All the details will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Ready Room and via blast e-mail. Julia also said if you are interested in participating as a runner in any of the 5K Runs please contact her.

Special Events – Brian Canty – I have noticed people have placed members names and guests that have not responded and/or are not attending. If people who have not responded names are on any tables, they will be removed and replaced with people who have responded that are not assigned tables.

Please verify each person that was written down has indeed responded. I will be removing the sheets on Friday, the 15th, if your name is on a table and you did not respond, you will not be added. **YOU MUST RSVP.**

EMS Week will begin on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations to date this year \$2,465.00. There is no money coming in. Donation envelopes are at the Printers and Fund Drive hopes to mail them out by March 1, 2019.

Hands Only CPR – Kathleen Castillo & Kelly Murphy - We have an HOCPR demonstration on Thursday, March 7th, 2019 at HQ. If you're interested in seeing what we do, come check it out! We're expecting around 30 kids.

Old Business: None

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New Business:

John Mancino inquired about the HCFAS Pension increase to \$30.00. President Fischer stated that this issue will be revisited with the Town of Huntington in March or April 2019 as well as lowering the benefit entitlement age.

Martha Brenner made a request to please announce HCFAS Awards in the Monthly Pulse so that members are made aware that they are receiving an Award. First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman agrees and stated, “absolutely”.

Mary Brenner stated that Pete Nakelski is doing very well and he hopes to be attending the Installation Dinner in March.

Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman requests that all accidents with any of the HCFAS vehicles must be reported and to report all accidents to him immediately. He also urges everyone to please drive very carefully.

President Seth Fischer thanked the CME Committee for the great job that they are doing. Seth also thanked Julia Vodopia for a job well done with the Stand by Committee.

Mary Winter asked that the members be informed of any Classes that will be given at the Squad.

Lehti Laas informed the members that the new Facebook Chairperson is John Mancino. Other Members on the committee are Alyssa Axelrod, Brian Canty and Seth Fischer. Please see John first for any Facebook issues.

John Palmieri made a proposal for the Squad to donate money to the Cortes Family for Funeral expenses for Israel’s Son, Keith Albano. Brian Canty replied that the Benevolent Committee has already been contacted and HCFAS will make a donation to the Cortes Family.

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Congratulations, Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

Many Congratulations to Member Audin Delva on the Birth of his Baby Boy, Audric Felipe, who was born on February 25th, 2019 weighing in at 7 Pounds and 14 Ounces.

Get Well Wishes are being sent to Erika Vogel, Mother of Joanne Vogel and Heidi Magerle.

We need tremendous healing thoughts and many prayers for Patricia (Trish) Reciniello as she is back at Columbia Presbyterian in New York City. Please no calls or visits at this time.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service): Presented by President Seth Fischer – Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

20 Years of Service

Fernando Rivadeneira #965

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Dale Bartolomeo to approve the February 11, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

(If you can help at all please let me know)

Thank you letters and cards received for: Stand Bys – Greenlawn Fire Department and Hampton Bays Volunteer Ambulance Corp; Good & Welfare: Albano Family – for our thoughtfulness and kindness; 50th Anniversary Journal – TOH Supervisor Chad Lupinacci. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report

Seth Fischer

Happy March Everyone, I hope you are all well!

It's already March and we are moving along very well. There is tremendous forward momentum from the Chief's Office and I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication. On behalf of the Board of Directors we are truly impressed by what Chief Como has accomplished leading his team thus far. Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como is getting our review trainings out on time, managing our credentials and putting together some awesome classes for our members. First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman who has ensured us that the laminated credentials are finished. She has done an amazing job putting a comprehensive system in place from an Operational level to manage all credentials moving forward (Awesome job). Third Deputy David Kaufman has been doing a phenomenal job of managing our fleet and our ambulances are looking better every day. We should be very proud of our Operational Officers and how they have tackled their first 60 days thus far.

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With regards to our check outs, we still need to do a better job. As I mentioned last month, we are still under a microscope and I am sure that no one wants to be the crew to be dinged for something by the DOH. There is a reason why ALL ambulances need to be checked out regularly. HCFAS is synonymous for running multiple alarms at a time and obviously, our back up crews who call in, are not doing checkouts. They are grabbing a Toughbook and responding to the alarm, hoping what they will need for patient care and Part 800 are on their ambulance. I understand that we are super busy at some points throughout the day and night but please make sure that our ambulances are checked out and ready to hit the road. Paramount to anything else is the fact that our residents rely on us to provide the best level of care, but of course, an ambulance inspection at any time is always a possibility.

This month the Board and I will be working on a compliance piece that we need to put in place for Medicare/Medicaid. This is an immediate need for our organization based on our level of billing. There are meetings planned in the immediate future and I will provide more information at our April GMM.

Special Thanks to Treasurer Brian Canty, Joanne Vogel and Sue Siebel. They all worked very hard on our Installation Dinner. I thank you all for your very hard work.

March looks like it's coming in like a Lion, so please use caution when operating an ambulance. Be aware of your scene safety at all times.

I am also looking for your help and guidance to make your volunteer experience at HCFAS a good time for all. I ask that you email me (sethfischer11@gmail.com) your suggestions and ideas that would enhance your experience at the Squad including activities that you think would work with everyone.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – Response to Question: The 2019 HCFAS Contract is signed and we are being paid.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Good Evening Everyone,

As we enter March our agency has responded to over 1000 calls. Thank you all for your continued hard work. Our 24 rate continues to remain low thanks to the efforts of on duty crews and those members that answer up on signal 3's. As a way of saying "Thank You" to members that answer up on signal 3's we will be starting a gift card raffle at next month's GMM. Every time a member answers up they will get one entry into the raffle. The Officers will not be included in the raffle.

Although, I couldn't be happier with everyone's efforts this year, there are a handful of members that have gone above and beyond and deserve to be recognized for their efforts.

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They have done extra shifts, come in for numerous backup calls and helped with committee work.

Bobby Loysch

Tom O'Leary

Andrew Taylor

Fiona Witkowski

Bob Biersack

Bill Connolly

Christina Denker

Brandon Eybergen

Thank you to everyone that came in to help with the Saint Patrick's Day Parade work detail. The following members helped: Felix Rivera-Medina, Solomon Walden, Dominic Heavey, Doug Mayer, Fabrizia Maiello, Julia Vodopia, David Kaufman and Andrew Taylor. Also, helping from the Post were Christopher Diaz, Isabella Fiorio and Ben Curry.

Although it was a cold and rainy parade yesterday, it was my pleasure marching with all of you. Thank you to Brian Canty and Dave Mohr for the great food we got to enjoy after the parade.

We will have Suffolk County Police recruits that are taking an EMT class come in to ride with us April 1st - April 4th. We will have (2) students at a time from 0700-1500 and 1500-2300 Shifts. Please make them feel welcome when you see them.

An MRI trailer is now parked in front of the entrance to the old Emergency Room. I saw it when I drove an ambulance to the hospital this morning. It's enormous and very much in the way. Due to the needs of the hospital (complete magnet change-out for current MRI) it will be parked there until April 5th. Drivers, please exercise caution when you maneuver the ambulances at the hospital.

Length of Service Awards:

10 Years of Service

Suzie Biagi - #1251

Tyler Gibbs - #1252

Sheryl Roach - #1253

15 Years of Service

Samantha Ryan - #1108

2018 Awards:

Thomas O'Leary, #1187 - Top Responder for 2018

Michael Jacoby, #1514 - Crew of Excellence 2018

Esteban Lopez, #1519 - Probationary Member of the Year 2018

Outgoing Officers and Directors:

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Andrew Campagnola - #1352 - Captain
Ryane Como - #1462 - Captain
David Kaufman - #1390 - Captain
Elizabeth Mohr - #1292 - 1st Deputy Chief
Keith Rubenstein - #1154 - 2nd Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Brenner - #1135 - 3rd Deputy Chief
Patricia Tufo - #1242 - Chief Dispatcher
Richard Stone - #1149 - Director
Keith Tamayo - #1435 - Director

First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Report Posted

The end of the first quarter of 2019 is near! I am so thankful to each and every member that has helped achieve some of the goals we had set out in the beginning of the year. I look forward to accomplishing so many more. As first deputy I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of our new members and forming even stronger relationships with many other members. Please reach out whether to say hello, ask questions, or personnel related discussions, I am a resource and want to ensure each and every member feels at home here at HCFAS.

Finger Reads... Please, please, please, remember to punch in and out on the same shift. I have absolutely no problem adjusting finger reads for those rare times you forget to do so, however we have 267 active members and you can imagine how many finger reader forms that can build up in just a short period of time.

Hours... The end of the 1st quarter is March 31st please make up any missed shifts, look for mismatches in your finger reads and speak with your captains if you have had any recent family obligations or illness that may have impacted your hours this quarter. I have asked all day captains to run hours mid quarter and notify anyone who may have been short, I will be reminding them to do so for the remainder of the year, however this is a courtesy and ultimately your responsibility to track your hours. Your attendance and our low 24 rate is in direct correlation of one another, without you we would not be able to successfully serve our community! Thank you for your service.

Longevity Awards... It was brought to my attention at the February GMM that we once published our longevity awards in the pulse article. That week I sat down in front of SCM and put together a list for the next year that will be published in the pulse for the appropriate month for the remainder of the year. If anyone else ever has ideas of how to improve the HCFAS experience and access to information, please share with your officers, we want to help!

Members interested in driving and qualify to become drivers, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

Laminated Certifications... Please collect your laminated certifications from your Day Captains. If you have not already handed in your certifications to be laminated please place them in my mailbox.

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted

Review Training:

- March Review Training is out on “Transport Decisions and Hospital Destinations”
- February Review Training on “Sexual Harassment” is mandatory and must be completed by March 30th

Upcoming Trainings/CME's:

- After the meeting Mark Brenner will be holding a one hour non-core CME on “Infusing Care into EMS”
- Tomorrow, March 12th at 1900 hours Colby Rowe from Stony Brook Hospital will be presenting on “Trauma Pre-Notification” and a call review of our patients transported to SBH
- Thursday April 4th at 1900 Dr. Robert Scanlon will be presenting on “Labor and Delivery in the Field”

New ALS equipment

- EZ Flow Safe II CPAP devices were deployed last Sunday and are located in clear plastic containers in the ALS cabinets. They are not sealed, but the expiration dates are clearly visible through the lid so that they can be recorded on the checkout sheets. A huge thank you to Alyssa Axelrod for her help.

QA/QI Update

- The QA/QI committee met with our medical director Dr. Brandler and will be focused on a specific project over the next few months. We will be focusing on chest pain and asthma call reviews. Our goal is to ensure that providers are both following protocol and documenting it on their PCRs in the flowchart and narrative. We will be posting the results of our first review to see how compliant our calls are with protocol and working from there for a goal of 95% adherence. Gail Glister and Allison Russo will be sending messages to CL's through ESO and enlisting the help of the Day Captains for any needed re-education. Thank you to Gail, Allison and Fiona for their dedication to improving our QA/QI committee.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

The parade work detail was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped out. All vehicles were washed and many were cleaned inside.

The broken stretcher from Unit 17 was repaired.

Unit 19 is currently at a body shop to have the dent on the module repaired and the roof refinished. They are making good progress.

The backup camera repair on Unit 20 is still in progress.

Unit 21 is currently having new rub rails installed.

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Unit 82 is back in service. The push bar is backordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

There are now extra regulators in the airway cabinet.

There are now portable EPCR laptop chargers in all the ambulances and in 81. They are either in the glove compartment or in the center front cabinet of the patient compartment with the pediatric pouch.

Thank you to Chief Michael Como for installing new modems in all the LifePak 15 Monitors. This should eliminate any issues with transmitting EKG's.

Thank you to Mike Capotosto for assisting me in ordering and installing a new clock in Unit 21.

Thank you to everyone who has helped wash the ambulances and fly cars so far this winter. A few I saw recently were Gary Brandel, Andrew Taylor, Jordan Drelich and Paul Bayer.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

March calls as of 1200 today: **168** calls, **0** signal 24's, **15.3** calls/day.

YTD we have **8** signal 24's on **1149** calls for a rate of **.7%**. Fantastic!

Two members passed dispatch tests yesterday: **Carolyn Mullen** #0072 and Post member **Jackie Callinan** #500165. Congratulations.

Three members took their Advanced Dispatch Class on Saturday and will be tested next weekend. Wish them luck.

The six new members who joined since January 2nd have all taken their Dispatch Class #1 and are eagerly awaiting Class #2 later this month. The gaggle of members who took Class #2 last weekend will take the Advanced Class early next month. You will be seeing a lot of new faces on the ambulances soon.

Crew Leaders, just as you did with the paper PCR's, you need to create an electronic PCR for all calls that are cancelled, unfounded, RMA, or signal 50. There has to be an e-PCR that matches with the CAD record for every call that we receive.

Dispatchers, the success of the new Back-up call incentive program announced by Chief Como is up to us. We **MUST** remember to enter "**Rescue**" to the CAD personnel records for all members who answer a signal 3. Whenever anyone comes to the building or goes to the scene in response to your signal 3, please make sure their name and "**Rescue**" is in the CAD so they can have their chance to win the gift card.

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Finally, last but not least, if the crew does **not** transport, there has to be a reason clicked into the CAD – call cancelled, unfounded, RMA or signal 50. Please don't type the reason into the white box; Click the "signal" menu and inputting the reason is the only way the call can be closed.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Thank you to you all who make Sunday's run so well. Lots of big news to share. I would like to congratulate 2 new Crew Leaders: Lauren Stalzer and Erik Krisch and to Company 1's newest Driver, Jaclyn Rittershaus. Also, congratulations to Julia Vodopia and Joseph Corcoran for coming off probation. I would like to thank the members who answer up on calls every day, your dedication and willingness to give more is greatly appreciated.

Sundays has a new member Felix Rivera Medina. Welcome! The 2300 shift is still in need of a Dispatcher and a Driver. If you are available to cover shifts or in need of Driver training please feel free to contact me at Sunday.captain@hcfas.org.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted

In like a lion, out like a lamb. March is always fun between the crazy weather, marching in the Saint Patrick's Day parade, the Installation Dinner and looking forward to new beginnings.

- I would like to welcome Equislaure Gabriel a/k/a KIKI to the Monday 1900 shift as our FA. KIKI always brings a smile and is super smart and friendly.
- Congratulations to Solomon Walden on passing the dispatch test, ambulance orientation becoming a FA and starting the ACL program. Thank you, Solomon for always staying for a double shift whenever I ask for your help.
- Congratulations to Kristin Tiersch on becoming a CL and starting the DR TR program. Thank you, Kristin for coming in and covering multiple shifts almost every week, you're the best!

Thanks to all the Company 2 members and so many other wonderful members that continually show up to cover shifts or answer up to our pages we are still rocking with NO 24's !!!

What Monday needs:

0700 1st due CL, 2nd due DR, ALS, FA's
1100 1st due CL/DR, 2nd due CL, ALS, FA
1500 1st due ALS, 2nd due DR, FA
1900 2nd due ALS
2300 1st due ALS, 2nd due ALS and FA.

Please reach out to me if you are ever available to cover these positions.

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I would like to wish everyone Irish or not a very Happy Saint Patrick's Day!!!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone who has come down and helped Tuesday's out! We remain busy as always and could always use the extra help. A first due crew is needed for the 2300 shift as well as additional people for the 1500 Shift, if anyone is available please let me know. Welcome to new member Nicole Campbell, she is a new member on the Tuesday 0700 Shift!

Thank you do the following people for helping out on the overnight for the past few weeks, Brandon, Kristen, Eric, Jack, Jon, Bedel and Kristin T.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

Happy almost spring! The weather is finally getting warmer and I'm excited for the days to get longer. Wednesday's have been going well and have welcomed a couple of new members, Joseph Savaglio #1549 to the 0700 shift and Jonathan Guarino #1550 to the 1500 shift. We are so excited to have you! Thank you to Brian Canty and the special events committee on a beautiful Installation Dinner, it was a fabulous night.

While Wednesday has not been the easiest day to have as far as staffing, I am lucky to have some wonderful humans who consistently help out so special thanks to Fiona Witowski, Bob Biersack, Steven Benjamin, Seth Fischer, Israel Cortes, Hank Waldron, Spencer Newman and many others for all the extra shifts you do on Wednesday's! Thank you to Mary Winter for making regular calls for me as well. You are all very appreciated.

Wednesdays could ALWAYS use help on the 0700, 1100 and 1500 shifts. If you can come on down you are always welcome. Thank you to everyone for your continued dedication to our organization and our community.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

New Member who is not present tonight: Kimberly Reyes-Flores, Thursday 1500 Shift, Starting on 2/14/19.

I was out of the country and working the last 3/4 weeks, I really want to thank everyone who came out to help, I could not have been done without you. We had 2 fire standbys and lots of calls on the various 1500 shifts and thanks to everyone we had no 24's. So again, thank you.

Help is needed, Drivers and Crew Leaders for the 0700, 1100, 1500, 2300 Shifts. I could really use company 8 members to help out. Members who love to ride; I have great opportunities for you.

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406 I want to personally extend my congratulations to Thursday, Company 5 Member Fiona for
407 being awarded BLS provider of the year, very well deserved.

408 Everyone, please do checkouts as this is important not just for the agency but for the
409 communities in which we serve

410 I'll be in on every shift this week if we need to fix anything.

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412 **Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted and Given**
413 **by Captain Kelly Murphy**

414 A huge shout out to those who reported to this past Fridays MCI this past Friday, March 8th.

415 We had 15 students at Silas Wood Elementary School treated and/or transported due to Carbon
416 Monoxide exposure. Chief Mike Como established command and notified Med Com that we had
417 an MCI. We were assisted by Melville, Greenlawn, Huntington Manor and Commack covered
418 our district. Thank you all!! Mike Como, Carmen Schlieben, Jack Crane, Rich Gierbolini, James
419 Kelly, Bob Biersack, Seth Fisher, Andrew Taylor, Christina Denker and Bridget Kennedy. Great
420 job by everyone!!

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422 **Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted**
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424 I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays. Just to note certain members that
425 have responded on signal 3 and coverage from these past few weekends. Members are Chief Michael
426 Como, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Sunday Day Captain
427 William Connolly, Melissa Anastos, Andrew Giusto, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Douglas Mayer,
428 Jeffery Brenner, Richard Cortes, Kimberly Prestin, Lauren Aviles, Timothy Quigley, Gary Brandel, Jack
429 Kovalsky and Paul Bayer. If I forgot anybody, please let me know.

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431 We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. And members have consistently offered to
432 do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the company 7 members who have gone
433 above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

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435 I wanted to say congratulation to Member #1541 Kimberly Prestin for passing her Dispatch Examination.
436 Kim is now doing Ambulance Orientation and riding as she is getting more experience for her EMT
437 Class. Great job, Kim.

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439 I wanted to wish a **Happy 22nd Year Anniversary** to Member #1029 - Ona Mastroianni and her
440 husband.

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442 I wanted to say Congratulations to Brandon Eybergen #1512 on becoming a Driver.

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444 I wanted to say best of luck to our members who are in the Driver Training Program: Jordan Drelich
445 #1527, David Villegas #1472 and Gerardo Vasquez #1055.

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I want to Thank You to Chief Michael Como, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Sunday Day Captain Bill Connolly and Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy for Covering me this past weekend. Saturday had all calls covered, thanks to those members who have responded. Great job everyone.

Thank you to all the members, Post #215 members and advisors for doing the work detail for Sunday Parade.

Fritz Family need prayers as losing a love one is never easy. Prayers to him and the family in this difficult time.

Saturdays need help throughout the day, but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

EMS Organization meetings – Andrea Golinsky

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 – Tuesday, 3/19/19 8:00 PM at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips. Suffolk County Ambulance Association – Wednesday, 3/20/19 7:30PM at South Country Ambulance. Suffolk REMSCO meeting is tomorrow night at SCEMS Yaphank at 7:00 PM.

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings had to be completed & submitted by December 31, 2018 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2018.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2018 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2018 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

Renewals and new applications and changes from a 5 year exemption to a 20 year exemption covering 115 members have been filed with the Town of Huntington Assessor's office for the year 2019/2020.

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CME Committee – Pamela Brenner Davis – Mark Brenner will be teaching a (1) hour non-core CME class on “Infusing Care into EMS” after the General Membership Meeting. All the members are welcome to attend. – Mark Brenner will also be teaching a rapid CME core session starting July 15, 2019. Details to follow.

Peer Review Committee – John Mancino & Fiona Witkowski – This Tuesday, March 12th at 1900 Hours Colby Rowe will be presenting Trauma Pre-Notification and Trauma Review (Patients transported to Stony Brook Hospital). Thursday, April 4th at 1900, Dr. Scanlon will be presenting Childbirth in the Field. If you plan on attending any of these presentations please RSVP Fiona Witkowski at fiona.witkowski@gmail.com.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy & Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Pulse –Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Stand-by Committee– Eric Nazinitsky, Jaclyn Rittershaus & Julia Vodopia –

A full Crew is needed for the Little Apple Run on April 7th from 0900 until 1200 Hours. The Crew must arrive at Headquarters by 0830 Hours.

A full Crew is needed for the next Yaphank training on April 11th - The crew must arrive at Headquarters at 1730 Hours and leave by 1745 Hours for Yaphank (training begins at 1930 hours).

A Driver is needed for the MCI Drill at Stony Brook University Hospital on April 16th from 0730 until 0930 Hours – Crews must arrive at Headquarters by 0600 hours and get on the road by 0630 hours.

See Bulletin Board/e-mails for upcoming events.

Special Events Committee– Brian Canty – The Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20th, 2019. The New York Mets Game Event is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019. The cost will be \$28.00 per person. (See Conditions for the Mets Game below in the New Business Section). The 2020 HCFAS Annual Installation Dinner Dance has been scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Larkfield Manor.

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner & Pete Nakelski – Total Donations collected for this year are \$3,095.00. The Fund Drive Mailings will be going out next week.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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Mark Brenner informed the Members that New York State EMS is now permitting 17 year old individuals to become New York State Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT'S). He asked if HCFAS will be amending the current By-Laws and SOP's concerning this new change in Law. President Fischer informed the Members that this issue is on the Agenda.

Mark Brenner asked the Chief if our Squad Medical Director was in favor of HCFAS becoming a Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) Agency. The Chief indicated that Dr. Brandler is supportive of us becoming a RSQI agency following the results of data from the ePCRs.

John Mancino inquired about the Bridge Program (CC to P). He asked if there would be an SOP amendment for this Program. President Fischer replied that this issue is on the radar.

Brian Canty – “EMS Night” – NY Mets vs Nationals Game on Monday, May 20, 2019. Group purchase promotional cost of \$28.00 per seat for “Big Apple” reserved (B.A.R.) Seats or equal value for members and guests of a Post Member and Guests wishing to attend this game. Bus transportation to and from CitiField has been graciously donated by Member Paul Mori at no cost to HCFAS. Non-member guest(s) attending with the member/post member must pay \$28.00 for their tickets. A check payable to HCFAS for each non-member must be received prior to the purchase of tickets for the member group. Member/Post Member and non-member tickets will be purchased at the same time to ensure that the group sits together. In addition; each squad member signing up for the trip must give the event coordinator Brain Canty a \$28.00 check covering their cost and a separate check for guest(s). Post Members signing up for the trip must give their checks to Sue Otto for \$28.00 covering their cost and a separate check for \$28.00 for each guest(s). In order to guarantee B.A.R. seats all checks must be received by April 5th, 2019. Squad Members/Post Members that attend the game will receive their check back. Members and Post Members who sign up and do not attend will have their checks deposited.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in? The Finger Reader was not working this evening and many Members were not registered. President Seth Fischer was advised of this issue.

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Andrew Taylor, Christy Stiles, Gregory Orr, Angie Kalodukas, Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **Bottle of Wine** – Patricia Tufo
- **Bottle of Wine** – Gregory Orr
- **Bottle of Wine** - Christina Denker

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- 575 ○ **Applebee's Gift Card** – Kathryn Donegan
- 576 ○ **PF Chang's Gift Card** – Christy Stiles
- 577 ○ **Cheesecake Factory Gift Card** – Bob Biersack
- 578 ○ **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Angie Kalodoukas
- 579 ○ **Target Gift Card** – Solomon Walden
- 580 ○ **Starbuck's Gift Card** – Michael Jacoby
- 581 **Sweatshirt** – Evelyn Cruise

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584 **Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Brian Canty to adjourn the meeting at 2020**
585 **hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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587 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 70, Probationary 6, Total: 76

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592 Respectfully Submitted,

593 ***Christine A. Tedone***

594 Recording Secretary

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596 ***Robert J. Franz***

597 Secretary

598 Draft posted: March 22, 2019

599 Approved: April 8, 2019

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Date: April 8, 2019

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	ABSENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 61).

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

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

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Congratulations, Get Well Wishes and Prayers:

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Honorary Chief Gregory Hallinan of the Huntington Fire Department and father of member Karen Martin. Please keep Karen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Ex-Chief Joe D'Andrea. Joe was Member #2, was a founder, Ex-Chief and an Ex-President. We literally owe the existence of our organization to Joe's vision and hard work. A Special thanks for Martha Brenner for helping with the communication with the family throughout this process.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of founding member Margaret Cornelius who was known as Peg to most (#34 and later #704). Margaret, who was a founding member and life member, held the office of director in 1992, 1993 and was Vice President in 1994 and 1995. She was also involved in the Dispatch training committee. We are grateful for her contributions to the squad and we mourn her loss. Wake services will be held at Jacobson Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 10th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM, Squad services are at 7:00 PM in Class A Uniform.

Member Patricia Reciniello needs everyone's thoughts and prayers right now. President Fischer said a few words about Trish and a moment of silence followed.

Day Captains gave several Reports – See Officers' Reports below.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

President Seth Fischer made a Presentation to Secretary Robert Franz for his 40 Years of Service: Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

40 Years of Service

Robert Franz #539

Robert "Bob" Franz – Life Member – Administrative Member – Active Member since 4/02/1979 – Positions Held: Director from 1988-1991, 1999-2000, 2006-2009, Vice President 1992 & 2001, President from 1981-1987, 2002-2005, Secretary from 2010-2019 and Treasurer in 1980.

Committees Served: Document Retention, Finance, Fund Drive, Insurance Committee Chair, Legislative, Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), Property Tax Exemption, Scholarships (HCFAS, NYSVA&RA) and Tax District Committees.

Organizations: Chair of District 7 – NYSVARA, Alternate delegate for HCFAS, Town of Huntington Firefighters/EMS Incentive and Recruitment Enhancement Program (F.I.R.E.), Suffolk County Fire Rescue Emergency Serve (FRES) Recruitment Committee, Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Service Council (REMSCO) and Treasurer of the NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA).

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Bob is also the Recipient of the NYS Assembly EMS Volunteer of the Year and the Suffolk REMSCO Merit Award.

Bob is a tremendous asset to our Organization and we are very blessed and proud to have him as an exemplary Member.

Many Congratulations and many Thanks to Bob for his 40 Years of dedicated and loyal service to our Community and the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Motion by Roger Winter and Seconded by Brian Canty to change the order of the meeting to hear the following SOP Changes:

Reading by David Mohr – Chairman of By-Laws/SOP Committee

Proposed SOP Change - #2-2019

Proposal: To move the exception paragraph below paragraph 3

Background/Justification: the exception line falls between paragraphs 2 and 3. By moving it, it gives the Chief and President more flexibility in a funeral situation.

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

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph's 2 & 3

Section 3 - Funeral Protocols:

1. Death Notice Procedures:

A. Any member receiving information regarding the death of a Charter member, former member, Associate member or a current member or member's immediate family shall immediately notify the Chief and First Deputy Chief.

B. The Chief will immediately notify the President and Secretary, who will, in turn, notify the Good and Welfare Committee.

C. The First Deputy Chief will post the information regarding the death and funeral arrangements in the Ready Room and will notify all Day Captains, who will in turn contact all personnel on their day. The First Deputy Chief will also insure that an announcement regarding the death and funeral arrangements is made to all pager groups via the general page or a special page.

2. Funeral Arrangements:

A. Death of an active or life member, or death of member's parent, step-parent, child or guardian: full Squad funeral service unless otherwise requested by the member or family or if the services for the deceased are not held on Long Island. For an active member or life member, bunting will be displayed and flag flown at half-staff for a period of thirty (30) days. Flowers and/or a fruit basket will be sent in accordance with Good and Welfare Committee protocols.

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B. Death of other relative of Squad member will not be announced except for grandparents and siblings; there will be no formal Squad services but Squad members are encouraged to attend on an individual basis. A representative from the Board of Directors and a representative from the Operational Officers are encouraged to attend the wake and a sympathy card will be sent to the Squad member.

C. Charter member or a former member: same as "2.b." above.

D. Associate member, full Squad funeral services unless otherwise requested by the family or if services are held outside Long Island. Bunting will be displayed and the flag flown at half-staff for a period of one (1) week. A sympathy card will be sent in accordance with Good and Welfare Committee protocols.

~~Deviation from the above rules, including use of an ambulance in the funeral procession, requires approval of the President and Chief.~~

3. Funeral Services:

A. Members will report to the Squad or meet at the funeral home in full uniform, including white shirts, blue pants, blue ties, black shoes and black belt. Red Jackets (either summer or winter weight) may be worn, depending upon the season. Whether jackets will be worn and, B. if so, which jacket will be decided by the Chief and included in the information regarding the funeral arrangements.

C. At the funeral home, members will assemble in two lines. One line will include the Chief, Chief Officers, Captains and Ex-Chiefs, the other the President, Board Officers, other Directors and Past Presidents. All other members will split equally between the two lines. A Squad chaplain (or a member appointed to lead the services) will lead the group into the room. The line led by the Chief will move along the left side of the room, the line led by the President along the right side of the room. Each line will proceed no further than the first row of chairs. All will remain standing throughout the services.

D. When the "chaplain" announces, members from the right line (i.e. behind the Board of Directors) will move in an orderly manner to the casket, pause and pay their respects and then exit to the left. As the members from the right side are coming forward, members from the left side (i.e., behind the Operational Officers) will turn to the rear, and, in file, join the end of the line on the right side. When all the members have filed past the casket, the chaplain will next call up the Ex-Chiefs, Past Presidents, Day Captains, all Board members (except the President), and all Chief Officers (except the Squad Chief) will pay their respects in a similar manner.

E. The Squad Chief and the President will then approach the casket, pay their respects and then offer the condolences of the Corporation and members to the members of the family. They will then file out of the room.

F. In the case of the death of a member, the American flag and the Squad flag are to be placed on either side of the casket with a color guard, prior to the entrance of the Squad members. At the end of the service, the color guard will face the casket, pay their respects and file to the back of the room.

G. Ample time will be allowed for any member who wishes to express personal condolences to do so after the Squad service, before Squad vehicles return to Headquarters.

Any deviation from the Funeral Protocol rules, including use of an ambulance in the funeral procession, requires approval of the President and Chief.

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Discussions Held – Consensus Vote – All in Favor

Reading by David Mohr – Chairman of By-Laws/SOP Committee

Proposed SOP Change - #3-2019

Proposal:

To allow members flexibility in completing their required hours.

Background/Justification:

Members working flexible hours some weeks cannot do a shift, while other weeks they can do multiple shifts.

Non-Company 8 members are not restricted from doing multiple shifts when making up shifts missed.

Balanced with the safety of our members, understanding that the possibility exists that a member might not be able to get rest during a shift, and their patients.

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

Article II, Section 9 – Company 8

The purpose of Company 8 is to enable a member of HCFAS who can no longer maintain a regularly scheduled duty tour to continue their active, operational membership in HCFAS. To request Company 8, a Duty tour Change Request Form (#138) stating the reason(s) for requesting Company 8 status must be submitted to the Chief, with a copy to the First Deputy and the current Day Captain. Documentation supporting the request (i.e., letter from employer, school transcripts) must accompany the form. The request will be reviewed, discussed and voted on at the next scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will continue on his regularly scheduled duty tour, or obtain a replacement of equal or higher status, pending the results of the Officer's meeting. Members requesting Company 8 must be in good standing, be a First Aider or higher in status or a Permanent Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and be prevented by work, school or other situation from fulfilling a regularly scheduled duty tour.

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

A. The member must fill one scheduled duty tour per week (minimum of four hours) and must be on time and in uniform to receive credit for the duty tour. If a member is unable to do a scheduled shift per week, they must notify and receive approval from the First Deputy Chief to do multiple shifts per week, but at no time can this exceed more than sixteen consecutive hours or sixteen hours in any twenty-four hour period. An eight-hour overnight duty tour will count for two consecutive weekly tours.

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

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

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

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

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.

Discussions Held – Suggested changes were made – Consensus Vote - Majority in Favor

Reading by David Mohr – Chairman of By-Laws/SOP Committee

Proposed SOP Change - #4-2019

Proposal:

To add the requirement that members carry their credentials with them at all times while on duty or on a backup call.

Background/Justification:

It is extremely important to have your credentials on you at all time while performing in the capacity of a first responder.

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

Article III, Section 1 – General Rules

Add a new number 1 and renumber the original

1. All members are required to have their credentials on them at all times while on Squad property, in any Squad vehicle, during any non-social Squad function, while on duty or on a back up call. Credentials are defined as and will include the following based on your status:

A. Dispatchers/First Aiders - A current Squad issued Membership Card.

B. Drivers - A current Squad issued Membership Card and a current laminated copy of your driver's license.

C. Crewleaders - A current Squad issued Membership Card and a laminated copy of your EMT-B/CC/P certification.

Discussions Held – Suggested Changes were made – Consensus Vote – Majority in Favor

Reading by David Mohr – Chairman of By-Laws/SOP Committee

Proposed SOP Change - #5-2019

Proposal:

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Change the eligibility criteria and reporting for gift cards.

Background/Justification:

This covers a full year of shifts in calculating the 75% requirement. As it stands now we count 11 months this means that members who take a LOA that includes December have an easier time making up the missed shifts. It allows the Board a longer time to review the list and order/collate the gift cards for distribution at the December GMM. It adds the requirement to post the hours in September and October but also makes it clear that watching their hours is the responsibility of the member.

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

Article X, Section 1, Paragraph A, (17), (g)

g. Gift Eligibility – In order to receive a holiday gift as may be approved by the Board of Directors annually, a member must fulfill the following requirements:

- i. The member must be a member in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the SOP's, with the exception of the required duty tours or hourly commitment, which is defined in paragraph (iii) and (iv) below, as of ~~December~~ November 1st.
- ii. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the twelve (12) month period preceding ~~December~~ November 1st.
- iii. As of ~~December~~ November 1st, Operational members must have completed thirty-six ~~nine~~ nine (36) four (4) hour duty tours or thirty-six ~~nine~~ nine (36) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or ~~eighteen-twenty~~ eighteen (18) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status (an alternating 8 hour overnight counts as 2 4 hour duty tours). Duty tours include both weekly duty tours and each four (4) hour standby as counted from November 1st the previous year to October 31st of the current year.
- iv. As of ~~December~~ November 1st, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the ~~Chief Dispatcher~~ Vice President a total of ~~eighty-two~~ one hundred forty four (82) four (144) hours of duty time as counted from November 1st of the previous year to October 31st of the current year.
- v. The Chief will provide the list of all eligible members ~~or members who received a gift~~ and those ineligible members to the Board of Directors no later than the 2nd Board meeting in ~~December~~. November for operational personnel. The Vice President will provide the list of all eligible administrative members and those ineligible members to the Board of Directors no later than the 2nd Board meeting in November.
- vi. The First Deputy Chief and the Vice President will post the hourly record for operational and administrative members respectively initially by August 31st and an updated list by September 30th. It is the responsibility of the member to review the posted information as well as their own information found in the member page/member report of the website.

- vii Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Discussions Held – Suggested changes were made – Consensus Vote – Majority in Favor

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Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by Roger Winter to approve the March 11, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Stand-Bys – Greenlawn Fire Department.

All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board if all lease let me know!

President's Report

Seth Fischer

Good Evening Everyone,

For the First 90 days of 2019 we have all been going above and beyond the minimum requirement to be there for our Community and HCFAS. It may take a long time to deliver a baby or to save a patient who is in cardiac arrest, but please stop for a quick moment to look your patient in the eye to see the relief and gratitude they have when our EMT's, ALS Providers and Medics arrive on scene. They may not thank us with words but if their eyes could tell a story.

The Chief and I speak quite often to ensure that we are aligned and support each other's success. This past weekend we both came to the same overwhelming conclusion; we are truly blessed to be surrounded by amazing volunteers. As you know, the first 90 days of the year have been rough to say the least; Your Chiefs and Board of Directors have been inundated but focused. During this tough time, the Chief and I have discussed how we both began to see a pattern. Our Members were coming out in droves to show their support. We actually compared notes and we were both asked the same questions, "How can we help and what can we do?"

In my years on the Board and as President I have never experienced this type of collaboration and outpouring of support. Whether we have added members to various committees, members who normally do one shift a week are now picking up extra shifts. We have seen Members stopping in throughout the day to do random checkouts when they **see a crazy amount of calls**. Ambulances are being washed or simply just wanting to stop in to visit new friends that they have met. What we have been witnessing is a great deal of our volunteers going above and beyond, seeking ways to make us even more amazing that we already are. Chief Como and I are forever grateful.

I leave you with these words. We are all "volunteers" by definition but we are much more than that. At the end of the day, we are all ordinary people. We sacrifice family time and free time To come together for our Community. We do not expect to be thanked after every call; fortunately saying "thank you" is not always necessary.

Keep up the great work and continue to be the best group of volunteers that I have ever seen!

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Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

Financial Review YTD 1/01/19 – 3/31/19:

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Money Received from Town \$411,275.00

Expenses - \$ 353,268.00

Major Expenses:

Payroll	61,841.69
Billing Services	39,835.68
EMS Supplies	53,990.62
Vehicles	11,257.01
Building	26,021.63
Utilities	18,648.93
Communications	31,748.11
Professional Fee's	12,500.00
Insurance	31,214.27
Office	5,807.19
Uniform	919.99
Member Inspection	51,959.81
Training	3,459.14
Public Relations	245.00
Other Expenditures	4,118.83
Totals-Expenses	\$ 353,567.90

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$11,575.00 and Misc. Donations/Interest \$535.00 = \$12,110.00

Expenses \$11,660.79

Expenses:

Insurance - Life	\$ 2,559.98
Events	3,744.89
Goods & Welfare	300.00
Miscellaneous	666.95
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00

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Member Services	4,363.97

Totals - Expenses	\$ 11,660.79
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There will be a Billing Update at the May 2019 General Membership Meeting.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Good evening everyone,

Thank you all for your continued hard work. With the first 90 days of the year behind us, I couldn't be happier with how things are going. Keep up the good work!

Be mindful of the importance of ambulance checkouts. When we are on duty it is our shared responsibility to ensure that the ambulances are ready to provide our patients with the care they need. It also goes without saying that we don't need any additional trouble from the DOH.

The Active Shooter Drill hosted by SCPD at the Paramount on April 1st was a success. Thank you to everyone that participated.

Backup Personnel:

During the month of March HCFAS members answered up on signal 3's a total of **72 times**. The quantity per member ranged from 1 to 8. I'm tremendously grateful to each and every member that answers up.

The winner of the March 3 on a 16 raffle is...Thomas O'Leary.

Squad Services for founding member Margaret Cornelius:

The Wake is being held at A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 10th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Squad Services will be at 7:00 PM. Members wishing to participate are to arrive at headquarters no later than 6:30 PM in their Class A uniform. Members that do not have Class A's may wear their blue pants, white uniform shirt, and red HCFAS jacket. Vehicles are leaving promptly at 6:45 PM.

Members are needed for the Honor Guard. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Addressing questions/comments from the previous meeting:

During the March GMM a member asked what our agency is doing about becoming RSI certified. In response I stated that we have been discussing RSI with our medical director. I asked our medical director to provide a statement to clarify.

Dr. Brandler's statement below:

"Regarding participation in the Rapid Sequence Intubation Program:

We should probably delay participating in a program that subjects our service to extensive outside scrutiny until we are certain that we are producing a quality product of prehospital care on every run. Then we can embark on providing a service which may be helpful to a handful of patients and requires great introspection on our own care.

In the meanwhile, we have short term plans to introduce ketamine to our system, which with medical control input, may be used to sedate patients for intubation. We expect that as our documentation and protocol compliance improve, that we can also move forward on the rapid sequence intubation project with appropriate oversight both internally and externally from the RSI committee at REMAC which currently reviews each and every case in the county."

Length of Service Awards:

5 Years

Tiffany Gonzales, 1422
Bob Biersack, 1423
Stephanie Cortes, 1426
Justin Cook, 1429

First Deputy Chief's Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Posted – Report Given by Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como

We are officially into the second quarter of 2019!

First and fore most I want to acknowledge how amazing everyone did with completing their hours for the first quarter of 2019!! **Whether you came in early, stayed late, or did additional shifts you were here, crews were filled and our community was served!** Thank you to all of the members that made up shifts from last quarter, we noticed and we appreciate you!

With spring here and warmer weather rolling in we have a lot of **standbys** coming up and being asked of us. For probationary members if you need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to stand by committee Julia Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

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470 **The Bike Team** is also looking for new interested members! Please Contact Keith Rubenstein
471 631-404-0018 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566. Keith and I did a standby for the Saint
472 Patrick's Day 5K and it was a blast!



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475 **Finger Reads...** Please remember to punch in and out on the same shift. Also, if you are here
476 for a double however do not need the LOSAP points you do not need to punch out between
477 shifts. Members interested in driving and qualify to **become drivers**, please place a copy of
478 your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

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480 **Laminated certifications...** Please collect your laminated certifications from your Day
481 Captains. If you have not already handed in your certifications to be laminated please place
482 them in my mailbox.

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484 Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/email me 631-418-5596
485 or first.deputy@hcfas.org

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488 **Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted**

489 **Review Training:**

490 April Review Training is out on “Complications of Pregnancy and Emergency Childbirth”
491 Please remember that to remain in good standing you must not be missing more than two
492 trainings. Thank you to those that completed the mandatory Sexual Harassment on time.

493 **Upcoming CME's:**

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495 On May 9th at 1900 hours “Watercraft Trauma” by Colby Rowe of SBH and SCPD Marine
496 Bureau Sgt. John Vahey

497 **QA/QI:**

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499 Thank you to the QA/QI committee for their work so far this year. They are doing an amazing
500 job working with Dr. Brandler to get a handle on clinical data so that we can improve our care
501 and documentation.
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Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

Thank you to Kristin Tiersch for taking over the BLS Supply Committee. She is doing a wonderful job so far. Please see sample bags as possible BLS and Oxygen Bag replacements.

All repairs on Units 19 and 82 have been completed.

Several issues were reported to me on 18 and I will have them addressed when time permits.

Unit 20 backup camera repair is still ongoing.

Unit 21 will be out of service for an extended period due to structural damage on the module.

I expect to start replacing the ambulance rub rails shortly. The parts have been ordered. They will match Units 16 and 19.

Unit 89 is back to personnel transport only.

The vehicle maintenance committee is working on installing replacement ignition switches in the Chevy vehicles, which will allow you to remove the keys while they are idling. Instructions will follow. Mike Capotosto and Paul Bayer have done a great job so far.

We are trying new oil mats in the truck room. Thanks to Roger Winter for ordering. This product will be evaluated and we will decide whether to continue using it.

Keep up the great work everyone.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

April calls as of 1200 hours today: **143** calls, **0** signal 24s, **17.9** calls/day.

YTD we have **8** signal 24s on **1612** calls for a rate of **.49%**. Fantastic!

Since the March meeting, eight members have passed their dispatch tests:

Roxanne Cortes #1521 (Wednesday 1900), **Maxx Hotton** #1533 (Thursday 2300), **Erik Krisch** #1534 (Sunday 2300), **Bridget Kennedy** #1544 (Friday 0700), **Joseph Savaglio** #1549 (Wednesday 0700), **Nicole Campbell** #1551 (Tuesday 0700), **Cydney Brown** #50013 (Saturday 1100) and **Jessica Mason** #500172 (Saturday 1500). Twelve others have taken dispatch classes and are preparing for the test. Congratulations to all!

I have recently posted a new **Paramedic and CC List** in the dispatch office to assist dispatchers to correctly identify and document ALS response. But that doesn't help if the dispatcher does not know if you are on the call. If you are in the building – or for that matter anywhere and respond to a call, please make sure the dispatcher knows you have joined the crew.

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Dispatchers, if you receive a call from **HFD, HMFD, or Lloyd Harbor Police**, please write the information on an Alarm Worksheet, send an ambulance immediately, and start the call manually in the CAD. Please do not tell them to call 911!

If you get a **duplicate call**, pull down the “Incident Type” screen, change “Signal 16” to “Duplicate Call”, and write the original call number in the white box on the signal drop-down menu.

If you start a **signal 15** for a standby, please put a note in the white box describing the event. The LOSAP committee has a hard time giving people credit for a standby when they have no idea where or what they were doing.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Happy Spring Everyone!

Sunday members have been doing a great job and have been staying on top of their ambulance check-outs and monthly training. Thank you to all who came out to help during the 2 snow standbys this winter and to all who have covered open shifts.

Congratulations to Erik Krisch on passing his dispatch test. On March 17th the 19:00 crew received a call for a 9 year old with difficulty breathing. Medic Bill Lutz sprang into action recognized that the patient was critical. The crew transported from the scene to the hospital in four minutes. During that span the patient’s condition worsened and became AMS. The crew rushed him into the ER where the hospital staff took over and was able to stabilize him after some time. The doctor said how good it was that he was brought in so quickly.

Also, on the call were CL Nicole Calderone, driver Jaclyn Rittershaus, FA Jacqueline Callinan and myself.

On March 24th the 1500 crew received a call for a traumatic injury. A 60-year old male fell down a flight of stairs and sustained a traumatic head injury and was air-lifted by SCPD. The crew included medic Alex Mullin, SCPD James Garside, CL Jaclyn Rittershaus, Driver Bill Connolly, FA Julia Vodopia and FA Jacqueline Callinan.

A synopsis of a 4/07/19 call with Members James Barkocy and Eileen Burns was also given.

The 2300 shift is still in need of a Dispatcher and second due Driver/Crew Leader.

I will be posting a sign-up sheet for Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2019, food will be provided.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Elizabeth Mohr

On March 25th at 2000 hours we received a call for a high velocity impact/massive injury Delta. a 16 YOM ignited what he thought was a smoke bomb in his left hand which was actually an M80 or Block Buster, resulting in patient losing parts of 3 fingers and lots of palm tissue. The patient was also covered from head to toe mostly his face with bone fragments and shrapnel. First on scene was Jimmy Garside and our paid medic Matthew Bessen. Arriving shortly after David Mohr, myself, Suzette Crespo and Equislaure Gabriel a/k/a Kiki. Thank you to everyone for doing such a great job in controlling bleeding and keeping the patient his mother calm. Well done!!!

Monday is still 24 free.

Even though we have such wonderful help on Mondays, we are still short a 2nd due crew on most shifts. Please reach out to me if you ever want to help out or make your hours.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone who has come down and helped Tuesday's out! We remain super busy as always. In fact, this past week we had 28 calls during the day with no 24's, the 0700 had 11 calls, 7 of them coming in within an hour and a half. I'd like to thank Chief Mike Como, Andrew Guisto, Captain Andrew Taylor, Jake Levinsky, Esteban Lopez and Bobby Loysch for helping to cover those calls.

Great Job Tony Cruz and New Member Nicole Campbell, Nicole was preparing for her dispatching test during that shift and was able to handle the calls with ease. In fact, she passed her dispatching test this Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out with the overnight, Kristin Van Benschoten, Chief David Kaufman, Jake Levinsky, Kristin Tiersch, Melissa A, Eric N and Jon D. If anyone is available for the Tuesday overnight, help is always needed!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Elizabeth Mohr

Happy Spring! I'm sure I'm not the only one who's excited to finally see the temperatures increasing. I'm sorry I couldn't be there for the meeting tonight as I am traveling.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on Wednesdays the past month, your help is truly appreciated and reflected in our low 24 rate. For those looking to help more, Wednesday is ALWAYS looking for more bodies on the 0700, 1100 and 1500 shifts.

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Please, Please, Please, remember to find coverage when you will be out. It is an extra job for each of the captains when someone is not going to be on their shift and fails to find coverage. Reminder that it is part of your duty as a member to make sure your position is covered so please make it a priority when you know you'll be out.

Thank you all for everything you continue to do for our community. You are all the true heroes.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

I want to thank everybody for all their help this quarter, so far for the first quarter we are 24 free. I Still need help on all second due shifts, if you're available please come out. Stay safe, keep up the good work.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted and Given by Captain Elizabeth Mohr

Congratulations to Bridget Kennedy on passing your dispatch test!!

I want to thank everyone who comes in for their shift every week and also to those who come in almost every week to help out. You guys are all truly appreciated!

I have to give a shout out to all who came in and helped on Friday March 15th. We had 25 calls, including a cardiac arrest, working fire, multiple MVA's, as well as less severe calls. Not one 24, thanks to everyone hard work and dedication to our community! You guys ROCK!!!

Welcome Colin Weigele #1553 to the Friday 1500 shift!!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Elizabeth Mohr

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays. Just to note certain members that have responded on signal 3 and coverage from these past few weekends. Members are Chief Michael Como, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Sunday Day Captain William Connolly, Thursday Day Captain John Mancino, Tuesday Day Captain Liz Mohr, Melissa Anastos, Andrew Giusto, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Jeffery Brenner, Richard Cortes, Kimberly Prestin, Lauren Aviles, Timothy Quigley, Gary Brandel, Paul Bayer. Eric Nazinitsky, Jonathan Dominick, Brandon Eybergen, Deborah Rudilosso, Timothy Quigley, Robert Biersack, David Villegas, Leslie Wissner, Christina Denker, Matthew Bessen, Hector Feliciano-Nieves and SCPD Officer James Garside and also the Huntington Manor Fire Department. If I forgot anybody, please let me know.

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening and members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the company 7

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members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

Nicholas Oberle is returning to duty from a Military LOA. Congratulations Nick on passing and becoming Army 2nd Lieutenant.
Post member Jessica Mason #500172 (Saturday 1500) passed her Dispatcher examination. Thank You, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Mary Sisinni and Dispatcher Committee.

Our members who are in the Driver Training Program: Jordan Drelich (#1527), David Villegas (#1472) and Gerardo Vasquez (#1055) are proceeding very well. Thank you, to the Driver Chairman Jeffery Brenner and the Committee members.

Notable Calls:

Fall:

Patient did lose consciousness; due to the mechanism of injuries and other medical conditions. The patient was transported to Stony Brook Hospital. He will be undergoing neurological evaluation. Great Job, to EMT in charge Andrew Taylor, Driver Thomas Curry and First Aider Ona Mastroianni.

MVA (Vehicle -vs- Pedestrian):

Excellent work to EMT in charge Lenise Booth, Driver Robert Loysch, Volunteer ALS Provider Gary Brandel, Volunteer Paramedic Eric Nazinitsky and SCPD Officer James Garside and also Huntington Manor Fire Department for securing the Landing Zone. Everyone provided care and transported the patient to the LZ and transfer care to SCPD helicopter.

I want to Thank You, Chief Michael Como, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Sunday Day Captain Bill Connolly and Monday Day Captain for Covering me these past weekends. Saturday had all calls covered, thanks to those members who have responded. Great job, everyone.

Saturdays need help throughout the day, but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

EMS Organization meetings – Bob Franz

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 – Tuesday, 4/16/19 8:00 PM at Mastic Beach Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association – Wednesday, 4/17/19 7:30 PM at Central Islip/ Hauppauge Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

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LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The final 2018 Service Awards LOSAP Point Listing has been sent to the Town of Huntington for Town Board Approval. The approved listing will be returned to the Squad and will be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Refundable \$200 Credit for 2018 – Bob Franz

If eligible (see instructions on back of Form), you can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2018 on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance **Form IT-245**.

CME Committee – Pamela Brenner – A BLS CME Class will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department.

Mark Brenner will be teaching daytime Rapid BLS CME Core sessions at the squad starting on July 15, 2019.

Peer Review Committee – Fiona Witkowski - Last week we heard an excellent talk from Dr. Robert Scanlon on “Delivering a Baby in the Field”. Approximately 62 people attended, mainly from our organization but there were also about a dozen people from other agencies, including one from as far away as Woodstock. Thank you to Brian Canty for arranging the food. Next month Ryane Como has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, May 9th to talk about Watercraft Trauma with presenters Colby Rowe of Stony Brook Hospital and SCPD Marine Bureau Sargent John Vahey. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Source the Station - Renaissance Downtowns - Lehti Laas

There was a Source the Station meeting on April 8th, 2019. The property next door to us was discussed. Renaissance Downtowns is negotiating parking with the Railroad and MTA. The original agreement, made years ago, was for a 1 to 1 parking agreement. For each parking space that was removed from the commuter lot, a parking space would be added to the new development. Now, the Railroad and MTA wants the parking to be based on square foot to square foot.

Renaissance Downtowns is currently negotiating the appraisal price since you can't develop on 70% of the property due to the parking stipulations. Once the property gets transferred to the Town of Huntington, Renaissance Downtowns can purchase it from the Town. It is expected that parking will be in the back. There have been talks with IHG which owns Holiday Express.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy & Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact James Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan– All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

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774 **Stand-by – Eric Nazininisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus & Julia Vodopia**

775 **Yaphank Training:** Thursday April 11th - Full crew is needed - Training begins at 19:30 - Crew
776 required to arrive at HQ at 17:30 hours.

777 **MCI Drill at SBH:** Tuesday April 16th - Driver is needed - Drill begins at 07:30 hours - Crew
778 required to arrive at HQ at 06:00 hours

779 **Yaphank Training:** Sunday April 28th - Full crew is needed - Training begins at 09:00 hours
780 Crew required to arrive at HQ at 07:15 hours

781 As for the stand-by raffle, Eric Nazinitsky, Casey O'Riordan, Andrew Taylor, and Michael
782 Jacoby were the four winners!

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784 **Special Events – Brian Canty** – The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday,
785 April 20, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 10:30 AM at the Jefferson School. After the Easter Egg
786 Hunt at Headquarters from 10:45 AM until 12:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is located in the Ready
787 Room.

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789 **Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner & Peter Nakelski** – Total Donations collected
790 \$21,316.00. Mary thanked Martha Brenner for assisting her with the Fund Drive Committee.

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792 **Old Business: None**

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794 **New Business:**

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796 President Seth Fischer urges All Members/Drivers to Please Drive the Ambulances with extreme
797 Caution.

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799 Martha Brenner informed the members that she has been in touch with Vito Reciniello regarding
800 Trish's medical condition and status. Unfortunately, Trish's Medical Condition has deteriorated.
801 Martha has asked members to reach out to support Vito and his family during this difficult time.

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803 Martha Brenner asked that information about members illnesses should be placed into the Pulse
804 to keep members apprised of pertinent information regarding their peers. Angie Kalodoukas
805 responded that the Good and Welfare does post this information in the Pulse and they also send
806 Cards and gifts when applicable. She also informed members that privacy is respected and not all
807 Members want their personal issues publicized.

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809 Karen Martin thanked the Crew who responded to her father's residence and she is very grateful
810 for the diligent efforts of the crew. She also thanked the membership for all of their comfort and
811 support during this difficult time.

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813 John Mancino inquired about the Traffic Light and President Fischer replied that this will be on
814 the Town of Huntington's Agenda at their April 16th Meeting.

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Captain Ryane Como advised the members that obtaining billing information from the Patients is imperative. Please don't forget to retrieve all necessary billing information which includes all Insurance Company information from your patients.

Brian Canty also advised the members that it is vital to obtain all billing information from patients. This information is necessary to process insurance claims. Currently there are 150 patients with no billing information.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/fingered in? Finger Reader is not functioning this evening.

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Christy Stiles, Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

- **2 Mets Tickets w/Parking** – Michael Como
- **2 Mets Tickets** – Robert Biersack
- **Spiral Ham** – Thomas O'Leary
- **Whole Turkey Breast** – David Kaufman
- **Eye Roast** – Fiona Witkowski
- **Pork Shoulder** – George Reeder
- **Panera Gift Card** – David Villegas
- **Target Gift Card** – Richard Gierbolini
- **Cheesecake Factory Gift Card** – Casey Orr
- **PF Chang's Gift Card** – Carolyn Mullen
- **Starbuck's Gift Card** – Robert Loysch

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Mark Brenner to adjourn the meeting at 2055 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 63, Probationary 3, Total: 66

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: April 18, 2019

Approved: May 13, 2019

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: May13, 2019

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 61).

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

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

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Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of Patricia Reciniello. Trish was a 33 year member since joining HCFAS in 1986. She served as an EMT Crew leader on the Sunday 1900 shift for many years and she was the Chair of the Children's Holiday Committee for most of that time. Our hearts go out to Trish's entire family, including her Husband Vito, Daughter Mary and son, Vito Jr. A very special thanks to Sue Otto for keeping us up to date every step of the way.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Cirilo Hernandez Negrón who is the Grandfather of Vanessa Hernandez. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Joseph Nappi who was recently hospitalized and is now at home recovering.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Paul Kelly who was recently hospitalized and is now at home recovering.

Get Well wishes are being sent to John Stiles, husband of Christy Stiles, who was briefly hospitalized but is now home recovering and doing very well.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Fred Steenson, Husband of Liz Steenson, who was recently hospitalized but is now at home recovering.

Get well wishes are being sent to Gregory Orr who is recovering after eye surgery. Greg is at home resting and feeling much better.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Louis Dell's Wife, Quinn who was involved in an MVA and is slowly recovering.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Leonora Orlando, Wife of member Phil Orlando who was involved in an MVA. She is feeling better everyday. A Special thanks to all of our members who responded as quickly as they did.

A Big Congratulations to Samantha Mohr, Daughter of David and Lisa Mohr and Sister of Captain Elizabeth Mohr on her recent marriage to Lenny Cohen. Best of Luck to both of you. We are all very happy for you.

Please join me in wishing Mary Brenner a very Happy and Healthy 95th Birthday. Wishing You many more happy and healthy years ahead.

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Martha Brenner and seconded by Mark Brenner to approve the April 9, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Good & Welfare: Members Joe Nappi & Paul Kelly – Fruit Baskets, Susan Lupinacci Family – for our thoughtfulness and kindness; Services Rendered to member Christy Stiles & family. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Proposed SOP Change 02-2019 -Article IX Section 3 Funeral Protocols was amended and approved by the Board of Directors on April 11, 2019.

President's Report Seth Fischer

Happy Spring to all...

I will continue to ask everyone throughout the year to please speak up and let myself or our Board of Directors know if you think we need something that would be of value add to HCFAS, or if something needs to be changed to improve our volunteer experience. I am going to provide two examples of concerns that were vocalized, collaboration to put sequence of events in place, and now we have results. When we operate as a team we get results as a team.

The Town of Huntington has voted unanimously and approved the two traffic signals to go up in front of our building. Our dispatchers will activate stop signals on these lights when ambulances are exiting headquarters to alarms and returning from the hospital to back into our garage. The safety of our members and the safety of our residents is paramount and always will be, therefore this was the action that had to be taken. This took a lot of work as there were many moving parts of this initiative and we are thrilled with the results. Special thanks to Carol Nucci, Bob Biersack, John Palmieri, Chief Mike Como, Chief Dispatcher Mike Barker, Robert Franz, and David Mohr. Thank you!

Our Kitchen Committee feels as if they were not a part of the first 30-45 opening minutes of our GMM's because they could not hear, since there were no speakers in the Kitchen. Here are a group of phenomenal members, who always cook an unbelievable meal, who are always busy cleaning up afterwards, that could not be a part of our GMM. Without members of this Committee telling me this was the situation, unfortunately, I would have never known. That said, there is now a speaker in the Kitchen and Bob, Angie, Lisa, Christy, Carol, and Greg can now hear my beautiful voice. Thank you guys very much for sharing this information. A Special thanks to Brian Canty for getting this done, greatly appreciated.

Please vocalize to the right people how we can help as this is what we are here for. In closing, I would like to send my condolences to our family and friends. Over the last few months, members of our family and extended families have dealt with extreme heartache and pain. I use the word "family" because that is what we are to one another. Dysfunctional, yes, but at the end of the day we are family. I am writing this because I have seen our members step up for one another to

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simply let them know you care and that you are here for them. When we bury a loved one, those days are the absolute hardest, but it is the days and the months that follow that we truly need our family by our side more than ever. I have personally seen extreme love and support since the beginning of the year and it is truly inspiring and amazing. As crazy as we all are, it is a truly a blessing that life has taken each of us down this path, where we can play these roles in each other's lives. Keep up the great work and continue to be the best group of volunteers! The well being of our membership is something that is very important to me.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – Absent - No Report

President Seth Fischer reported that Brian said that the Money is coming in.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

- Brian Sherwood from the DOH came to our building recently to certify our temporary loaner ambulance. While he was here he specifically asked to check-out our last due rig. With that being said, please continue to be vigilant on your ambulance checkouts. In the coming months we will be applying to renew our EMS Operating Certificate. There will be an inspection of HQ as part of this renewal.
- This year's NY State EMS Memorial Induction Ceremony will be next Tuesday. Seven EMS providers that have given their life in the line of duty will be honored this year, including William Ryan, the father of member Michaela Ryan (#1537). The sign-up sheet is in the ready room.
- EMS Week is May 19th to May 25th. This year the operational officers will be giving out HCFAS stickers and t-shirts, as well as a meal allowance. I sincerely thank you for all that you do for our department and the community we serve. Have a good EMS week.
- Applications for the Chief's Council Scholarship are due in my mailbox by noon next Monday (May 20th). I will be submitting them all at the Chief's Council meeting that night.
- The Huntington Town Board and its Veterans Advisory Board have invited us to attend the Annual Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony on May 26th at 0900 hours at Town Hall.
- Memorial Day Parade. Meet at HQ at 0900 hours. Please Lineup in front of the Huntington Post Office at 1000 hours. We are stepping off at 1100 hours. Class "A" Uniforms are required.

Suffolk Regional EMS Council 2018 Awards:

A couple of months ago the 2019 Operational Officers submitted the nominations for the 2018 Suffolk Regional EMS Council Awards.

It is with great pleasure I announce that Alex Hastava, the First Deputy Chief of Post 215, was selected as the 2018 Youth Provider of the year in Suffolk County. Having been selected as the Youth Provider for Suffolk County, his name will now be submitted to Albany for consideration on the state level. In addition to being an Officer and active member of Post 215, Alex also volunteers at Huntington Hospital as an Emergency Department Ambassador. Congratulations Alex, this is well deserved and we are all very proud of you.

Signal 3 on a 16 Raffle

During the month of April there were 96 “rescue” calls recorded in the CAD. This is up from 72 in March. As Mike mentioned in his Chief Dispatchers report, we had two signal 24’s in April. That number would have been significantly higher without the efforts of those that answered up. Thank you all.

The winner of the April raffle is Robert “Bobby” Loysch.

Length of Service Awards

5 Years

Joan Florio, #1431

10 Years

Tim Quigley, #1261

First Deputy Chief’s Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como

We are nearly half way through quarter two! With that being said please take a look at where you stand on **hours for the quarter**. Staying late, coming in early or covering an additional shift is a great way to make up hours and stay ahead of schedule. With warmer weather approaching the call volume will increase so our community appreciates any extra time you have to spare.

Finger Reads... Please take a look at your breakdown of shifts and determine if you need any corrections made so you can fill out the finger reader adjustment form. Please remember to punch in and out on the same shift. If you are here for a double and DO NOT need LOSAP points you do not need to punch out between shifts.

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Members interested in **becoming drivers**, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

Laminated Certifications... This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please remember this as it is also a state requirement.

We have a lot of **stand-bys** coming up and being asked of us. Probationary members if you need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to stand by committee Julia Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

Bike Team is also looking for new interested members! Contact Keith Rubenstein 631-404-0018 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566.

Keep up the hard work, this has been a great year so far and I look forward to seeing where we end up! Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/e-mail me at 631-418-5596 or first.deputy@hcfas.org

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted

Review Training:

May Review Training is on CPAP. All EMT-Bs must complete the on-line training prior to taking the in-service class. Sign-up sheets will be posted shortly for the in-service classes.

Upcoming Trainings / CME's:

Friday May 24th 1900: Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) "Compassion Fatigue and Prevention for First Responders" (2 hour "Preparatory" non-core CME credit) **please register through the county.

*****Tentative Date***** June 29th - Dr. Crupi on Abdominal Pain.

e-PCR

We are losing between \$4,000-\$16,000 a week in billable revenue due to lack of, or incorrect, insurance information. Sometimes the insurance information we obtain is no longer valid and the billing company is unable to locate other insurance and they have no way to contact the patient. Some tips to help correct this:

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- Obtain SSN's and cell phone numbers for patients – home phone calls are often ignored, cell phones are unlisted, if we mail a letter it is often unanswered and or extends the time of submission.

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- **WE MUST GET CAR INSURANCE INFO FOR ALL MVA RELATED INJURIES**
(name of the company of the car the patient was in OR the car the pedestrian was struck by).
- **Worker's Compensation:** Get the name of the company and a phone number and address if possible.
- **Nursing home patients** – should have the insurance listed on the face sheet provided.
- Check the hospital chart for insurance information, phone numbers, addresses – check with registration before leaving the hospital.
- On the signatures page, the third option (patient unable to sign) should only be completed if the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing. Valid reasons are that they are unconscious, restrained or AMS. A valid reason is not that they are with the nursing staff or that they may be in the bathroom. Try to obtain the signature of a non-emergent patient while en route to the hospital or immediately upon transfer to the hospital bed. In all cases patient care is always paramount.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

There have been several accidents in the past month. Unit 20 was scraped all along its right side. This was unreported but not unnoticed. Unit 81 was damaged on the lift gate and rear bumper cover. Parts were ordered to repair this. Unit 16 was in an accident and we are waiting on body shop estimates. Someone also bottomed out Unit 82 (unreported), which was just repaired and ripped the valence on the driver's side. Please be careful with all our equipment and vehicles.

Unit 17 is currently having the suspension repaired. It has been broken for quite a while, resulting in a rough ride.

Unit 18 has been checked for fumes and a couple small issues fixed, but they were not able to check the air horn yet.

For Unit 20's backup camera, a solution has been identified, but has not yet been implemented.

Unit 21 is currently being repaired and a borrowed ambulance has taken its place until the repairs are complete. The temporary Unit 21 has several key differences. It is BLS only unless you take a monitor, ALS bag and a narcotic pouch or respond in an ALS first responder vehicle. There are no mobile radios so you must take the MedCom radio from dispatch and use the HCFAS portable in the ambulance. The stretcher is a manual one so if you are not familiar with using it please practice.

There are new cross-chest straps on the ambulance stretchers. Please familiarize yourself with them. If these straps should become dirty beyond what can be cleaned with the PDI.

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The combined oxygen and BLS ambulance shown at last meeting have been ordered.

We will continue using the black oil mats for now.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me this past month! Some of these people are Lauren Stalzer, Bernard Poole, Jordan Drelich, Michael Capotosto, Jeffrey Brenner and Maxx Hotton.

Stay safe everyone!

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

May calls as of 1200 today: 178 calls, 2 signal 24s, 13.7 calls/day - unusually low!

YTD we have 12 signal 24's on 2177 calls for a rate of .55%. Outstanding.

Dispatch Training: Since the April meeting, seven members have passed dispatch training: Felix Rivera Medina #1542 (Sunday 0700), Kyoko Saito #1545 (Wednesday 1500), Fabrizia Maiello #1547 (Sunday 0700), Jonathan Guarino #1550 (Wed 1500), John Connors #1554 (Monday 1900), Cydney Brown #1556 (Saturday 1100) and Post member Ben Curry #500167 (Saturday 0700). Congratulations to all!

Crew Leaders: If your call is Cancelled / Unfounded / RMA / or Signal 50, you still must complete the e-PCR just as you did with the paper PCR's. We still have +/- 6 calls every week that "disappear" because no e-PCR is done. I then have to make a paper copy of the Incident and send it to the e-PCR committee so they can reconcile the run.

Drivers: When you give your signal 18 to the hospital, please let us know if the "Paramedic is on board. "That reminds the dispatcher to enter ALS Run Call" to the CAD. Our town contract requires us to report how many times ALS runs the call.

EMT-CC's: It is much more difficult to determine if you use your ALS skills on the way to the hospital. If you are on the ambulance as the driver, obviously you did not "do" ALS, but if you are the crew leader, there is no way the dispatcher can know. If you do run ALS, please tell the dispatcher upon your return so that we can put that in the CAD.

Dispatchers: If the ambulance advises they are transporting to an alternate hospital, please click on the ambulance icon – where you add "P" or "CC" – and click on "destination hospital" at the bottom left. The default is Huntington Hospital" but if the rig is going someplace else, just click on that hospital name.

There is a new addition to the dispatch office. Replacing the "temporary" center island is a shiny new mahogany console with the added advantage of a 120-volt power strip and USB charging port. Thank you to the Mallilo Manufacturing Company, makers of the Tough book charging

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stand and the soon to be installed forms cabinet outside dispatch. Rumors of a recessed toaster and cotton candy machine are exaggerated.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

I would like to thank all the Company 1 members who keep Sundays running smoothly from staying for additional shifts, teaching new members, and demonstrating reliability in any situation. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Congratulations to Julia Vodopia for becoming an EMT, Jaclyn Ritterhaus on completing a Driver training and Fabrizia Maiello and Felix Medina on becoming Dispatchers. I would like to acknowledge the 0700 crew who responded on April 14, to a 3 car MVA with 5 patients. Crew members were Sheryl Roach, Tom Schrippa, Fabrizia Maiello, Nancy Barker, Felix Medina, Michael Capotoso, Bill Connolly, Eileen Burns, Jim Barkocy, Alex Mullin (Medic) and Chief Michael Como.

Help is needed on the 1100 shift for a Dispatcher, 1900 shift for a Dispatcher and the 2300 shift for a second due crew and a dispatcher.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Andrew Taylor

Congratulations to John Connors for passing his dispatch test and ambulance orientation. It's so nice to have you on Monday with us John. Congratulations also to Solomon Walden for becoming a CL and for starting Driver Training. Thanks to you Solomon, the Monday 0700 shift now has two full crews.

Sadly, Monday now has two 24's, both on the 0700 shift. One in the month of April and the other one in May. Reason being the 4th and 3rd alarm to come in within a few minutes. This is why it is so important to listen up.

Monday needs the following:

0700---1st and 2nd due ALS

1100---Full 2nd due crew , 1st and 2nd due ALS

1500---1st due ALS, 2nd due CL / DR

1900---1st and 2nd due ALS

2300---1st and 2nd due ALS, 2nd due CL and FA

A very Happy 95th Birthday to Mary Brenner. I appreciate and admire you and wish you a wonderful year ahead filled with lots of love and good health.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to HCFAS.

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Happy Spring!!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Kathryn Donegan

Thank you to everyone who has come down and helped Tuesday's! All the extra help does not go unnoticed, I could not have done without each and every one of you.

We have not had a 24 on Tuesday's since February 2019! I have to work next Tuesday and will not be around, if anyone is available to listen up and help out next Tuesday.

A happy early EMS week to everyone!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

Happy May! I hope all of the Moms of HCFAS had a wonderful Mother's Day yesterday especially to my Mom and all of you who have been like a mother to me over the past few years.

Wednesday's have been going quite well lately (knock on wood) thanks to all of the fantastic humans in company 4 and those who constantly help out. A Special thanks to Bob Biersack, Steven Benjamin, Fiona Witkowski, Hank Waldron, Israel Cortes, Seth Fischer, Brandon Eybergen, Mary Sisinni, Spencer Newman, Pamela Brenner and Jeffrey Brenner for all of your extra shifts and for the countless others who answer up on signal 3's. Most shifts on Wednesdays with the exception of the 1900 could almost always use some extra hands so if you're ever free please let me know!

As EMS week nears, I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to our organization. It is constantly an inspiration for me to be around such amazing human beings who are so willing to be so giving in time and energy to help our community. I am happy to be a part of the HCFAS family and hope to be so for years to come.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

New Member who is not present tonight: John Zadran #1557, Thursday 1100 Shift, Starting on May 9, 2019.

Congratulations to member Jeffrey O'Neil on passing his EMT Examination.

Help is needed, Drivers and Crew Leaders for the 0700, 1100, 1500, 2300 Shifts. I could really use Company 8 members to help out. Members who love to ride; I have great opportunities for you.

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430 I will not be in this Thursday, May 16th due to a family Emergency. If anyone can please cover
431 1100 shift a Crew Leader is needed.

432 Everyone, please do checkouts as this is important not just for the agency but for the
433 communities in which we serve.

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435 **Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Posted and Given**
436 **by Captain Andrew Taylor**
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438 I would like to welcome Katherine Kallergis #1555 to the Friday 0700 shift. I know you are
439 going to be great and have an excellent crew to help you along the way!

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441 I want to congratulate Venel Grimadeau #1298 on passing his EMT test, I am so proud of you
442 Venel!!

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444 I want to wish Mary Brenner a Happy 95th birthday. You are truly blessed and an inspiration.
445 Happy Birthday Mary!!!

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448 **Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor - Report Posted**
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451 I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays. Brian Canty, Kristin Tiersch, Brian
452 Block, David Villegas, Deborah Rudilosso, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Laura Treulich. Thank
453 You to Company 7 and Company 8 members. Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Thursday Day
454 Captain John Mancino, Chief Jeffery Brenner, Deborah Rudilosso, Robert Biersack, Gary Brandel,
455 Spencer Newman, Steven Benjamin, Ona Mastroianni, Timothy Quigley and Pamela Brenner. Eric
456 Nazinitsky, Thomas Hogan, Pamela Best, Leyda Mata, Fritz Barreau, Lauren Connelly and Loreley
457 Villamide-Herrera.

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459 I wanted to say Congratulations to members Lenise Booth #1246 and Steven Benjamin #1475
460 for passing their A-EMT Exams.

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462 I wanted to say Congratulations to Jordan Drelich #1527 on getting off probation.

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464 I wanted to say Welcome to new member Cydney Brown #1556 (passed Dispatching in the
465 Ambulance orientation and is a currently a riding member).

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467 We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. And members have consistently offered to do
468 extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the Company 7 and Company 8 members
469 who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

470 **Notable Calls: (May 11, 2019)**
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472 Two (2) MVA Accidents and cardiac arrest called this past Saturday May 13, 2019.

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MVA- Car vs Tree (HQ) 1 patient critical transported to Nassau County Medical Center. Brian Block, Bob Biersack and Gary Brandel

MVA- vehicle vs vehicle 2 (one stable and one critical patient) one was transported to Huntington Hospital and the other was medevac. Crew members: Driver Thomas Hogan, CL Pamela Best, First Aider Leyda Mata, First Aider Fritz Barreau, CL Lauren Connelly and Driver Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

Cardiac arrest- SCPD Officers, ALS Gary Brandel, Paramedic Eric Nazinitsky, CL Casey O'Riordan and Driver Bob Biersack. Timothy Quilgey, Pamela Brenner and David Villegas.

Thank You to Mary Sisinni, Laura Treulich, Alex Hastava and Dispatch Trainer Tristan Liu.

First signal 24 on May 11, 2019 @ 17:24 fourth alarm

Saturdays need help throughout the day but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 16, 2019. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing will be returned to the Squad and posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President with a copy to the Secretary. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained with supporting documentation, if applicable. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

2019 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2019 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 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 non-probationary members or family members of non-probationary members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation (academic transcripts) 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 (minimum two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2018 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2019 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad. Incomplete applications submitted to the Secretary will be returned and not processed – all required documentation must be attached.

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Suffolk REMSCO Meeting - May 14, 2019 at SCEMS Yaphank at 7:00 PM.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association District 7 - Andrea Golinsky

Huntington Community First Aid Squad member Carol Nucci and I attended the NYSVARA meeting Sunday May 5, 2019. We received updates on the progress of PulseCheck 2019 and heard reports from the Legislative Committee Co-Chairs. They went over our issues for the current Legislature. The next day, Monday, May 6, 2019 we met at the Capitol Building to get the packets that were made up to present to the Senators and Assemblymen. Carol and I started our appointments that I had made prior. We saw Senator Jim Gaughran, Chair of Local Government, Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Health Insurance Committee, Senator John Flanagan, Legislative Aid Carl and Assemblyman Steve Stern who serves on the insurance committee. We were advised to return to Senator Flanagan's office at a later time to see the Senator who had not arrived as yet when we had our original appointment. I have left a copy of our NYSVARA Legislative Agenda on the bulletin board for our members to read.

On the board in the ready room there are two sign up sheets for attendance at the EMS Memorial Ceremony that will take place on the Plaza in Albany on Tuesday, May 6, 2019. One sheet is for an overnight and the other is for a one day trip. Please sign up if interested.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

CME – Pamela Brenner Davis – Mark Brenner will be teaching a BLS Core Course in July. The Class will be one (1) week long. Please contact Pamela Brenner Davis if interested. A maximum of 3 Review Trainings can only be done in one day to be eligible for CME Credit. (Since each Review Training recommended minimum time to complete is 2 hours for LOSAP, Bob Franz recommends that only two trainings be completed in one day).

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto and Brian Canty – Sue Congratulates Explorer Post 215 Member Alex Havasta for his exemplary services to HCFAS. Alex is currently the First Deputy Chief for Explorer Post 215. He was selected as the 2018 Youth Provider of the year in Suffolk County.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total Money Deposited on May 7, 2019 - \$38,071.00

Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo and Kelly Murphy – We have been asked to do a demo for Assembly of God on New York Avenue on June 1st at 11:00 AM. This will be a huge community event and we're hoping to teach as many of our neighbors this life saving skill. We will also be setting up demos for our open house on June 2nd. If you are interested in helping out for either of these events, please reach out to myself, or Monday Captain Kelly Murphy. I'm looking forward to these events!! Hope to see you there!!

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We have some great events coming up! June 1st at Manor field, we have been invited to a community day. We will be setting up a Hands Only CPR demo for this event.

On May 19th, we have been asked by SCEMS to do a huge public event. They will be holding demos throughout the county. I'm looking to possibly do it at Target or the Mall. We're going to need as many hands on as possible. Please reach out to Kelly Murphy or myself if you are interested in helping out.

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski – The Watercraft Trauma class was very successful. Thanks to Brian for supplying the food for the class.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia

Thanks to all the members who have assisted with stand-by's. Stand-Bys are posted on the bulletin board. Please contact any member of the committee if you are available. Any and all help is always appreciated.

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Seth Fischer Thanked John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski for the Great job they are doing with the Peer Review Committee.

President Seth Fischer Congratulated Sue Otto on her phenomenal Group of Explorers. He is very proud of them.

President Seth Fischer informed the membership that there will be a Sunrise Assisted Living meeting this week. The new facility will be located across the street from Walt Whitman High School on West Hills Road. Richard Stone suggested that we contact the Dix Hills Fire Department because they have a Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in their District as well.

Lehti Laas informed the members that Captain Kathy Castillo is requesting used Bicycles for the upcoming HCFAS Open House. The Bicycles will be recycled and donated to those in need.

Mark Brenner informed the members that Stony Brook Hospital now has a Mobile Stroke Unit. You can check it out on the REMSCO website video.

Martha Brenner Thanked Captain Andrew Taylor for doing a very thorough job. She also informed the members that Spring Road is desperately in need of repairs because the road is severely damaged and the ambulances have a terrible ride on the roadway.

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Martha Brenner spoke about amending/changing the current Ambulance Check out Sheets.
Kristin Tiersch replied that she is currently working on this project.

Ann Mahoney informed the members that the REMSCO website has a fee for certain courses.
She wanted to know if pre-approval can be fast tracked. If you get the information to the Board
ASAP they will reimburse the members.

Phil Orlando wishes to recognize and thank all the members who responded to and assisted in the
caring of his wife, Leonora, who was involved in an MVA. He also thanked the members for the
assistance that they provided to Leonora during her stay in the Emergency Room.

Many Thanks to the Medic, Mike Como, Ryane Como, Lorelly Villamide-Herrara, Mike Jacoby,
Debbie Rudilosso, Andrew Taylor and Seth Fischer.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas and
Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

***Panera Bread Gift Card** – William Connolly

***Panera Bread Gift Card** – Mary Winter

***Cheesecake Factory Gift Card** – Jeffrey Daniels

***PF Chang's Gift Card** - Christy Stiles

***Starbuck's Gift Card** – Kathryn Donegan

***Jacket** – Diane Tanko

Motion made by Jeffrey Brenner and seconded by Mark Brenner to adjourn the meeting
at 2032 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 61, Probationary 8, Total: 69

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

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657 *Robert J. Franz*

658 Secretary

659 Draft posted: May 29, 2019

660 Approved: June 10, 2019

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: June 10, 2019

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	ABSENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 19:35 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to Vice President Ann Schwartz that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 55).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Sergeant at Arms – Richard Gierbolini

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

Vice Presidents Report

Ann Schwartz

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

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Condolences/Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Associate Member Edward Jos, Member #692. Ed was a member of HCFAS for over 20 years and a member of HMFD for over 30 years.

Get Well wishes for Life Member Linda Osborn, we are hoping she gets well very soon.

Get Well wishes to Dave Angevine, Gina's husband who was briefly hospitalized but is back home recovering.

Get Well wishes to Chrissie Tedone, who was injured at work. She is home recovering. Calls, texts and e-mails are welcome.

Wishing the Best of Luck to Esteban Lopez with the ROTC.

A Big congratulations to Jake Levinsky on receiving his Eagle Scout Badge.

Lastly, a tremendous congratulations to Joe Grant who was married over the weekend to Miss Carloyn Garelle. Best of luck to both of them!

**Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).
Vice President Ann Schwartz recognized Members Susanna “Sue” Otto and Cynthia Cairl
for their 30 Years of Service to HCFAS:**

Thirty Years of Service

**Susanna “Sue” Otto - #790
Cynthia “Cindy” Cairl - #798**

Susanna “Sue” Otto 30 Years of Service

Susanna “Sue” Otto #790, who joined in June of 1989. She is a Life Member on the 19:00 shift on Sunday and she is a Crew Leader, and has been an EMT-CC since 2000.

Sue is a tremendous help when needed throughout the year and is a “go-to” for many of us. Sue has Co-Chaired the Social Committee Children's Holiday Party from 2000 to present. She is the Explorer Post 215 Advisor and Chief Advisor 2016 to present.

Sue is also on the Life Membership Committee and for those who don't know this she was the original Extreme Coupon Cutter on Sunday. She is recently engaged to Andrew DeCarlo and we are all super excited for her. On a personal note, she is one of the most caring, warm hearted members of HCFAS and we all love her.

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Cindy Cairl 30 Years of Service

Cindy Cairl member #798, who joined the squad in 1989 as well and has made the Wednesday 19:00 her home. She is a Life Member, Crew Leader, Driver, Captain of Company 5 in 1993, Second Deputy Chief – 1995, 2008, and First Deputy Chief - 2002, 2003.

Her list of committees is unbelievable and this is how dedicated Cindy has been over the last 30 years. She has been involved with the Social Committee, Building Improvement, Training, WMD Awareness, Life Membership, Driver Training, QA/QI-Chairperson, First Aid Supply, Dispatch Trainer, Exercise Room – Chairperson since 2001, Town of Huntington Fire Rescue Association Delegate – 2004, New Vehicle Committee and a Notary. I am pretty sure Cindy has touched every Committee at HCFAS, and is a tremendous value-add to our organization. There are literally no words of gratitude to share with someone who has selflessly done so much for us. We sincerely thank her for her 30 years of service to HCFAS and the Community.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Joseph Nappi to approve the May 13, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Good & Welfare: Members Family of Patricia Reciniello, Margaret Cornelius and Gregory Hallinan. – for our thoughtfulness and kindness and Vito also thanked us for the flower arrangement and use of the ambulance as a flower car and assistance in transporting his family. Services Rendered – Garrett Chelius. All the correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report Seth Fischer – Absent – Report Posted and Given by Vice President Ann Schwartz

Good evening and my sincerest apologies for not being able to make this evenings meeting.

June marks the halfway point of the year. I have nothing but sincere thanks and gratitude for everyone. We are all stepping up and doing amazing things together and I could not be more proud of what we are accomplishing.

Here is a quick, high-level overview of what is happening from a Board perspective:

1. Since the beginning of the year, Chief Como, Treasurer Canty, Secretary Franz, Tom Hogan, John Palmieri and I have been working with Supervisor Lupinacci and his team to come to an agreement over increasing the dollar amount of our LOSAP and lowering the entitlement age. While this is a work in progress, rest assured that we have the right team in place doing everything in our power to make this a reality.

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2. The new ambulance is almost complete and should be at the building ready for inspection within the next 30 days.
3. Vice President Ann Schwartz, Board of Director David Mohr, Board of Director Roger Winter, and Richard Stone, are working with Engineers from H2M to survey, spec out, and understand areas in and around the building that need to be replaced, repaired, and constructed. This is a very tough and time-consuming initiative, as there is a great deal of area to cover.
4. Board of Director Jeff Daniels is working extremely hard on a Compliance initiative that we must have in place relative to our billing structure.
5. The TOH has increased our billing rates to be aligned with averages in NY State.

Please join me in giving a big thanks to Sara Manning for organizing our Open House. This is a tremendous overtaking, as most of you know and I am positive the outcome will be a great one. Fortunately, Sara has an army of amazing members behind her to ensure success and I would like to recognize Chief Michael Como, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman, VP Ann Schwartz, Secretary Franz, Board Member David Mohr, Captain John Mancino, Captain Kelly Murphy, Captain Kathy Castillo, Captain Bill Connelly, Lehti Laas, Loreley Villamide-Herrera, Anne Donegan, Erik Krisch, Zack Flurkey, Thomas Lemp, Fiona Witkowski, Eagle Scout Jake Levinsky, Annette Hershkowitz, Gary Brandel, Eric Nazinisky, Brett Dowler, Betty Wood, Julia Vodopia, Evelyn Cruise, Andrea Golinsky, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Diane Tanko for the amazing fliers and Tony Cruz for his awesome photography. It is also very important that we recognize Sue Otto and Kathi Bonessi for rallying our awesome Post Members. A Special thanks to Emily Yonkes, Alex Havasta, Jackie Callinan, Adrian Anguira, Christopher Diaz, Alex Bayer, Connor Hamilton and Alexa Aviles. We are very grateful for all of your hard work. There are many moving parts that have to come together to make this a success, and these individuals have all done a tremendous job ensuring an amazing outcome, thank you.

Please also to continue to keep the suggestions coming for our building and your experience. For those who cook during their shift, you will notice some brand new pots, pans and other cooking accessories. A Special thanks to Pam Brenner for the suggestion and Board Member Dave Mohr for getting it done. Thank you.

Not to be redundant, but we all know by now how thankless volunteering is, but it is important you all understand what a great job we are doing, and it shows. KEEP UP THE GREATNESS!

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

As always, I am extremely grateful for everyone's hard work. To date we have answered over 2600 calls. This number by itself is impressive, but even more impressive is the fact that we have only 24'd 13 calls and we have covered 6 24's for other agencies. That means that for approximately every 2 calls we give away, we cover a call for another agency in need. This is an impressive feat and we should all be very proud.

Parade Reminders:

- Eatons Neck 4th of July Parade - Thursday, July 4th
- Huntington Manor Parade - Wednesday, July 17th
- East Northport Parade - Wednesday, August 7th
- Greenlawn Fireman's Fair Parade - Thursday, August 29th

Chiefs Order 02-2019:

Chief's Order 02-2019 was made effective on 6/9/19. The order pertains to ambulance security and was designed to bring us further into compliance with NYSDOH policy. The cliff notes version: When drivers arrive at the hospital their first priority is assisting with patient care and their second priority is locking the ambulance.

Not every ambulance locks perfectly (18 has locking issues with the rear doors). Unit 18 will not be with us much longer. If you are using that rig just do the best you can.

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner:

During the month of May there were 70 members that answered up on signal 3's. The winner of the May Raffle is Paul Bayer. Thank you Paul and everyone else that answered up!

Presentation of Badges:

The following members, having met the requirements to come off of probation will be receiving their badges tonight. This list of names contains members that have not only come off of probation but they have gone above and beyond with their contributions to our agency. These individuals include the Chairperson of the standby committee, the chairperson of the CPR training committee, Chairperson of the BLS Supply Committee and a Post 215 advisor. They have all earned their badges and I hope they wear them proudly.

#1488 William Cohn

#1489 Christina Denker

#1498 Jaclyn Rittershaus

#1499 Solange Rich

#1502 Vanessa Hernandez

#1505 Paul Bayer

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225 #1508 Eric Kramer
226 #1509 Danielle Raynor
227 #1510 Dana Silverstein
228 #1512 Brandon Eybergen
229 #1513 Vasken Kazandjian
230 #1514 Michael Jacoby
231 #1515 Kristin Tiersch
232 #1518 Casey O’Riordan
233 #1521 Roxanne Cortes
234 #1522 Julia Vodopia
235 #1523 James Kelly
236 #1528 Equislaure Gabriel
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238 **Length Of Service Awards:**

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240 #1261 Tim Quigley - 10 years
241 #1259 Tiffany White - 10 years
242 #1433 Allison Aievioli - 5 years
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245 **First Deputy Chief’s Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent - Report Posted and Given**

246 **by Chief Michael Como**
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248 Hey all! Wow we are nearly half way through 2019!! Keep up the great work! Our 24 rate is
249 extremely low which means you are coming in for your shifts, coming in early, staying late just
250 over all killing it!

251 **Finger Reads...** Please take a look at your breakdown of shifts and determine if you need any
252 corrections made so you can fill out the finger reader adjustment form. Please remember to
253 punch in and out on the **same shift**. If you are here for a double and DO NOT need LOSAP
254 points **you do not need to punch out between shifts.**

255 Members interested in **becoming drivers**, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox
256 with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

257 **Laminated certifications...** This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with
258 appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this
259 on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to
260 it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please
261 remember this as it is also a state requirement. **If you need a copy laminated place in my**
262 **mailbox with a note stating so!**

263 We have a lot of **stand-bys** coming up and being asked of us. For probationary members if you
264 need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to stand by committee Julia
265 Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

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266 **Bike Team** is also looking for new interested members! Contact Keith Rubenstein 631-404-0018
267 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566.

268 Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/e-mail me 631-418-5596 or
269 first.deputy@hcfas.org

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271 **Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted**
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273 **Review Training / EMT-B In-service Class:**

274 The June Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is Annual OSHA/Infection
275 Control (BBP). Thank you to Brian Canty for composing the training materials. This is a
276 mandatory compliance training and must be completed by July 1st.

277 BLS CPAP training classes are ongoing. We would like to have everyone trained by August 1st
278 before the new BLS protocols come out. Please make every effort to sign up.

279 **Upcoming CME Opportunities:**

280 Thursday, June 13th 1900: Dr. Brandler on Chest Pain. Thank you to Fiona, Gail Glistner and
281 Alison Russo for their work on the QA/QI Chest Pain review project. (2 hours non-core credit)
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283 Monday, June 17th 1900: ESO is coming to do an in house training on the e-PCR software.
284 Please make every effort to attend this training. This is pending CME approval from county.
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286 Saturday, June 29th 1000: Dr. Crupi will be presenting on Abdominal Pain. Thank you to Fiona
287 for arranging this session. (2 hours non-core credit)

288 Jeff Brenner has taken over as head trainer of BLS 12 Lead. A huge thank you to Jeff for taking
289 this on. All EMT-B's need to be trained prior to becoming CL's. Anyone needing a refresher is
290 also welcome to attend. You MUST reach out to Jeff to confirm attendance as space is limited.
291 The class will count as 3 hours non-core CME credit.

292 **Classes are to be held at the following dates and times:**

- 293 - Friday, June 14th 6:00 pm
294 - Saturday, June 22nd 8:00 am
295 - Sunday, June 30th 12:00 pm
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297 **e-PCR Reminders:**

298 We are losing out on \$4,000-\$16,000 a week in billing revenue due to missing or inaccurate
299 insurance information.

300 Most of this can be avoided if we capture a patient's SSN and phone number. In addition to
301 available insurance information, please make every effort to obtain valid addresses, phone
302 numbers and social security numbers. For MVA's. Please remember to obtain and document the
303 car insurance company of the vehicle the patient was in.

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We are also missing out on significant revenue due to insufficient documentation on PCR's. Please remember to complete a full physical assessment (should not be "not assessed" for most sections) and a descriptive narrative. This will be reviewed at the ESO training on the 17th. In all cases patient care is always paramount.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Chief Mike Como

Thank you to everyone who helped at the work detail and open house. We were able to clean all the ambulances and the truck room in advance of these events. Some people who helped were Bobby Loysch, Gary Brandel, Jake Levinsky, Lauren Stalzer, Dale Bartolomeo, Brett Dowler, Zach Tuck, Kathi Bonessi, Alex Bayer, Alex Hastava, Paul Bayer, Mike Capotosto. Captain Andrew Taylor, Paul Bayer and Eric Nazinitsky assisted me with pick up and drop off of vehicles this past month.

Unit 16 is in for repair at the body shop from last month's accident. It should be completed in the next couple weeks.

Unit 17 had the rear step welded back together and the suspension repair has been completed.

Unit 18 had the air horn fixed.

Unit 81 had the bumper cover replaced and painted.

There have been intermittent issues with the air conditioning on Unit 19. This will be addressed when possible.

They are making good progress on Unit 21 but the loaner ambulance is still taking its place for now. Please see one of the officers if you have any questions about using the temporary Unit 21.

If we can keep all vehicles in good shape for the next few weeks, there is a chance we could start replacing the rub rails on Units 20 and 17.

Repairs on ALS coolers are in progress. Unit 17 has already been fixed and Unit 20 is currently being repaired.

Here are a few reminders:

Please do not use four wheel drive in the vehicles unless it is necessary. If you do use it, please return it to two wheel drive when you are done so it is ready for the next person. Remember, depending on the vehicle, you may have to shift into neutral.

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If a piece falls off of a vehicle or our equipment, please let me or a member of the vehicle maintenance committee know so that it can be put back on or replaced if necessary. Do not just throw it out.

When using the vehicle wash station, please put everything back as you found it, including carefully reattaching the hose nozzle and washer so it is ready for the next person. If you are on duty on a nice day please wash your ambulance or responder vehicle.

Please remember to double check the scene for bags and equipment before you leave. Thank you to those who have retrieved bags left at calls this week.

The new oxygen and BLS bags and updated checkout sheets are still in progress.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Chief Mike Como

I am on vacation from Sunday 09 June thru Saturday 15 June.

There were **487 calls** in May, for a YTD total of **2486** in 2019.

There were **2 signal 24s** in May. **YTD 24s were 12 or .48%.**

Dispatch Training:

Since the May meeting, six members have passed Dispatch training: **Zachary Tuck** #1543 (Tuesday 2300), **Brett Dowler** #1546 (Thursday 0700), **Colin Weigle** #1553 (Friday 1500) and Post members **Alexa Aviles** #500131 (Saturday 1900), **Estrella Flores** #500155 (Tuesday 1500) and **Sergio Gomez** #500164 (Wednesday 1900). Congratulations to all!

Crew Leaders:

If your call is **Cancelled / Unfounded / RMA / or Signal 50**, you still must complete the e-PCR just as you did with the paper PCR's. We still have +/- **6 calls** every week that "disappear" because no e-PCR is done. I then have to make a paper copy of the Incident and send it to the e-PCR committee so they can reconcile the run.

Drivers:

When you give your signal 18 to the hospital, please let Dispatchers know if the **"Paramedic is on board."** That reminds the dispatcher to enter **"ALS Run Call"** in the CAD. Our town contract requires us to report how many times ALS runs the call.

EMT-CC's:

It is difficult for dispatchers to determine if you use your ALS skills on the way to the hospital. If you are the driver, obviously, you did not "do" ALS. If you **do** run ALS, please tell the Dispatcher upon your return so that we can put that in the CAD.

Dispatchers:

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If the ambulance advises they are transporting to an alternate hospital, please click on the ambulance icon – where you add “P” or “CC” – and click on “**destination hospital**” at the bottom left. The default is Huntington Hospital” but if the rig is going someplace else, just click on that hospital name.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain’s Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

I would like to thank all the Company 1 members who keep Sundays running smoothly from staying for additional shifts, teaching new members and demonstrating reliability in any situation. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Thank you.

I would like to congratulate Post Member Alex Hastava who won 2018 Youth Provider of the year for Suffolk County. Alex usually rides with James Barkocy and Eileen Burns on both the 07:00 & 11:00 Shifts. I would also like to recognize Diane Tanko for designing the tee shirts, given out this year for EMS week.

Also, best wishes to Esteban Lopez on his military leave in San Diego and his safe return. I would like welcome a new member to the squad, Mackenzie O’ Brien #1559 who will be on the 2300 shift.

The 1900 & 2300 shifts need a Dispatcher and the 2300 Shift is in need of a second due crew.

Monday Co. 2 Captain’s Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted

First and foremost many thanks to all who either answered up or covered a shift as a replacement or Company 8. Thank you to everyone on the day for coming in and helping out extra.

Most shifts need a second due crew plus ALS. Currently the 1500 shift could really use a First due DR or CL, plus a second due crew. Please reach out to me if you think you can come in and help out.

Currently, Monday has two 24’s this year, almost getting a third this afternoon. Thank you to Bob Biersack, Tom O’Leary and Jake Levinsky for answering up when the third alarm came in.

Wishing you all a wonderful June.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain’s Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Day Captain Kathryn Donegan

Thank you to everyone who has come down and helped Tuesday’s! Welcome back Sean from Nursing school and Zach! The overnight is thrilled to have you and we would like to welcome Casey to the Tuesday overnight as well. We could use a 2nd due driver every week.

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434 I apologize for not being here tonight as I am away on vacation. First Deputy Chief Elizabeth
435 Wuestman is covering me tomorrow if anyone needs anything!

436 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted**

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438 June is finally here and I'm sure we're all happy to see the temperatures go up and those of us
439 in school are excited to see summer vacation getting nearer!

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441 The summertime is a very busy time for us at HCFAS, filled with parades and fun but also lots
442 of calls. Be sure to take care during these months especially on the roads and at summer parties
443 where unfortunately many accidents tend to happen.

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445 Similarly to my PULSE article this month, I'd like to thank all of the wonderful people who
446 consistently give their time to Wednesdays. Special thanks to Steven Benjamin, Bob Biersack
447 and Fiona Witkowski. I can always count on you to come in week after week on a Wednesday
448 shift. You make my job that much easier on a regular basis!

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450 That being said, Wednesday is in desperate need of a first due Driver on the 1500 Shift and a
451 Dispatcher on the overnight. The 0700 and 1100 Shifts could ALWAYS use some extra hands
452 but those two openings need the most attention. Let me know if you are ever available.

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454 Thank you to all Wednesday members and those who come down and help out, you continue to
455 make this experience as rewarding and painless as possible! Have a safe and happy summer.

456 457 458 **Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Absent - Report Posted and Given** 459 **by Day Captain Kathryn Donegan**

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461 Congratulations to Brett Dowler on passing Dispatch Training Exam.

462 A Permanent Dispatcher is needed for the 1500 shift.

463 Lots of service opportunities on all shifts, please come on out while good seats are still available.

464 Everyone, please do checkouts as this is important not just for the agency but for the
465 communities in which we serve.

466 Finally, I would like to extend my extreme gratitude and respect to the people of the Thursday
467 crew; the people who come in every week and are always here to get things done. Additionally,

468 I want to thank all the people who are stepping up to cover all those extra shifts and fill all those
469 vacancies and voids. Without your outstanding commitment, this agency would not be the
470 success we are.

471 As of this writing we are 24 free and this is thanks to you.

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Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Day Captain Kelly Murphy

Happy June!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I know I'm planning on it. I don't have much to report right now but I just wanted to wish everyone a happy, healthy summer. Enjoy.

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Day Captain William Connolly

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays. Brian Canty, Kristin Tiersch, Brian Block, David Villegas, Deborah Rudilosso, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Laura Treulich. Thank You, company 7 and company 8 members. Monday Day Captain Kelly, Thursday Day Captain John Mancino, Chief Jeffery Brenner, Deborah Rudilosso, Robert Biersack, Gary Brandel, Spencer Newman, Steven Benjamin, Ona Mastroianni, Timothy Quigley, Pam Brenner, Eric Nazinitsky, Thomas Hogan, Pam Best, Leyda Mata, Fritz Barreau, Lauren Connelly and Loreley Villamide-Herrera.

I would like to extend my Congratulations to Alexa Aviles for passing her Dispatcher Examination.

I would like to welcome new member #1558 EMT/Dispatcher Trainee Annika Lacroze on Saturday. Please, when you see Annika welcome her with open arms and hearts and she is very excited to be here at HCFAS.

If you need a CPR Cards. Chairperson Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible to get into a class. Please e-mail him: cpr@hcfas.org.

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the company 7 and Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

Notable Calls: (none to report) Great Job everyone who does respond and helps the community in which service.

Saturdays need help throughout the day but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Again, Thank You All. Be Safe!



Delegate & Committee Reports:

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LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz

The 2018 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Huntington Town Board on April 16, 2019. In compliance with General Municipal Law, the approved listing was returned to the Squad and posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period which ends on June 22, 2019. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the President with a copy to the Secretary. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained with supporting documentation, if applicable. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

2019 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred dollar (\$500.00) squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the sponsoring non-probationary member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2019 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of July 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 non-probationary members or family members of non-probationary members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation (academic transcripts) 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 (minimum two semesters) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2018 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2019 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad. Incomplete applications submitted to the Secretary will be returned and not processed – all required documentation must be attached.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship - Deadline August 1st – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be received by August 1, 2019 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 1, 2019 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVARA provides up to three \$500 scholarships. 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 an 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

New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association District 7 - Andrea Golinsky

Thanked everyone for attending the EMS Memorial in Albany and a past member and father of a current member Michaela Ryan name was added to the memorial.

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District 7 meeting is on Tuesday June 18, 2019 at Central Islip Hauppauge VAS at 8:00 PM. All are invited.

The Board of Directors approved up to 6 members to attend the NYSVARA Pulse Check 2019 Educational Conference and Trade Show from September 15th to September 19th, 2019 in Suffern, NY. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board shortly for any interested members.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto and Brian Canty – All the members had a great time at the Open House. 12 Post 215 applications were received at the Open House. Hopefully most will begin on June 24, 2019 or in September 2019. The members are looking forward to marching in the upcoming summer parades.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total donations to date are \$40,666. Second solicitation mailing will be going out 2nd week of July.

Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo and Kelly Murphy – We trained about 75 people between the Hope Day event and the Open House! Thank you to Kelly Murphy for leading the team during Hope Day. We had a huge turn out for both events. A special shout out to Evelyn Cruse and Jake Levinsky for helping me with the Open House.

If you are interested in joining this amazing team, please let myself or Kelly Murphy know.

We have a HO-CPR demo set for June 22nd from 4:00 –7:00 PM. We should be training around 40 youths so I'm going to need extra hands!! Each one teach one!

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski – There are 3 CME's in June (see 2nd Deputy Chief's report) and we ask that you sign up for these events so that we know how many are attending so that we order enough food for everyone.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty - Annual Squad Picnic will be on Saturday July 27th or Sunday August 4th –Date has not been finalized.

Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia - Stand-Bys are posted on the bulletin board. Please contact any member of the committee if you are available. Any and all help is always appreciated.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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34th Annual Hubbinette Cowell Golf Outing July 9, 2019 at the Hamlet Wind Watch Golf Club Raffle. Only four (4) members signed up so they are all winners. Congratulations to John Palmieri, Tom Lemp, Steve Benjamin and Andy Ball.

CPR Course for Members – Michael Jacoby

If you need a CPR course please contact the committee at CPR@hcfas.org

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Panera Bread Gift Card - Lorri Stone

Target Gift Card - Angie Kalodukas

Cheesecake Factory Gift Card - Alex Hastava

PF Chang's Gift Card - Lisa Mohr

Starbucks Gift Card- Christina Denker

Bottle of White Wine - John Palmieri

Bottle of Red Wine - Tim Quigley

Motion made by Roger Winter and seconded by Ryane Como to adjourn the meeting at 2037 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 58, Probationary 10, Total: 68

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: June 21, 2019

Approved: July 8, 2019

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
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Date: July 8, 2019

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	ABSENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	ABSENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 62).

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

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

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Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Get well soon to Joanne Neumann, wife of member Ferd Neumann. Joanne was briefly hospitalized but is home recovering. Please keep Ferd in your prayers as well.

Get Well Wishes to Mary Winter who was briefly hospitalized but has made a full recovery.

Get Well Wishes to Don Roulo, who is out on a back injury. Calls, Texts and e-mails are welcome.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Eileen Burns, we hope that you get well soon.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Mary Jane Wozniak, we hope that you get well soon.

Tremendous Congratulations to our Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como and Our Chief Mike Como as they are expecting their first child.

Roger Winter presented the Squad with a Blanket which was donated by the family of Life member, Past President Ferd and his wife Charter member Ruth Rocke. The family held a memorial breakfast in honor of Ferd and Ruth at the Squad this morning.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Kathleen Castillo and seconded by Fiona Witkowski to approve the June 10, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

No correspondence received since the June meeting. Any correspondence that is received is posted on the bulletin board.

Two SOP's that were read and commented on at the April 8, 2019 General Membership Meeting were amended and approved by the Board of Directors on June 27, 2019. The Proposed SOP changes are proposed SOP # 03-2019 which allows members flexibility in completing their required hours and SOP # 04 -2019 which adds the requirement that members carry their credentials with them at all times while on duty. The revised SOP's will be posted on the bulletin board.

Tonight we will have a drawing for the six winners of a 2019 HCFAS Scholarship. Fourteen applications were received of which eleven met the eligibility requirements.

Scholarship Drawing Results:

The winners are: Members: Meaghan Salzone #1244, Danielle Raynor #1509, Esteban Lopez #1519, Greysin Rose son of Israel Cortes #1174, Colby Martin son of Susan Martin #1057 and Matthew Muszynski son of Diane Muszynski #1417.

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Winners of the June raffle for the 34th Annual Hubbinette Cowell Golf Outing foursome will be playing tomorrow July 9, 2019 at the Hamlet Wind Watch Golf Club – John Palmieri, Steven Benjamin, Andy Ball and Andrew Giusto.

President's Report Seth Fischer

Happy July, I hope everyone is enjoying the summer!

A tremendous Thank you to all of our members as we are running on all cylinders and doing extraordinarily well.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the department of health has dropped their investigation and are satisfied with our forthcoming report and reimbursement scheduled. That case is closed.

From a billing perspective, over the last few months we have seen an uptick in comprehensive narratives and fully documented PCR's, leading to an increase in our billing revenue. A Special thanks to our Second Deputy Ryane Como leading the charge with her team for perfection.

Our new ambulance is in New York, and should be in-house within the next month. A Special thanks to our Treasurer Brian Cauty, Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman and Bernard Poole for getting this accomplished. It is not as easy as most may think but our Vehicle Committee stays very committed and focused on making this a reality.

This past month the Board approved our 2020 Budget that we will be sending to the Town of Huntington. A Special thanks to Treasurer Brian Cauty and Fernando Rivadeneira who put in a great deal of time and effort. A very impressive job, thank you both for your hard work.

In closing, a huge Thanks to our Chief. In just 6 months he has made an amazing impact both within and outside our organization. I see consistent smiles and laughter throughout the day. Our neighboring departments have nothing but compliments regarding his leadership and collaboration and we have actually received kudos and thanks from our elected officials from the Town of Huntington. From the Boards perspective we cannot be more proud of the job he has done and we are anxious to see what the road ahead brings. A born leader who is creating a legacy of greatness. Lastly, a big Thank you to our members. Please keep up the great work that we continue to do for our Community.

New Billing rates were approved by the Town of Huntington at their 5/21/19 Board Meeting.

We continue to correspond with the Town of Huntington regarding LOSAP lowering entitlement age and increase in monthly benefit amount to \$30.00.

Have a wonderful and safe July 4th We look forward to seeing everyone at the Squad Picnic on Sunday, July 28th!

Treasurer's Report – Brian Cauty – Report Posted

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132 **Financial Review YTD 1/1/19 – 6/30/19:**

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134 **HCAD – Town Tax Money:**

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136 **Money Received from Town \$822,550.00**

137 **Expenses - \$ 675,183.00**

138 **Major Expenses:**

Expenses	
Payroll	112,807.41
Billing Services	77,775.43
EMS Supplies	72,877.68
Vehicles	58,450.45
Building	79,260.05
Utilities	35,401.20
Communications	42,249.97
Profess Fee's	7,500.00
Insurance	78,329.38
Office	10,463.37
Uniforms	6,602.05
Members Inspection	52,875.23
Training	9,374.99
Public Relations	2,449.95
Social	20,752.21
Other Expenses	<u>8,013.37</u>
Total Expenses	675,182.74

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140 **HCFAS – Squad Money:**

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142 **Income – Fund Drive \$33,998.00 and Miscellaneous Donations/Interest \$1,490.00 = \$35,488.00**

143 **Expenses \$21,142.34**

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146 **Expenses:**

Expenses	
Insurance	5,119.96
Office	349.23
Public Relations	1,856.52
Fund Drive	4,201.94
Social	8,364.79
Other Expenses	<u>1,249.90</u>
Total Expenses	21,142.34

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

With more than half of the year behind us, I'm very happy with how things are going. The Operational Officers and the membership has been working hard and I appreciate it. Thank you all.

Summer temperatures are here and it's only going to get hotter. Try and stay hydrated when you're on duty. There is a cooler with water bottles outside of the dispatch office.

NYSDOH and Rig Check-Outs:

I submitted our operating license renewal packet to the DOH last month. The entire process went smoothly and you will now find a NYSDOH operating license hanging in dispatch that expires in July 2021. Let's make an effort to remain in the State's good graces by staying on top of our rig checkouts (both BLS and ALS) and locking the ambulance when it's left unattended at the hospital.

Chiefs Order 02-2019:

Chief's Order 02-2019 was made effective on 6/9/19. The order pertains to ambulance security and was designed to bring us further into compliance with NYSDOH policy. The cliff notes version: When drivers arrive at the hospital, their first priority is assisting with patient care, their second priority is locking the ambulance.

Parade Reminders:

- Huntington Manor Parade - Wednesday, July 17th
- East Northport Parade - Wednesday, August 7th
- Greenlawn Fireman's Fair Parade - Thursday, August 29th

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner- During the month of June there were 98 instances of members answering up on signal 3's. The winner of the June raffle is Jake Levinsky. Jake answered up 13 times in June. Thank you Jake and everyone else that answered up!

First Deputy Chiefs Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Posted and Given by Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como

We have a lot of Standbys coming up and being asked of us. Probationary members if you need events or members looking to do some extra hours reach out to Stand By Committee Julia Vodopia 631-418-4269 or Eric Nazinitsky 631-406-3896.

This Thursday July 11th- HFD Yaphank Standby- 1730-2200 Hours Full Crew Needed

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191 July 16th-20th - HMFD Fair Standby - 1800-0000 Hours (Full Crews Needed on all days)

192 July 31st - HMFD Yaphank Standby - 1745-2200 Hours (FA/ALS is needed)

193 Quarter 2 came to a conclusion just two weeks ago, GREAT JOB to all of those who did their
194 minimum 48 hours and more!! Our 24 Rate is 0.56% and it is because of your dedication and
195 presence!! Keep up the hard work our community needs you! We are one of the busiest agencies
196 on long island and we have the skills and patient centered care to show for it!

197 **Finger Reads...** Please take a look at your breakdown of shifts and determine if you need any
198 corrections made so you can fill out the finger reader adjustment form. Please remember to
199 punch in and out on the same shift. If you are here for a double and DO NOT need LOSAP
200 points you do not need to punch out between shifts.

201 Members interested in becoming Drivers, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with
202 your badge number and a note stating your interest.

203 **Laminated Certifications...** This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with
204 appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this
205 on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to
206 it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please
207 remember this as it is also a state requirement. If you need a copy laminated place in my mailbox
208 with a note stating so! I am only laminating those that ask specifically for it.

209 Bike team is also looking for new interested members! Contact Keith Rubenstein 631-404-0018
210 or Dale Bartolomeo 631-525-3566.

211 Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/email me 631-418-5596 or
212 first.deputy@hcfas.org

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214 **Second Deputy Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted**

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216 **Review Training / EMT-B In-service Class**

217 The July Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is BLS 12 Lead. Thank you to
218 Jeff Brenner for holding BLS 12 lead in service classes. Thank you to Martha Brenner for
219 posting 12 Lead and CPAP instructions on the bulletin board outside of dispatch.

220 The due date for June's mandatory compliance review training was June 30th. Thank you to those
221 that completed the training on time. Please remember that to remain in good standing you must
222 not be missing more than two review trainings.

223 BLS CPAP training classes are ongoing. We would like to have everyone trained by August 1st
224 before the new BLS protocols come out. Thank you to Liz Mohr, Brian Canty, and Gary Brandel
225 for all of their help holding classes.

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ePCR Reminders:

We had our best month with billing revenue in May. The billing company has relayed that there has been a marked increase in us securing insurance information. We also had a 90% improvement with billable PCR's due to better documentation. This is incredible! Thank you to everyone for their continued diligence.

Despite improvement we are still losing out on significant billing revenue due to missing or inaccurate insurance information, particularly with MVA's. Please remember to get the insurance company name of the vehicle the patient was in. This can easily be obtained by the Driver or First Aider on a call with minimal disruption to patient care. The Police Officers are happy to provide this information if the patient themselves does not know.

Also, please try to capture a patient's SSN and phone number in case we have obtained insurance information from the hospital that is no longer valid. As always patient care comes first.

We had a well-attended ESO lecture last month. Thank you to those of you who joined and asked a lot of great questions. Next month's review training will focus on ESO and proper documentation. If you have any questions in the meantime please reach out to me. Any ePCR complaints or questions may be directed to epcr@hcfas.org. Remember that we can only work on solutions to problems if you tell us!

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Chief Mike Como

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a nice holiday. Please drive safely. Two ambulances have had damages repaired and we're hoping to move forward with 17 if we don't have any major issues. Thanks to everyone who gave me ideas in June and reported problems.

Unit 16 Module repair has been completed. There are a few issues that will be addressed when we have more ambulances in service.

Unit 17 had the air conditioning in the patient compartment fixed by one of the ambulance companies.

Unit 18 had the front air conditioning repaired.

Unit 19 will have check engine light remedied shortly.

Unit 20 recently had cosmetic repairs completed. The ALS cooler will be reinstalled shortly.

Unit 21 is still in the process of being repaired.

Units 17, 20, 80, 81 and 82 all have ignition override switches. To use it, flip the switch to on, put the vehicle in park, turn ignition to off position and take the keys out. To leave the scene,

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insert the keys again, turn the ignition to on position and continue on your way. To turn the vehicle off, turn the key off with your foot on the brake, or simply hit the brake after. As a reminder, Units 16 and 19 also have a similar functionality, but it is integrated into the touch screen on the home screen as Ignition Stop/Start. This would prevent the ambulance or responder vehicle from being stolen while idling on scene.

The new ambulance is on Long Island and will be inspected shortly.

The new combined Oxygen and BLS bag is in service on the ambulances. All vehicles now have jumper cables so that we are less likely to be stranded somewhere with dead batteries. They are on the driver side of the ambulance in the equipment sections by the flares or by the fire extinguishers depending on the shelf configuration.

There are updated ambulance checkout and driver checkout sheets. Please make sure you use the 6/19 versions of each.

Thanks to Members Andrew Taylor and Bob Biersack for assisting with some of the ambulance tasks recently.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

July calls as of noon today: 125 Calls, 0 signal 24s, 15.6 calls/day.

YTD we have 17 signals 24s on 3119 calls for a rate of .545%. Excellent!

We have 7 signals 16 on a 24 TO another department including 3 to Melville!

Dispatch Training: Since the June meeting, 2 members have passed Dispatch Training: Katherine Kallergis #1555 (Friday 0700) and Annika Lacroze #1558 (Saturday 0700).

Including the three new members accepted 06/27/19, there are six members in Dispatch Training.

There have been some changes to the traffic signal: The garage door openers provided by the contractor were not strong enough to activate the signals so they are adding a transmitter on the side of the building; the yellow flashing lights will be reprogrammed so they go solid yellow for 5 seconds before turning red; the red lights will (hopefully) stop traffic for 30 seconds before automatically going back to flashing yellow. Once the lights are activated, we will instruct the drivers to give a signal 2 when they are ready to leave the building and upon returning a signal 29 when they are passing Lowndes Avenue. We will instruct the dispatchers to activate the lights when the ambulance is passing Lowndes Avenue so that the vehicle can turn onto the ramp and start backing into the building in the 30 seconds allotted.

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Dispatchers, please don't forget to add "Rescue" next to the name of any person who answers your 3-on-a-16 page – inside or outside of the building. If the person is not on that shift, they deserve credit for responding and a chance to win a gift certificate!
Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Happy Summer Everyone!

Sunday Members have been doing a great job and have been staying on top of their ambulance check-outs and monthly training.

I would like to welcome two new members to Sundays: Aaron Surette is on the 0700 Shift and William Burton on the 2300 shift both are in Dispatch Training.

On July 7, 2019 the 1500 crews consisting of Sharyn Cullen, Diane Tanko, Jacqueline Callinan, Julia Vodopia and Leslie Wissner responded to a collision involving SCPD. The Police Officer was transported to Huntington hospital.

The 1100, 1900 and 2300 shifts need a Dispatcher. The 2300 Shift is in need of a second due Crew Leader and Driver. Anyone in need of Driver training please contact me. Enjoy your summer and I will see you at all the parades!

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted

Great thanks to Company 2 members for coming in and completing your check outs either prior to your shift or as soon as possible and for getting coverage when you are unable to be here.

Thank you to the Company 8 members Pam Brenner, Keith Davis, Keith Tetrault, Timothy Quigley, Bedel Saget and Israel Cortes for coming in to fill the slots on different shifts.

A huge thanks to Tom Lemp and Carol Nucci for coming on the 1100 shift for the past 5 months or so as a full crew in addition to your Tuesday morning shifts.

Also, thank you so much to Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Andrew Taylor, Bobby Loysch, Andrew Giusto, Phil Orlando and Tom O'Leary for always answering up to our pages. Without all of your help we would have had way more then two 24's. Please forgive me if I forgot to mention any names.

Monday, June 17th the 1900 shift received a call for an infant cardiac arrest. By God's grace the baby started to cry prior to EMS arrival. Mom had been feeding her baby boy, who, at the time was 2 days old and the baby turned blue and stopped breathing. The mother of baby turned him over and patted his back till he started to cry. I wanted to acknowledge the crew members for their fast response and simply doing a great job. Thank you to Stephanie Caracciolo and John

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Connors for Dispatching. Thank you to David Mohr, Karen Martin, George Reeder, Anthony Cambareri and Joel Paul for your quick response.

Thank you to Mark Brenner and Matt Bessen for also doing such a wonderful job and discovering that the baby had high pitched wheezing otherwise known as Stridor.

This little infant was transported to the hospital safely and is doing well. You should all be very proud and remember all the good that we all do as volunteers. Everyone plays a part big or small and all those parts count and matter.

Monday could really use 2nd due CL's on the 1100, 1500 and 2300 shifts. FA's and ALS on all shifts.

Don Roulo is out on a Medical LOA for a few months and he normally covers the 0700 and 1100 shifts every other week as a Driver. Tim Quigley has offered to come in and cover the 0700 shift for him, however, we still need a Driver to cover Don on the 1100 bi-weekly, if you are available please let me know.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Day Captain Kelly Murphy

Happy Summer Everyone!

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Zack and Nicole on passing ambulance orientation. Nicole is currently enrolled in her EMT class and Zack is currently ACLing and Driver Training.

Thank you to everyone who has answered up!

The Tuesday 0700 Shift could use a 2nd Due Driver.

I would like to wish Tony Cruz Good Luck as he moves down South at the end of the month to be with his daughter who is having a baby. We are very sad to see him go on Tuesdays! Which means at the end of the month the 0700 shift will need a Dispatcher, if anyone is available please let me know!

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

Happy July! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable fourth. There are many events coming up soon, many parades and our annual picnic and I hope to see everyone there!

Wednesdays have been faring along quite well during the end of the second quarter and the third is off to a great start! Remember to find coverage for any summer vacation dates you may need, it helps everyone out!

If anyone has any time available on Wednesdays, I'm sure we could find a spot for you. A first due Driver is desperately needed on the 1500 shift as is a dispatcher on the 2300 Shift. Thanks

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to everyone who has helped out in filling in where needed the past month, it is so incredibly appreciated.

I hope everyone has a wonderful remainder of July and we'll see each other again next month!

Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Day Captain Kathleen Castillo

Congratulations to Brett Dowler who is moving on to ACL training.

Welcome to new member Robert Sinrich, Thursday 1100 Shift, who, very shortly will have his EMT Certification.

Lots of service opportunities on all shifts, please come on out while good seats are still available.

As of this writing, we have only had one 24 in the first 6 months and that is thanks to you.

Lastly, July 4th was an extraordinary busy day with 26 alarms, 20 of which were between 0700 and 1500. NO 24's. I want to thank everyone who came in and made this day a success. We are only successful because of people like you who are so dedicated to the service of others.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Friday Company 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

Thank you all who have helped make Friday's run so smoothly. You all are truly amazing.

Thank you also to Company 8 members who have filled in on my help needed shifts.

I would like to welcome Giorgia Iannetti #1561 to the Friday 1100 shift. You have some amazing people to train you on your shift and I can't wait to get to know you!!!

Congratulations to our newest Life Member Tommy Romano #939 on receiving your new Badge. We are all very lucky to have you at HCFAS! I am so proud of you Tommy!!

As always, Stay Safe and Love each other.

Saturday Company 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Karen Martin

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays:

Chief Michael Como, 3rd Deputy Chief David Kaufman, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Captain Kelly Murphy, Captain Liz Mohr, Captain Bill Connolly, Captain John

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Mancino, Deborah Rudilosso, Timothy Quigley, Robert Biersack, Thomas Curry, Matthew Valle, Tristan Liu, Pam Brenner, Leyda Mata, David Villegas, Jordan Drelich, Mary Sisinni, Matthew Sisinni, Brian Block, Brian Canty, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Fritz Barreau, Paul Bayer, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, William Burtons, Richard Cortes, Vanessa Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Israel Cortes, Thomas Hogan (standby), Dominic Heavey (standby), Andrea Golinsky (standby-PR), Zachary Tuck, Zachary Flurkey, Fiona Witkowski, Samantha Ryan, Keith Rubenstein, Gary Brandel, Kimberly Prestin, Michael Capotosto, Keith Tamayo.

Congratulations to Member #1558 EMT/Dispatcher Trainee Annika Lacroze and Post 215 Members Ben Curry on passing Ambulation Orientation.

Annika Lacroze and Kimberly Prestin will be meeting with Tim Ebert for starting ACL program.

Notable Calls: (none to report) Great Job to everyone who responds and helps the community in which we live in and take care of.

1. We had a signal 24 Mutual Aid to Melville Fire Department HQ for a basement fire at a residential home.
2. We had multiple MVA's and a Medivac call. Great job to all the crews and members that responded to these calls and to the Huntington Manor Fire Department.

If you need a CPR Card, Chairperson, Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible to get into a class. Please e-mail him: cpr@hcfas.org

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews available. Thank you to all the Company 7 and Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

Saturdays need help throughout the day but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Again, Thank you, all. Be Safe. 🧐

Delegate & Committee Reports:

Committee Reports:

Suffolk REMSCO meeting – Bob Franz

The meeting will be at SCEMS, Yaphank at 7:00 PM tomorrow evening, Tuesday, 7/9/19.

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483 **LOSAP 2018 Points – Bob Franz**

484 The 2018 Service Awards LOSAP Point Listing was audited by the Town of Huntington
485 independent CPA firm. Also, after the mandatory 30 day posting period at the Squad, the list was
486 was returned to the TOH for further processing including payment of the 2018 contribution.

487 It is anticipated that members who are currently receiving benefits will see an increase in their
488 benefit for their 2018 service credit starting in August and will receive a lump sum payment by
489 the end of July for the increase for the first seven months of 2019.

490 Participant 2018 LOSAP statements will be distributed in August.

491 **NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 1st – Bob** 492 **Franz**

493 The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on
494 their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be received by August 1, 2019
495 (applications postmarked later then the deadline August 1, 2019 will not be considered). This
496 scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVARA
497 provides up to three \$500 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as
498 determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final.
499 Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the
500 year applying or an adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and
501 be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

502 **SC FRES Recruitment Committee SERVES Program - Deadline October 1, 2019 - Bob** 503 **Franz**

504 The SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board and can also be found on the
505 Suffolk bravest website.

506 SERVES (Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Service)
507 provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within
508 Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community
509 College- The student-volunteer will receive a reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related
510 to their GPA. Completed applications must be submitted no later than October 1st for the Fall
511 semester and February 1st for the Spring semester. Applications are date stamped upon receipt
512 and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on
513 a first come, first served basis.

514 For more information about SERVES go to:
515 www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.

516 This is NOT an educational program; it is a retention program designed to help keep Members in
517 the Volunteer Fire & EMS Service. The student must maintain acceptable volunteer activity and

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518 training levels as set forth by HCFAS during their entire course of study and must continue this
519 service for a period of time after receipt of total SERVES funds (post education commitment).

520 **Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson**

521 Reminder to review and update your beneficiary(s) especially if you went through any life
522 changes, such as marriages, divorce, death or birth of loved ones.

523 Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance
524 Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's
525 mail box or the insurance committee mail box or e-mail Bob Franz at
526 robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program
527 are generally covered for \$50,000.00 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

528 All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the
529 death benefit is \$250,000.00

530 Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program will be indicated on your 2018 LOSAP benefit
531 statement which will be distributed to you in August.

532 **Register to Vote – Bob Franz**

533 When you register to vote, you become part of a larger group with the same EMS concerns and
534 interests. Together we can make our voices heard at the ballot box.

535 New York State Voter Registration forms are available on top of the mail folder cabinet. To vote
536 in an election, you must mail or deliver this form to the Suffolk County Board of Elections no
537 later than 25 days before the election in which you want to vote.

538 **Member Mail Folders – Bob Franz**

539 **Reminder:** Each time you come on your shift, please check your mail folder for any
540 correspondence etc. and please do not use your folder for storage. Thanks.

541 542 **New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association District 7 - Andrea** 543 **Golinsky** 544

545 Wyandanch/Wheatley Heights Ambulance Corps will be hosting two events on July 27, 2019.

546 From 0900 to 1100 there will be a CME-Active Shooter. Instead of having to respond to this type
547 of incident at a school, hospital, etc., this CME will deal with the situation if the shooter comes
548 to you as it takes place at your HEADQUARTERS.

549 If you plan to attend RSVP via e-mail to Training@WWHAC.com.

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At 1200 – 1300 hours at 18th Street and Merritt Avenue (Headquarters of WWHVAC) 18th Street will be named in honor of Thomas J. (Tommy) Cronogue Chief Emeritus of Wyandanch/Wheatley Heights Ambulance Corps. Tommy served as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and as Chief during the 80's, 90's, 2000's and 2010's. He served many years as EMT Instructor, Firefighter and Police Officer. If you would like to attend Class A uniforms are requested. After the ceremony a light reception will follow.

To RSVP e-mail to info@WWHAC.com

District 7 will not have a meeting in July. The August meeting will take place at South Country Volunteer Ambulance on August 20th at 1930 hours. Election of District Officers will take place at that time.

PulseCheck 2019 will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Suffern, NY September 12th thru September 15th. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board with the FD parade dates. If you are interested, please read the motion passed by the BOD which lists the criteria to attend and method of payment for out of pocket expenses. The registration and hotel reservations must be made prior to August 1st.

Renaissance Downtowns - The building at New York Avenue and Olive Street is progressing. The property on the west side of New York Avenue has not be signed over to the town by the NYS DOT as yet so there is no movement on that property as yet.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

CME Committee – Pamela Brenner Davis - You must pre-register for CME presentations. CME questions should be directed to Pam not to SCEMS. Mark Brenner will be teaching a day time BLS Core Course in July. The Class will be one (1) week long. Please contact Pamela Brenner Davis if interested.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto and Brian Canty – Took in 32 members. Anyone else who wishes to join will be placed on a waiting list.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total Donations to date are \$42,606.00. Second solicitation mailing went out in early July.

Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo and Kelly Murphy – June was a great month for the HOCPR team! We had several events including Hope Day, Open House and we trained almost 20 youth group members from St. Hugh of Lincoln. Great team work by all! If you are interested in joining this amazing team, please reach out to myself or Kelly Murphy.

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski – On Saturday, June 29th about 30 people attended a very interesting talk by Dr. Robert Crupi on Abdominal problems. Thank you Matt Valle for helping to coordinate this event. If anyone would like a copy of his Power Point presentation please contact Fiona. The next presentation will be on Neonatal Resuscitation. See e-mails for dates and times.

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Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty - Annual Squad Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2019 from Noon to 4:00 PM. The Sign up sheet is in the ready room.

Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia – Help is needed for the following:

Yaphank – Thursday, 7/11/19 and The HMFD Fair 7/16/19 to 7/20/19 – 6:00 PM to Midnight.

Winner of this quarter's Standby Raffle is Keith Davis.

New Business:

President Fischer thanked the Cortes family for the donation of the Pig for dinner this evening.

On August 6, 2019 there will be the annual National Night Against Crime at Manor Field. The Squad will be participating with an ambulance and HOCPR.

Old Business:

PCR's - Alison Russo - everyone is doing an amazing job and there is much improvement. Please document what you did for the patient - Check the boxes on initial assessment.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Applebee's Gift Card – Rodriguens Gabriel

Panera Bread Gift Card – Carolyn Mullen

Target Gift Card – Karen Martin

PF Changs Gift Card – Ann Donegan

Starbucks Gift Card – Lisa Mohr

Red Wine – Tom O'Leary

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641 **Motion made by Tom O’Leary and seconded Roger Winter to adjourn the meeting**
642 **at 2034 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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645 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 66, Probationary 14, Total: 80

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647 Respectfully Submitted,

648 *Christine A. Tedone*

649 Recording Secretary

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651 *Robert J. Franz*

652 Secretary

653 Draft posted: July 20, 2019

654 Approved: August 12, 2019

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: August 12, 2019

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 52).

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

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

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Motion by David Kaufman and seconded by Joanne Vogel to change the order of business for a reading, discussion and consensus vote on the proposed SOP changes 01-2019, 06-2019, 07-2019, 08-2019 as published in the August Pulse.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by John Mancino and seconded by Don Roulo to dispense with the reading of Proposed SOP change 01-2019 to update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge Program. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Proposed SOP Change 01-2019

Proposal:

To update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge program.

Background/Justification:

NYS has eliminate the EMT-CC program and implemented a bridge program for all current EMT-CC's

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

Article X, Section 1, (A), (10)

10. Training

The Chief is authorized to approve and schedule work details, squad-related EMS training courses at the squad, including courses given by the Suffolk County Division of EMS or other course sponsors, and will be responsible for scheduling and coordination of events. The Chief will confirm all programs with the President.

The training of our members is of the utmost importance. Training is no longer limited to a single course or two. In addition to the recognized state levels of certification there are seminars, conferences, and continuing education courses that benefit members. In an effort to allow membership to achieve the most from what is available to them, while insuring that the squad benefits also, the following guidelines have been established for the reimbursement of training courses for members in good standing. A member on probation is not precluded from attending courses. Training courses beyond the normal and customary American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Suffolk or Nassau County EMT ~~and/or AEMT~~, including CME classes, require pre-approval of the Second Deputy Chief. Any training course that exceeds these limits requires the pre-approval of the Board of Directors.

Upon successful completion of any course, conference or seminar that is directly related to the function of the organization, as determined by the Second Deputy Chief, the member must complete a Course/Seminar Reimbursement Request form. The member must attach a copy of the certificate of completion along with verification of the course cost and payment, and submit all documentation to the Second Deputy Chief for approval. All training courses except ARC, AHA, and EMT ~~and CC~~ courses require pre-approval from the Second Deputy Chief. The reimbursement of HCFAS required course fee, through the American Red Cross and American Heart Association is authorized when that individual is subsequently accepted for membership

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within 6 months of course completion. Members must be in good standing when requesting reimbursement. For reimbursement for EMT-P courses the member must be in good standing for the entire preceding (6) six month period immediately preceding each reimbursement request.

Reimbursement limits are as follows:

- a. Seminars, Conferences and Continuing Education courses: \$75.00 maximum including mileage, unless approved in advance by the Board of Directors.
- b. CTC Course: \$150.00 maximum including mileage.
- c. ACLS Course: \$400.00 maximum including mileage.
- d. EMT and EMT-CC: \$550.00 maximum including mileage.
- e. EMT-P Refresher Courses: \$800.00 maximum including mileage.
- f. EMT-P Original Course: Due to the current extreme cost of these courses, each request must be pre-approved on an individual basis. The individual member requesting approval for the course must submit, in writing, to the Board of Directors a total breakdown of the course costs (fees, tuition, books and daily mileage) the approved mileage will not exceed \$1,000.00. The Chief will verify in writing that the member has been in good standing for the six months prior to the request. ~~The initial reimbursement will be for 1/6 of the total approved course cost (fees, tuition, books and mileage) after~~
 - a. After the member receives the status of EMT-P and is approved to ride in Suffolk County (see item 7 below), provided the member has remained in good standing, the member will be entitled to initial reimbursement for one-sixth (1/6) of the total approved course cost (fees, tuition, books and mileage).
 - b. Reimbursement Period: The member shall be entitled to reimbursement of the balance of the approved course cost in five parts, every six months for the next two and a half years, the first at the six month anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card. These anniversary dates shall be extended by the period of any medical leave of absence taken by the member following completion of the course.
 - c. Requirements: Entitlement to reimbursement is contingent upon the member meeting the service requirements. During the reimbursement period, the member must:
 - i. Remain a member in good standing;
 - ii. Maintain the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P;
 - iii. Fulfill additional duty requirements as follows:
 1. Must ride as an ALS provider when on duty except as otherwise approved by the operational officers;
 2. Provide an additional four hours per week either on a second duty tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour during the reimbursement period approved by the operational officers;
 - iv. Not gone on any Leaves of Absences, other than Medical Leave. In the case of Medical Leave, the member shall not be credited for service requirements, but the reimbursement period will be extended for the period that cumulative Medical LOAs exceed three months.

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- 137 d. Responsibility of the Member: For the next two and one half years, every
138 six months during the reimbursement period, from the course completion date
139 anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card, the member must
140 complete a Purchase Order for an additional one-sixth (1/6) of the total
141 approved course costs and submit this to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will
142 obtain a written verification from the Chief, that during the reimbursement
143 period, the member has maintained the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P;
144 fulfilled additional duty requirements as listed below; not gone on any Leaves
145 of Absences, other than Medical; and is a member in good standing with the
146 squad before reimbursement may occur. The two and half year's reimbursement
147 period will be extended for the period that cumulative Medical LOAs exceed
148 three months. The member must ride as an ALS provider when on duty and any
149 regular deviation must be approved by the operational officers. The member
150 must agree to provide an additional 4 hours per week either on a second duty
151 tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour during the reimbursement period.
152 The second duty tour must be approved by the operational officers.
153 e. Any member not meeting the reimbursement requirements for the reimbursement
154 period will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
155 f. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO APPLY FOR AND**
156 **FOLLOW UP ON THESE SEMI-ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENTS.**
157 g. EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge Course: Due to the current extreme cost of these courses,
158 each request must be pre-approved on an individual basis. The individual member
159 requesting approval for the course must submit, in writing, to the Board of Directors a
160 total breakdown of the course costs (fees, tuition, books and daily mileage) the
161 approved mileage will not exceed \$1,000.00. The Chief will verify in writing that the
162 member has been in good standing for the six months prior to the request.
163 i. After the member receives the status of EMT-P and is approved to ride in Suffolk
164 County (see item 7 below), provided the member has remained in good standing,
165 the member will be entitled to initial reimbursement for one-third (1/3) of the
166 total approved course cost (fees, tuition, books and mileage).
167 ii. Reimbursement Period: The member shall be entitled to reimbursement of the
168 balance of the approved course cost in two parts, the first at the six (6) month
169 anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card, and the last and final part
170 at the one year anniversary. These anniversary dates shall be extended by the
171 period of any medical leave of absence taken by the member following
172 completion of the course.
173 iii. Requirements: Entitlement to reimbursement is contingent upon the member
174 meeting the service requirements. During the reimbursement period, the member
175 must:
176 a. Remain a member in good standing;
177 b. Maintain the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P;
178 c. Fulfill additional duty requirements as follows:
179 i. Must ride as an ALS provider when on duty except as
180 otherwise approved by the operational officers;

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- 181 ii. Provide an additional four hours per week either on a second
- 182 duty tour or as back-up personnel for a duty tour during the
- 183 reimbursement period approved by the operational officers;
- 184 d. Not gone on any Leaves of Absences, other than Medical Leave. In the
- 185 case of medical leave, the member shall not be credited for service
- 186 requirements, but the one year reimbursement period will be extended
- 187 for the period that cumulative Medical LOAs exceed three months.
- 188 iv. Responsibility of the Member: Every six months during the reimbursement
- 189 period, from the anniversary of issuance of the member's EMT-P card, the
- 190 member must complete a Purchase Order for an additional one-third (1/3) of the
- 191 total approved course costs and submit this to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will
- 192 obtain a written verification from the Chief, that during the reimbursement
- 193 period, the member has maintained the status of an active HCFAS EMT-P;
- 194 fulfilled additional duty requirements.
- 195 v. Any member not meeting the reimbursement requirements for the reimbursement
- 196 period will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- 197 vi. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO APPLY FOR AND**
- 198 **FOLLOW UP ON THESE SEMI-ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENTS.**
- 199 h. Courses not sponsored by the Nassau or Suffolk County EMS Program Agency will
- 200 be reimbursed to the member provided the following requirements are completed:
- 201 i. Pre-approval is required by the Board of Directors and must be presented to the
- 202 Board of Directors by the Chief.
- 203 ii. A Course/Seminar Reimbursement Request form is completed with verification of
- 204 course costs attached (fees, tuition, books and detail daily mileage).
- 205 iii. The member provides documentation of successful completion of the course
- 206 (copy of certificate).
- 207 iv. The member submits a completed certification; HCFAS form #, stating that
- 208 HCFAS is the last dollar reimbursement.
- 209 v. The member submits a completed acknowledgement of squad reimbursement
- 210 HCFAS form #. The member provides proof of completion of all requirements
- 211 to ride as a member of the Suffolk County system.
- 212 i. The Chief is authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$150.00 for each in-house
- 213 training event for food and beverage.

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215 **NOTE:** The Treasurer is responsible to file the NYS DOH EMT course reimbursement voucher

216 but the member must provide the Treasurer with any documentation required by the NYS DOH

217 otherwise the squad's reimbursement to the member will be delayed.

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219 Old letters (g) and (h) change to (h) and (i).

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222 **No comments were made on the proposed SOP.**

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David Mohr - Chair of the By-Laws Committee proceeded to read proposed SOP change 06-2019 to create a matrix to reduce the number of ALS to BLS hand-offs.

Proposed SOP Change 06-2019

Proposal:

To create a response matrix to reduce the number of ALS to BLS hand-offs; maximize our EPCR practices through proper charting; increase the participation of our volunteers; reduce the number of multi-vehicle responses, thereby increasing safety awareness, all while not jeopardizing patient care or our contract with the Town of Huntington.

Background/Justification:

History has now shown that there are a lot of calls in which there is no need to have a paramedic respond. This proposal will address that issue and thereby increase our safety awareness.

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

Article X, Section 7 – Paid Paramedics, Paragraph 13

Paramedic response - The on-duty paramedic will respond to all alarms based on the following matrix:

Alpha and Bravo calls – A BLS ambulance only will respond.

Charlie, Delta and Echo calls – BLS or ALS volunteer ambulance and a Paid Paramedic responder.

At any time, a Crewleader may request that the Paid Paramedic respond in conjunction with the on-duty crew. In the case of a back-up call, in which the Dispatcher is paging out for a Crewleader or Driver, the Dispatcher will immediately send the Paid Paramedic to the call regardless of the nature or priority level of the call.

If a Paid Paramedic responds, they will ~~to~~ perform an ALS assessment to determine if they will be transporting with the crew or handing off the patient to another ALS provider on scene, or determining that BLS care is both sufficient and appropriate for the patient. If the ALS assessment determines that the call is BLS, the Paid Paramedic must document the reason for the downgrade on the separate PCR. Once the paramedic transfers care to another provider, they are to notify the dispatcher and MEDCOM that they are back in service. In the event that the assignment is considered an ALS level assignment and the medic transports, a crew member, if available, will drive the paramedic vehicle to the receiving hospital without lights and siren. If no one is available to drive the paramedic vehicle, the paramedic is responsible for making sure the vehicle is parked in a safe place out of traffic and properly secured (locked) at the scene.

Discussion. Consensus Vote - Majority in favor.

David Mohr, chair of the By-Laws Committee proceeded to read proposed SOP change 07-2019 to add the securing of the vehicles while at the hospital to the Drivers' responsibilities and update the procedures.

Proposed SOP Change 07-2019

Proposal:

Add the securing of vehicles while at the hospital to the Drivers responsibilities and update procedures.

Background/Justification:

This proposed SOP change is designed to bring us in to compliance with NYSDOH Policy 09-07, which was first released June 17, 2009. NYSDOH Policy 09-07 is intended to encourage EMS agencies to develop policies and procedures that will improve the security and safety of their response vehicles and minimize the possibility of unauthorized use and theft.

Update procedures based on current practice.

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

Article VI, Section 6 - Proceeding to the Hospital

1. Once the patient(s), personnel and equipment are secured on-board the ambulance, the Driver will check to see that all doors are closed. The Driver will check with the Crewleader before the ambulance is moved. The Driver will adjust his driving in accordance with the nature of the call, road conditions, etc.
2. The Crewleader will give Medcom and base a Signal 18 and advice as to which hospital they will be transporting. ~~The First Aider in the Crewleader seat will give base a Signal 18 and advise the Dispatcher of the number of patients being transported.~~
3. The Crewleader will contact the hospital, if needed, and inform them of the number of patients and , their condition ~~and estimated time of arrival~~. Transmissions to the hospital should be informative and brief. If you are unable to contact the hospital on the hospital frequency, go through the Dispatcher. Do not keep calling the hospital or Medcom if they do not answer after three attempts.
4. Upon arriving at the hospital give Medcom the signal before base and turn the vehicle engine off. The Driver should remain with the vehicle, unless assistance with the patient is needed. maintain a Signal 9 whenever possible. If the Driver needs to leave the vehicle unattended ~~the engine shall be turned off~~, remove the keys ~~removed~~ from the ignition and secure all doors the vehicle and external compartments secured.

Discussion. Consensus Vote - All in favor.

David Mohr, chair of the By-Laws Committee proceeded to read proposed SOP change

08-2019 to add the length of service awards gift program to the Purchasing Policy.

Proposed SOP Change 08-2019

Proposal:

To add the length of service awards gift program to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

To incorporate the program into the SOP's

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

Article X, Section 1 – Purchasing Policy, Paragraph (A), (17)

Add a new paragraph h

- h. Length of Service Award Gift Eligibility – In recognition of years of service to the community, the Board of Director may award a member a gift, based on the below criteria.
- i. The member must be in good standing as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of the Standard Operating Procedures to receive a gift.
 - ii. Any time, the member was suspended or who has cumulative Operational or Educational Leaves of Absence in excess of one (1) year, will not have that time counted towards their length of service time period.
 - iii. Associate Members who have left the Squad in Good Standing and return to Active Duty will have their prior time counted towards the length of service time period.
 - iv. Members achieving twenty (20) years of service will receive a watch engraved with their initials, membership number and years of service, at a cost not to exceed \$500.
 - v. For lengths of service in excess of twenty (20) years, the member will be notified, in writing, by the Committee Chairperson three (3) months in advance of reaching a milestone length of service and will have three (3) months, from there service date, to notify the Committee Chairperson of their choice.
 - vi. Members achieving twenty-five (25) years of service will receive a gift of their choice at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. The gift must be engravable, or be able to have a plaque permanently affixed to it. The cost of the engraving or plaque shall be included in the cost of the gift. The engraving will have the members initials, membership number and years of service.
 - vii. Members achieving thirty (30) years of service and at five (5) year intervals thereafter, will receive a gift of their choice at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. The gift must be engravable, or be able to have a plaque permanently affixed to it. The cost of the engraving or plaque shall be included in the cost of the gift. The engraving will have the members initials, membership number and years of service.
 - viii. The gifts may be one item or a “set” of items, i.e. a computer with a printer and monitor or a camera, carrying case and battery charger, provided that the items are integral to the award. The member cannot “go shopping” to spend the allotted amount.
 - ix. Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.

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Discussion. Consensus Vote - Majority in favor.

President's Report (continued)

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

**20 Years of Service
Dominic Heavey #973**

Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Tim Ebert and his family on the passing of his Father, Edgar Ebert.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Gina Angevine and her family on the passing of her Grandmother, Helen.

Get well wishes are being sent to Andy Ball who was briefly hospitalized but is doing very well.

Get well wishes are being sent to Robin Smiles who was briefly hospitalized but is doing much better and so is her amazing photography.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Philip Orlando who was injured on a call. E-mails, texts and calls are welcome.

Continued Get well wishes for Christine Tedone and Donald Roulo on speedy recoveries.

Ann Donegan was briefly hospitalized but is home now and she is doing very well

Get Well wishes are being sent to Michael Jacoby who had a minor procedure and he is recovering nicely.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Sheryl Roach who was sick but is now at home recovering.

A huge Congratulations to Suzette Crespo on her Engagement to Charlie Lynch, we are super excited for both of you!

Christy Stiles' husband John is officially CANCER FREE!!

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Jeffrey Brenner and seconded by Gary Brandel to approve the July 8, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered – Marjorie Delmar and life member Andy Ball; Use of Meeting Room after a memorial service for charter and life member Ferdinand Rocke and charter member Ruth Rocke – Thank you from their family with a donation to the Squad; HCFAS Scholarship – Meaghan Salzone; HOCPR Instruction: Saint Hugh of Lincoln Youth Group (several letters from attendees) and Good & Welfare – Andy Ball for fruit basket. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

President's Report (continued) Seth Fischer

Welcome to the August GMM, thank you for coming.

As we are in the home stretch of 2019 let us please end on a high note. I cannot thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. We would not be where we are today if it wasn't for our members, and for that I am grateful.

From a Board perspective, we are doing exceptionally well. While we will never be on autopilot, this is definitely the closest we have been to complete perfection. We have adapted as an agency together, and we are running on all cylinders.

As a reminder the TV in the break room is not for watching anything of sexual content or nature. If I hear this happening, you will face immediate disciplinary action. Second, Cards Against Humanity is a game that is not to be played anymore in the building, it is not permitted. It was brought to my attention on more than one occasion that people are getting upset over the language and references in this game. Please refrain from playing this game any further in the building.

In terms of the building, if there are any issues related to the building, or any maintenance needed we ask you please email me and copy David Mohr and we will have it taken care of immediately moving forward. We are taking a proactive approach on many items that have unfortunately been neglected, but we are now prioritizing and getting immediate results!

I am still working with Board Member Jeff Daniels on the Compliance piece of our ePCR's that will need to dovetail with our current process, we are still working with the Town on our monetary LOSAP increase and age decrease, the Board.

In closing, I thank those of you that continue to go above and beyond for the organization and our Community, your hard work is appreciated. We are all amazing and I personally thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

The money is coming in and the bills are being paid. It is important that ePCR's be closed in a timely manner since we cannot bill for the services if they are over 30 days old.

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Standby - Chief Michael Como - Three members (Eric Nazimitsky, Patrick Donegan and Casey O'Riordan) are doing a standby this evening at the West Islip Fire Department so that their members can attend a wake for an Ex-Chief.

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Even though we're at the height of the summer season, you all continue to come in for your shifts, answer up on back-up calls and do administrative work. Our agency couldn't function without all of you. Let's keep this momentum up to and finish out the year strong.

Lately we have been receiving a lot of compliments for the work we do. I would like to share some of them with you:

The Chief of CSHFD, Justin Armbruster was recently present (or nearby) for two of our calls. On Sunday July 28th he was next door to a pediatric seizure call and ran over to assist. Responding from HCFAS was Captain Bill Connolly, Julia Vodopia, Diane Tanko, Gary Brandel and paramedic Hayley Schultz. On Sunday, August 4th Chief Armbruster was at HFD when an HFD MOS syncopized. Responding from HCFAS was Sharyn Cullen, Mary DeWan, and Jacky Callinan. Justin said in both instances our response time was incredible and our crews rendered excellent care. He asked that I share his comments with the responding members and the membership at large.

On August 5th I received a hand-written letter from a patient expressing her "wish to express her sincere appreciation for the quick response and professional concern for her well-being". The crew consisted of Captain John Mancino, Brett Dowler and Jeffrey O'Neill.

Great job everyone!

Announcements:

- Post 215 - We took on many new Post members recently. Male and female advisors are needed. If you are interested please let me know or reach out to Sue Otto.
- Although it's still a few months away, planning has begun for the Fall Festival. A sign up sheet is in the ready room. Please sign up if you are able to participate.
- There are numerous standby openings. Sign up in the ready room if you can help. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up for standbys this year and thank you to Julia Vodopia for chairing the standby committee.

Parade reminders

- The East Northport Parade was a WET ONE. The thunderstorm that night was truly impressive. Thank you to everyone that came out. Although we didn't all march, we

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got to share a meal together and enjoy the evening.

- Greenlawn Fireman's Fair Parade - Thursday, August 29th. Let's see if mother nature makes it 3 for 3 with rain during the fire department parades! In all seriousness, this is The last parade of the season. Please consider coming out to march and represent our great agency.

Presentation of Badges - Sean Harkins (#1486), John Mancino (#1494), Josh Abraham (#1507) and Jake Levinsky (#1529). You have all earned these badges. I hope you wear them proudly.

Length Of Service Awards - 5 Years: Keith Tamayo (#1435)
10 Years: Bency Jean-Baptiste (#1269)

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner - During the month of June there were 114 instances of members being flagged in the CAD as "Rescue". The winner of the August raffle is Esteban Lopez. Esteban answered up 16 times in July, so it came as no surprise that his name was chosen. Probability was on his side! Thank you Esteban and everyone else that answered up! We wouldn't have our current 24 rate if it wasn't for you.

First Deputy Chiefs Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Posted

The following Standbys need coverage:

August 21st- HMFD Yaphank - Driver is needed. August 22nd - HFD Yaphank full crew needed.

August 24th - Centereach FD - Full Crew needed. August 25th- Jack Abrams STEM - A Full Crew is needed.

August 30th - GFD Fair standby @ HQ- Full crew is needed.

If anyone is available sign up downstairs or reach out to Julia Vodopia @ 631-418-4269**

Thank you to Erik Nazinitsky and Patrick Donegan for covering last minute for West Islip Standby for MOS services!!

Laminated certifications... This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please remember this as it is also a state requirement. If you need a copy laminated place in my mailbox with a note stating so! **I am only laminating those that ask specifically for it.**

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531 **Finger Reads...** Please take a look at your breakdown of shifts and determine if you need any
532 corrections made so you can fill out the finger reader adjustment form. Please remember to
533 punch in and out on the same shift. If you are here for a double and DO NOT need LOSAP
534 points you do not need to punch out between shifts. Members interested in becoming drivers,
535 please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating
536 our interest.

537 **Hours...** For the few members who need to make up hours from last quarter please reach out to
538 your captains to see where you are at. Come in a few hours early, stay late, cover a standby the
539 help is much appreciated and always needed.

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541 The Bike Team is also looking for new and interested members! Please Contact Member
542 Keith Rubenstein at 631-404-0018 or Dale Bartolomeo at 631-525-3566. Any questions,
543 concerns or just want to catch up feel free to call/text/e-mail me at 631-418-5596 or
544 first.deputy@hcfas.org
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546 **Second Deputy Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted**

547 The August Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is "Understanding the
548 Fireground for EMS Providers. "Thank you to Mark Brenner, John Mancino and Dave Mohr for
549 their work in putting this presentation together.

550 Please remember that to remain in good standing you must not be missing more than two review
551 trainings. Additionally, we are privileged that our review trainings count toward CME and
552 LOSAP credit. Please be mindful to not jeopardize your credits by completing more than two in
553 one day. Pamela Brenner works hard to ensure that our CME program works smoothly for our
554 membership. Please do your part to help her by turning in your paperwork timely. If you have
555 any questions regarding the CME program, please reach out to Pamela directly to avoid any
556 confusion.

557 Additional BLS CPAP training classes will be posted. Thank you to Liz Mohr, Brian Canty, and
558 Gary Brandel for all of their help in getting the majority of the membership trained over the past
559 two months.

560 If you need check and inject in servicing, please e-mail me so that we can set up classes. If you
561 are in need of a BLS 12 Lead class, please contact Jeffrey Brenner. If you need ESO training,
562 please e-mail epcr@hcfas.org.

563 New BLS protocols have been released by the state. Suffolk County has not approved the new
564 changes and additional information will be available after the next REMSCO meeting in
565 September.

566 **ePCR Reminders:**

567 The QA/QI committee has been hard at work this year doing clinical and documentation reviews.
568 Messages are sent within ESO from our reviewers Gail Glister, Allison Russo and Maxine
569 Epstein.

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571 To access the messages from the laptops simply log in, toggle to the “Messages” tab and re-enter
572 your log in credentials. From a desktop computer (web version), messages are displayed on the
573 main page after logging in. Please acknowledge receipt of the messages by responding. Gail,
574 Allison and Maxine are always willing to offer more insight or help if needed. If you have any
575 questions about the reviews or how to access the messages, please feel free to reach out to me
576 directly.

577 Billable PCR’s decreased this month. Please be sure that you are gathering insurance information
578 either from the patient or from the hospital. If you cannot obtain the health insurance info, please
579 try to get the patient’s address, phone number and social security number.

580 Thank you all for your continued dedication to HCFAS. As always, if the officers are not aware
581 of suggestions or problems, we can’t do anything to help improve a situation. Please reach out to
582 us if you have ideas or issues you would like to discuss.

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584 **Third Deputy Chief’s Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted**

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586 Thank you to Michael Capotosto for helping me with various vehicle and building projects.

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588 Thank you to Kristin Tiersch and Eric Nazinitsky for completing the ambulance bag transition.

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590 Thank you to Dale Bartolomeo for helping me with assorted vehicle projects.

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592 Thank you to Ben Curry for attending the East Northport parade work detail and cleaning many
593 vehicles.

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595 Thank you to Eriz Nazinitsky, Jon Menard and Chief Mike Como for picking up and dropping
596 off Unit 20 for the air conditioning repair.

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598 Thank you to Captain Bill Connolly for assisting with vehicle projects last Sunday.

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600 Thank you to Chiefs Como and Wuestman for covering third deputy responsibilities while I was
601 on vacation.

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603 Thank you to Esteban Lopez, Will Burton, Jake Levinsky for helping me move stuff around in
604 Unit 21.

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606 Thank you to Bobby Loysch for helping me change the DOH certification stickers on all the
607 vehicles.

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609 Thank you to Jim Mallilo for diagnosing radio problems with Unit 81.

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611 Please be careful with all of our vehicles and equipment. Don't hesitate to notify your Captain if
612 there are any problems. It is usually easier to repair than replace something. I have recently

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received reports of ambulances left in poor condition for the next crews. Please remember to restock and put everything away.

Unit 20 was in an unreported accident. As stated in the SOPs in Article 7, Section 3; and Article 8, Section 3 proper notification of officers and written vehicle damage reports are one of the driver's specified responsibilities.

Vehicle Updates:

Unit 16 - several issues, waiting on service date from ambulance company

Unit 17 - side door fixed

Unit 18 - traded to VCI, awaiting delivery of new ambulance

Unit 19 - several issues, waiting on service date from ambulance company. Stretcher problem was resolved.

Unit 20 - body work completed in July, unreported damage repaired in July.

Unit 21- HCFAS 21 was returned on Thursday, 8/8/19. Upon inspection, several defects were noted and it will be returning to one of the ambulance companies for additional work.

Loaner (Red) Unit 21 will remain in service.

Unit 80 - no major issues. Possible radio issue.

Unit 81- IWT serviced the radios.

Unit 82 - no major issues. Possible radio issue.

Equipment:

Polling interest tonight in oxygen bottle holders for the stretchers.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

August calls as of noon today: **207** Calls, **0** signal 24s, **17.3** calls/day.

YTD we have **19** signal 24's on **3710** calls for a rate of **.512%**. **Excellent!**

Dispatch Training: Since the July meeting, seven new members have been added to the dispatch training program. **Mackenzie O'Brien** #1559 (Sunday 2300), **Aaron Surette** #1560 (Sunday 0700) and **Robert Sinrich** #1563 (Thursday 1100) will be attending the Advanced Dispatch Class tomorrow night and will be tested next week.

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660 The traffic signal activation is awaiting installation of a transmitter and antenna that will be
661 attached to the building just outside the dispatch office. Jim Mallilo will then install a switch on
662 both dispatch consoles and the Dispatchers will be trained. Once activated, the lights will be red
663 for Railroad Street traffic for 30 seconds.

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665 Our new Lead Medic has instructed his Medics to identify themselves to the dispatcher when
666 they come on duty and/or the beginning of each shift. If you need to know the identity of a
667 Medic, please ask them for their number. A list of Medics and all ALS personnel has been
668 posted in dispatch between the consoles.

669 If the Medic goes to the hospital, please enter “**ALS Run Call**” from the drop down menu.
670 But please don’t add a second “**P**” click to the ambulance icon. We only get credit for one
671 ALS responder per call.

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673 As always, please don’t forget to add “**Rescue**” next to the name of any person who answers
674 your 3- on - a -16 page - inside or outside of the building. If the person is not on that shift,
675 they deserve credit for responding and a chance to win a gift certificate!

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677 Thank you for everything that you do.

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680 **Sunday - Company 1 - Captain’s Report – William Connolly - Absent – Report Posted**

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682 Sunday members have been doing a great job answering up and staying on top of their
683 ambulance check-outs and completing monthly training.

684 I would like to welcome new member Michael Mahoney to the 1900 shift. Mike is an EMT and
685 currently is in dispatch training.

686 I would like to mention a cardiac arrest save by the 1100 -1500 shift. On July 14, 2019 Jim
687 Barkocy and Eileen Burns were dispatched to a 31-D -3. In route. the call was changed to an
688 Echo by Medcom. On scene, SCPD had CPR in process when the crews arrived. Included were
689 members Chief Michael Como, Chief Ryane Como, Chief David Kaufman, Alex Mullen, Kathy
690 Hayes, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Michael Capotosto and myself. Patient has recovered and doing well!

691 The 1900 and 2300 Shifts are in need of a Dispatcher and a second due crew. If you need Driver
692 training or if you need to make up hours you’re more than welcome to come in on a Sunday.
693 Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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695 **Monday - Company 2 - Captain’s Report – Kelly Murphy – Absent - Report Posted and**

696 **Given by Captain John Mancino**

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698 As always thank you to Company 2, many Company 8 and all other members that continually
699 come to help our community and keep our 24 rate down! You all ROCK!!!

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I would like to introduce our newest Monday Company 2 member Elizabeth Bernfeld, #1565. Elizabeth joined in July and is on the 1100 shift doing a fantastic job. Please introduce yourself to her tonight.

The 3rd quarter ends September 30, so please make sure you make up your hours/shifts prior to that date.

Thank you all for knowing how important it is to complete a check out prior to your shift or ASAP. Equally as important is keeping our rigs put together and neat so please be cognizant and clean up after your calls. Usually, everyone is pretty good at this, however, not always.

Monday needs a full 2nd due crew DR, CL, FA and ALS on the 1100 Shift.

1500 Shift needs a CL or DR and FA's.

1900 and 2300 Shifts needs ALS and FA.

Have a wonderful August, Stay Safe and be Blessed!

Tuesday - Company 3 - Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

I hope that everyone is enjoying the Summer!

Thank you to all the Tuesday members who constantly come out for extra shifts, I can't thank you enough. There are some vacancies on Tuesday, a Dispatcher for the 0700 Shift as well as a Dispatcher or Crew Leader for the 1100 shift starting in September. If anyone is available please let me know.

Thank you to all of the people who have stepped up and helped out the overnight, especially everyone home from college (Zach, Brett, Jake, Esteban). Thank you again to everyone for all of your help!

Wednesday - Company 4 - Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

I want to start off once again by thanking everyone who has been a part of Wednesday's for the past month. We have had a few days where multiple calls came in at once so I appreciate everyone's efforts in keeping our 24 rate low. I'd like to welcome THREE new members to Company 4; William Villatoro #1565, Leonardo Terrones-Nunez # 1570 both to the 1100 and Vera Farina-Ehlers #1571 to the 0700 shift! I am excited to have you all on Wednesday!

Please remember to be diligent with your checkouts - I know there have been a few times lately that past expiration supplies have been found still out so it pays to be careful as those small oversights can compromise patient care and us being in compliance.

We are about halfway through Q3 so make sure to stay on top of your hours and finger reads before the quarter ends. If you ever need more hours the 1100 shift could use a second due crew, the 1500 a second due DR and dispatcher and the overnight a dispatcher as well.

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I hope everyone will enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

I apologize for missing the last two meetings. Thank you to the Captains for reading my reports.

Congratulations to Brett Dowler 0700 shift moving on to CL, unfortunately, he leaves for college next week but we achieved our goal of completing CL before the end of the summer.

Two new members will be starting on Thursday, 1100 Shift, Jessie Annunziata and 1500 Shift, Steven Conroy. Both are EMT's

Lots of service opportunities on all shifts, please come on out while good seats are still available.

As of this writing, we have only had one 24 and that is thanks to you.

Who has done this month's review training? I want to thank Mark Brenner for taking an idea I had and making it a reality. Please actually review the slides, a lot of important information is contained in there and Mark did a great job.

I am extremely proud to report the outstanding efforts of the 1900 crew last night. A LIFE WAS SAVED!!!!

At 1909 hours at the beginning of the shift, the 1900 crew was dispatched to the residence of a person unconscious unresponsive. Upon arrival they found a patient in cardiac arrest, Apneic breathing and pulseless sitting in a chair. They immediately started resuscitation efforts, AED was applied no shock was indicated and CPR was performed. It was discovered that the patient had an obstructed airway of food and mucus. The crew was able to clear the airway, continue artificial ventilation and chest compressions and the patient ended up with ROSC, Return of Spontaneous Circulation. Upon arrival to the emergency department the patient had a pulse.

I would like to recognize and congratulate EMT Louis Dell, Driver/RN Susie Martin, First Aider Equislaure Gabriel (KIKI) and dispatcher Susan Seibel on an outstanding job and for saving a life.

This just demonstrates the outstanding work and the dedication that this agency provides to the community we serve, thank you for an outstanding job, WELL DONE!

The crew was basic life support and like I've always said, without the strong basic life support we have from the outstanding members of this agency, we can never be as successful as we are. BLS BEFORE ALS.

On Thursday, August 8th there were 23 calls that day. We had a lot of gaps to fill and I want to thank all of those who stepped up to come out and plug all of those holes. Thank you, because of you we were 24 FREE!!

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Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Posted and Given By Captain John Mancino

I need to give a shout out to a few members who have save Friday from several 24's. Tom O'Leary come in and does the 1100 shift every week, even though he's on Thursdays. Tom does multiple shift a week as well as backup calls. Thank you Tom!

Bobby Loysch also comes in every Friday and does the 1500 shift, as well as staying for the 1900 shift since I am down drivers. Bobby also does his own shift and answers up whenever he can.

I know there are others that answers up and/or cover shift and I am deeply grateful for everything you all do. I want to give a special shout out to Seth Fisher. I can't tell you how many times Seth has cover the 0700 and the 1100 shifts whenever he can. Not to mention, he always finds a way of putting a smile on my face! Thank you guys for being so dedicated.

I need help on Friday's every week for the following:

0700 Shift - 2nd due driver

1100 Shift - 2nd due Driver

1900 Shift - 2nd and 3rd due Driver (3 of my drivers are on LOA's)

2300 Shift - Dispatcher

If you can help out, please let me know.

Stay Safe and Love each other!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor - Report Posted

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays:

A Great job to everyone for these past few Saturdays. Thank you, to all Company 7 and Company 8 members, Chief Michael Como, Chief Ryane Como, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Tuesday Day Captain Liz Mohr, Bazeel Walters, Robert Biersack, Timothy Quigley, Brian Block, David Villiegas, Richard Cortes, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky and Paul Bayer. Gray Brandel, Jeffrey Brenner, Brett Dowler, Annette Hershkowitz, Michael Capotosto, Deborah Rudilosso, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Paid Paramedics Hayley and Emily. Timothy Quigley, Robert Biersack, Thomas Curry, Ben Curry, Matthew Valle, Tristan Liu, Pam Brenner, Leyda Mata, David Villegas, Jordan Drelich, Mary Sisinni, Matthew Sisinni, Brian Block, Brian Canty, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Fritz Barreua, Paul Bayer, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, William Burtons, Richard Cortes, Vanessa Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Israel Cortes, Thomas Hogan (standby), Dominic Heavey (standby), Andrea Golinsky (standby-PR), Zachary Tuck, Zachary Flurkey, Fiona Witkowski, Samantha Ryan,

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Keith Rubenstein, Gary Brandel, Kimeberly Prestin, Michael Capotoso, Keith Tamayo and Richard Rudolph.

Notable Calls:

Great Job, everyone who did respond and help the community in which we serve:

On July 13, 2019 - On Saturday, we had 14 calls. We had a signal 24 mutual aid from Melville Fire Department for a basement fire. We had multiple MVA's and a medivac call. Great job to all the crews and members that responded to these calls and Huntington Manor Fire Department.

On July 20, 2019 - We had a Cardiac arrest (with pulse) patient was discharged. Great job to the crew. Boat accident and Member of Service. All very positive results all transported.

On July 26, 2019 – Saturday, finished with 21 calls (with one signal 24) (11 calls back to back) and Cardiac arrest call) due to no more rigs available at that moment.

If you need a CPR Card contact Chairperson, Michael Jacoby who is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible to get into a class. Please email him: cpr@hcfas.org

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the company 7 and Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

Saturdays need help throughout the day, but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2018 benefit – Bob Franz

The administrator of the Plan, Penflex Inc., is approximately a month behind in processing the increase in the monthly benefit for the 2018 service credit year. Also we hope to receive the 2018 LOSAP participants' statements for distribution before the end of August.

SC Recruitment Committee – The Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the Voluntary Emergency Service (SERVES) (DEADLINE 10/1/19) - Bob Franz

The SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES program follow.

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

- SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County

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Community College- i.e. as of June 2019 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an “A” would be \$2,735.00

- The student-volunteer will receive reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their GPA.

- The number of credits supported by the program; full or part time; covers up to 120 lifetime credit hours (Bachelor’s Degree) (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours and limitation due to prior credit hours earned).

-- The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Fall Semester is

October 1, 2019. Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

- For more information about SERVES go to

www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf.

• This is NOT an educational program; it is a retention program designed to help keep Members in the Volunteer Fire & EMS Service. The student must maintain acceptable volunteer activity and training levels as set forth by HCFAS during their entire course of study and must continue this service for a period of time after receipt of total SERVES funds (post education commitment).

Member Mail Folders – Bob Franz

Reminder: Each time you come on your shift, please check your mail folder for any correspondence etc. and please do not use your folder for storage. Please notify the Chief Dispatcher if you need a new folder or label. Thanks.

New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association District 7 - Andrea Golinsky

- Next meeting is at South Country Ambulance at 8PM (Dinner 7:30PM). There will be nominations and election of officers for the next year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- There will be 5 Squad members attending Pulse Check Educational Conference from Thursday 9/12/19 to Sunday 9/15/19 in Suffern, NY.

- The NYSVARA will hold their officer elections and vote on two By-Laws amendments at the conference, therefore I will be soliciting your proxy so that I can vote for you on these items.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto and Brian Canty – We took on many new Post members recently. Male and female advisors are needed. If you are interested please contact Sue Otto.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total donations to date are \$67,609.00

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski – Please See e-mails and the bulletin board for meetings, dates and times

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

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Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia –There are numerous standby openings. Please check our your emails (8/9/19) and sign up via email or in the ready room if you can help out.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Michaela Ryan thanked everyone who came out to her Father's funeral services (past member William Ryan) and also those who attended the memorial service in Albany, NY. William died of a 9-11 medical illness.

Kristen Tiersch asked that everyone take care in handling the new BLS bags that cost almost \$400.00 each. Do Not Drag Them. Tim Quigley added that members are grabbing the zipper and the bag will break.

Sue Biagi asked about the 5 point harness straps and if something other than colored tape be used to identify buckle/tongue connection. David Kaufman will look into colored straps.

Andrea Golinsky - 2nd Precinct Police Officer Angela Ferrara will be going out on disability retirement as a result of a 9-11 medical illness and will have her final walkout this Thursday at 3:00 PM. If anyone is interested in attending please be at the Squad at 2:30 PM.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Kathi Bonessi, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Panera Bread Gift Card - Mary Jane Woznick

Target Gift Card – Ryane Como

Applebee's Gift Card – Rodriguens Gabriel

PF Chang's Gift Card – Joanne Vogel

Starbucks Gift Card - Christina Denker

White Wine – Solomon Walden

Red Wine – Aaron Surette

Red Wine – Richard Gierbolini

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969 **Motion made by Dale Bartolomeo and seconded by Casey Orr to adjourn the meeting**
970 **at 2113 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
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973 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 53, Probationary 16, Total: 69
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977 ***Christine A. Tedone***

978 Recording Secretary

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980 ***Robert J. Franz***

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2019 General Membership Meeting

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: September 9, 2019

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 63).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Sergeant at Arms – Richard Gierbolini

President Seth Fischer had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS Members and also for all those who lost their lives on 9-11 and the responders who continue to suffer and die from 9-11 related illnesses.

Presidents Report

Seth Fischer

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

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Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Treasurer Brian Canty and his family on the passing of his Mother, Mary Canty.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Bridget Kennedy and her family on the passing of her Father, NYPD Lieutenant Martin Gerard Kennedy.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Donna Gurtowski on the passing of her Mother, Betty Kutny.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Richard Cortes who was briefly hospitalized but is doing very well.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Alison Russo who was briefly hospitalized but is doing very well.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Philip Orlando who had shoulder surgery for an injury that was sustained on a call. E-mails, texts and calls are welcome.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Richard Stone who had cataract surgery but is doing very well.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Evelyn Cruise who was briefly hospitalized but is doing much better.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Andrea Golinsky who was hospitalized due to injuries from a fall at the Squad but is recovering.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Sheryl Roach who had surgery and is recovering very well.

Last but not least, a Big Congratulations to Joe Savaglio on the birth of his first Grandchild, Benjamin Alexander Guzman who was born on August 20, 2019 weighing in at 7 Lbs 4 Oz.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – President Seth Fischer (Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

20 Years of Service

Dominic Heavy

25 Years of Service

Eric Autz

35 Years of Service

Philip Orlando

President Seth Fischer made the following presentations.

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Dominic “Ex-Chief” Heavey #973 – 20 Years

Joined HCFAS on 8/23/99
Became a Crewleader in April 2000 and a Driver in July 2001
He was elected the Wednesday Day Captain in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006
In 2009 Dominic was elected Chief and was elected to a 2nd Term in 2010.
He was 2nd Deputy Chief in 2013 and 2014
He was granted Life Membership in 2014
He was elected 1st Deputy Chief in 2015
He was elected Chief in 2016
Each May since 2002 Dominic has taken an ambulance to Albany for the EMS Memorial Ceremony to honor those EMS personnel that died on that horrific day in September 2001. Among those that perished was his partner at Hunter Ambulance Mark Schwartz. Dominic may be short in Stature but he has a big heart and love for EMS and HCFAS.

Eric Autz #903 – 25 Years

20 Year Exempt Member Status
Joined HCFAS as a EMT-B while he was in Paramedic school and was a medic until a few years ago.
He has always been on an overnight shift, starting on Sundays with Mike Barker and then moving to Thursdays some 15 years ago when they were shorthanded and Sundays had two crews plus.
Over the years Eric has always been a Crewleader helping to have the Thursday overnight covered and continued to be a Medic until a few years ago.
Currently he is the Permanent Dispatcher on Thursday 2300

Philip (Phil) Orlando #706 – 35 Years

Life Member
Crew Leader
Driver
Day Captain – 1993, 1995
Smoking Committee – 1990
New Building Committee – 2001
Public Relations Demonstrations, YMCA, Schools
Photography Public Relations, Squad Events
In March of this year, Phil and some of his crewmembers were the recipients of a Suffolk Regional EMS Council (REMSCO) CPR Life Saving Award. This is the only the second time that Squad members have received this award. In order to receive the award the patient must survive discharge from the hospital neurologically intact. A great job was done by everyone involved with the call.
Phil also provided an event that he was proud of. He was in the AED program with the Heart Start 2000 under Dr. Sandy Glanz and I was the first person in EMS in NYS to have a Real Cardiac save and shocked them back to Life and shook his hand at Huntington Hospital. He was

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65 years old and went into cardiac arrest in the Huntington Town House, Bob Tilly was my medic. He not only had a pulse but weak breathing in the ambulance before Bob started giving him drugs.

Letters to Phil sent by his two sons Nicky and Mike follow:

Dad,

Congrats on 35 years at HCFAS and 23 years of waking me up with the sound of your pager when the squad gets a call. You've saved countless lives and even brought some new ones into the world. Your love for helping people in times of need and as a teacher at school is what many people admire you for. Thanks for always overdoing the bandages when Mike and I got scraped up playing on the driveway. Now it's time you let someone else bandage you up after your surgery. I hope your road to recovery goes well and I know that the members at the squad will keep you in good hands. And to the members of HCFAS, thanks for letting our family into yours and always displaying a cool sense of community through the good times and the bad. I am forever thankful for how well you've treated my dad and our family and I'm glad that you are able to honor him tonight. Wish I could be there tonight but have a beer for me, if you're even allowed to do that on the meds the doc has you on. Love you dad.

-Nicky

Dear Dad,

Happy 35th year at the rescue squad. Damn, that is a long time. I am assuming someone else is reading this outloud and to you, I am sorry. It probably feels weird addressing someone else's dad as your own, so I shall keep it short.

35 years of saving people alongside the rest of your crew is one of the most honorable things I can imagine a man to do. The stories you bring home that eventually turn into some sort of life lesson do have an impact on my life such as always buckling up behind the wheel, locking the house door at night, never getting into a car with someone else that is drinking and never getting into a shopping cart that is being dragged around a parking lot by another car. These key life lessons would not be ingrained in my brain as deeply if it was not for your time here at the rescue squad.

I do hope your shoulder gets better soon so we can get back to our father son shenanigans. As someone who is fresh off shoulder surgery, I want to say that it will get better. At times it will feel like you will be stuck in that sling for all of eternity, but as you may know you will not. Listen to some good music, eat some snacks and watch some stupid TV shows and movies.

Well, on that note I would like to say to you and to everyone else that puts up with your bald-headed craziness, thank you for keeping the area of Huntington in better shape. Your bravery and determination do not go unnoticed.

Love Always,

Mike

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Secretary's Report – Bob Franz

Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by David Kaufman to approve the August 12, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered – Aldo Pulvirenti and member Evelyn Cruise; General thanks – Owner of the Golden Globe Diner; Good & Welfare – Tim Ebert family for fruit basket and Donna Gurtowski for the fruit basket and squad services; Event South Huntington Public Library for our participation in their Touch a Truck event; and HCFAS Scholarship winners –Matthew Muszynski and Colby Martin. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Proposed SOP 01-2019 To update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge program was tabled.

Propose SOP 06-2019 To create a response matrix to reduce the number of ALS to BLS hand-offs; maximize our EPCR practices through proper charting; increase the participation of our volunteers; reduce the number of multi-vehicle responses, thereby increasing safety awareness, all while not jeopardizing patient care or our contract with the Town of Huntington was amended and approved.

Proposed SOP 07-2019 To add the securing of vehicles while at the hospital to the Drivers responsibilities and update procedures was amended and approved.

Proposed SOP 08-2019 To add the length of service awards gift program to the SOP's was amended and approved.

President's Report – Seth Fischer

Thank for you attending September's General Membership Meeting.

We are doing amazing things, and I could not be more proud.

As mentioned in my Pulse article a special thanks to Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como for jumping right on a potential billing issue. Her fast action avoided what raised my blood pressure.

Our building is being cleaned, please bear with us. Our carpets were shampooed and cleaned on the ground floor, and they look fantastic. The tile floors around the building are in the process of being cleaned, waxed, and polished. I personally ask that you please try to wipe your feet on the throw rugs at each entrance, and if you should spill something please clean it. As previously mentioned, the Terrazzo tile by our main entrance will be a separate job and will have to be BID work. Keep your suggestions flowing, as we have been moving rapidly on making a difference. The Board and Operations are looking into Operational IQ. Automating as much as possible, from checkouts, to ordering supplies, and much more will only help us manage our day to day operations more seamlessly.

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We are still pursuing the additional LOSAP dollar increase with an age decrease. This is moving very slowly, but we are doing our best to get some answers.

We are working towards satisfying Compliance, checkbox that must be accomplished when billing for Medicaid and Medicare. This is something that we must have in place, and we are looking to roll out Q4 '19.

9/11 is upon us again. Some of us in this room were unfortunately directly affected. Whether we were there that day or not, we all knew or lost someone close to us. On Wednesday we will be honoring the lives and loved ones lost. Please remember the victims and the first responders who passed away that day, as well as the many that are still impacted. We must pray for the families and friends left behind. Let us also pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces who have lost their lives protecting our freedom. God Bless them, and God Bless America! Keep up the amazing work!

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – Absent/Excused – No Report

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

In keeping with tradition, I want to start by thanking everyone for all of your hard work. It's truly incredible what we accomplish here at HCFAS. Here are some statistics to help put things into perspective. In 2018, Brentwood Legion had 8,018 calls, 556 calls were 24'd, giving them a 24 rate of 6.93%. In the same year Central Islip Hauppauge had 6,703 calls, 572 were 24'd, giving them a 24 rate of 8.53%. To be clear, I'm not sharing these statistics with the intent to put other departments down. Both of those departments are excellent and they provide great care to their communities. I share these statistics with you is because both Brentwood Legion and Central Islip-Hauppauge have paid BLS crews. So far this year with our VOLUNTEER crews, our 24 rate is below 0.5%. I've had Chief's from other departments and even FRES personnel tell me how impressed they are with our performance this year. You are all amazing and should be very proud.

Announcements:

- 2019 Fall Festival - A sign up sheet is in the ready room. Please sign up if you are able to participate.
- There are numerous standby openings. Sign up in the ready room if you can help. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up for standbys this year and thank you to Julia Vodopia for chairing the standby committee.

Parade Reminders:

- Thank you to everyone that came out to march, carry banners/flags and to drive vehicles. I am grateful to all of you. This was a great parade season.

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NYSVARA Pulse Check Awards:

Brian Canty won the **2019 EDUCATOR AWARD**

“This award is being presented to a member who through outstanding teaching, publication or research that has greatly improved pre-hospital services at the local, county, regional or state level having some particular impact on the volunteer non-profit EMS community.”

Bob Biersack won the **2019 BLS PROVIDER OF EXCELLENCE**

“This award is presented to an individual member in good standing or a member of a member organization in good standing with NYSVARA who has provided an exceptional contribution(s) to the EMS field and/or an EMS agency or system, through demonstrated dedication, professional behavior, initiative and/or special services.”

Many EMT’s across Suffolk County were trained by Brian (including me!). He continues to teach EMT classes and CPR classes and assists with all of our continuing education needs. Bob does so much for HCFAS. He works diligently as a member of the building committee, keeps our refrigerator stocked with amazing food comes in for extra shifts every week and consistently answers up for backup. Thank you both for all of your contributions to HCFAS and EMS as a whole.

Presentation of Badges - No badges presented this month.

Length of Service Awards - No 5, 10, 15 year length of service awards for this month.

3 on a 16 raffle winner- During the month of August HCFAS had **ZERO** signal 24’s. There were 122 “RESCUE” personnel in the CAD, which is up from 114 in July. I am very happy to announce that the winner of the August “3 on a 16” raffle is Tom O’Leary. Tom, thank you for all that you do!

First Deputy Chiefs Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Posted and Given by Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como

And the end of the summer is here just like that! Before we know it we will have snow standbys and pizza parties!! **Speaking of Standbys....** There are a few coming up this month that still requires some coverage. If you’re free and want to either make extra shifts, make up shifts or get some probationary activities completed sign up in ready room or reach out to Julia Vodopia at 631-418-4269.

Thursday, September 12th- HFD Yaphank- Full crew needed (1730-2200)

Saturday, September 14th- Stimson Middle School- CL needed (1000-1500)

Wednesday, September 18th- HMFD Yaphank- Full crew needed (1745-2200)

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September 30th is the END of quarter 3!!!! Where did the time go!? Please run your hours and ensure that you will meet 48 by that time... any questions reach out to your day captain.

ALSO look at your LOSAP points, IF you have not been punching in and out on the same shift there is a chance that **you are NOT receiving LOSAP points** for that shift. **If this is the case please fill out a finger adjustment form for those days and shifts and check off mismatch.** (This is not something that I can change the SCM does this automatically but this is something I can fix once I receive that form.) This also affects your overall shift count which is important in order to receive the holiday gift card.

Members interested in becoming drivers, please place a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your interest.

Laminated Certifications... This is now a Chiefs order to have your required squad ID with appropriate certifications on your person as part of your uniform. Please remember to have this on you at all times while operating as a member at HCFAS; whether you attach your key fob to it, hang it in your car, keep in your mail folder so you have it when you are in the building please remember this as it is also a state requirement.

Second Deputy Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted

Training:

The September Review Training has been posted. This month's topic is "ePCR." Thank you to Karl Forsberg (the chair of the ePCR committee) for all of his help with putting together this month's training materials. Please remember that to remain in good standing you must not be missing more than two review trainings.

Upcoming CMEs:

Thursday September 19th 1900 "Crime Scenes and the First Responder" with SCPD Crime Scene

Saturday October 19th 1000 "Respiratory Problems" with Dr. Crupi

ePCR / Billing:

At a minimum, two sets of vitals should always be documented under the "Vitals" tab on your ePCR. The hospital vitals are not our vitals (even if you helped at triage and took them) and should not be included on your PCR. Vitals should be obtained and documented from your on-scene and transport time.

Please make every effort to obtain current insurance information directly from the patient or the patient's family members. In addition to insurance, please obtain and document the patient's social security number and cell phone number. These additional pieces of information will help guarantee reimbursement by insurance. As a follow up to my email regarding social security numbers, a patient's social security number is the same as any other piece of protected health information (PHI). We are within every right to ask for it and once received it is protected under

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HIPAA laws and regulations. This information is only shared when it comes to Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations. That being said, the patient can refuse to give us the information and care should never be withheld. But, we should be asking for and trying to obtain a SSN on every call. When it comes to Medicare and Medicaid (our largest payers) the billing company NEEDS the SSN to obtain the insurance ID number. Some other insurance companies also require a SSN number such as USAA and Tricare.

I know that much of the ePCR and billing processes are still difficult to adjust to. My goal in disseminating this information is to help ensure that HCFAS as a volunteer agency is able to continue operating. I encourage anyone that has questions to contact me as I am always open to a conversation and will do my best to ensure that everyone is comfortable as we continue to move forward. Thank you all for everything that you do.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted

The new 2-15-18 is now in service. There are several minor issues that will be addressed this week. Then it will be moved up in the order for general use. Thanks to Thursday overnight for helping stock it.

We had a visit from the NYS Department of Health to inspect the new ambulance. There were no issues noticed. Thank you to the Friday crews who did their checkouts thoroughly that morning.

Unit 16 side door lock mechanism fixed, hidden unlock fixed.

Unit 17 minor accident on driver's side. With new 18 in service there should be an opportunity to do some cosmetic repairs.

Unit 18 in service, minor changes will be made this week.

Unit 19 check engine light, needs to go to Ford soon.

Unit 20 no major notes.

Unit 21 still at an ambulance repair company. Waiting on an update. The loaner ambulance still in service.

Unit 80 was in a minor accident. It will be evaluated for repairs soon.

Unit 81 has new tires, radios should all be working.

Unit 82 had the med-com radio repaired.

The Board approved the stretcher oxygen holders. They will be ordered soon.

More colored tape was added to various surfaces on the stretcher straps. We will continue to research alternate options for this.

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Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

September calls as of 1800 today: 142 Calls, 0 signal 24s, 16.7 calls/day.

YTD we have 19 signal 24's on 4197 calls for a rate of .45%.

We are very good at what we do!

Dispatch Training: Since the August meeting, **Mackenzie O'Brien** #1559 (Sunday 2300), **Aaron Surette** #1560 (Sunday 0700) and **Robert Sinrich** #1563 (Thursday 1100) passed the Dispatch Test. **Giorgia Iannetti** #1561, **William Burton** #1562 (Sun 2300), **Elizabeth Bernfeld** #1565 (Monday 1100) and **William Villatoro** #1566 (Wednesday 1100) will be attending the Advanced Dispatch Class later this week and will be tested next week.

There are **Pagers** available for Crew Leaders or Drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

The traffic signal activation is **STILL** awaiting installation of a transmitter and antenna that will be attached to the building just outside the dispatch office. Jim Mallilo will then install a switch on both dispatch consoles and the dispatchers will be trained. Once activated, the lights will be red for Railroad Street traffic for 30 seconds.

Crews, if you arrive on a scene and need **Police**, please ask the dispatcher to contact **Police** and they will confirm that **Police** have been dispatched.

If there is a reason that you cannot be heard asking for **Police**, please give a **Signal 10**. The dispatcher will call SCPD and then advise "**Signal 10 confirmed.**"

You need to have a **SAFE WORD** to request **Police**. That word is **Signal 10**.

If you continue to use **Signal 10** interchangeably with **Police**, someday you will come upon a situation where you really need **Signal 10** but nobody will understand.

Remember that story your Mommy told you about the little boy who cried "**Wolf**"?

Sunday - Company 1 - Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

I would like to thank the Sunday members for doing an incredible job of answering up for calls and for staying on top of their ambulance check-outs and monthly training. I would like to congratulate Mackenzie O'Brien and Aaron Surette on passing their dispatching test. Also, I would like to wish good luck good to Alex Hastava, Jacqueline Callinan, Jake Levinsky and Esteban Lopez on their Fall semesters in College.

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I would like to mention a cardiac arrest save by the 11:00-15:00 shift. On July 14, 2019 Jim Barkocy and Eileen Burns were dispatched to a 31-D -3. In route, the call was changed to an Echo by Medcom. On scene, SCPD had CPR in process when the crews arrived. Included were members Michael Como, Ryane Como, David Kaufman, Alex Mullen, Kathy Hayes, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Michael Capotosto and myself. These members will be recognized on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the REMSCO meeting in Yaphank. The Patient is recovering and doing well!

On Sunday, September 8, 2019 the members of Company 1 responded to 3 Cardiac Arrests in less than three hours. Worthy of special attention are: Medic Alex Mullin, Eileen Burns and Jim Barkocy. The 0700 Shift needs a Dispatcher, the 2300 Shift is desperately in need of a second due crew.

Monday - Company 2 - Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted

So many thanks to all Company 2 for covering your shifts and keeping everything in check. Thank you to so many Company 8 members for coming in to fill slots and checking out the rigs. A special thanks to the backup responders that stop whatever their doing to come and get calls covered which leads to no 24's. Please know I am truly grateful.

To date, we still only have two Signal 24's.

Monday has a new member Giorgia Iannetti #1561 on our 1500 shift. If you do not already know Giorgia, please stop in and introduce yourself.

HELP IS NEEDED:

0700 - 2nd due Crew Leader - 2 First Aiders

1100 - Full 2nd due Crew DR/CL/FA/ALS

1500 - Full 2nd due Crew

1900 - 2 ALS

2300 - 2 ALS---1 First Aider

Please keep in mind this 3rd quarter ends on September 30th so be sure to make your hours.

Tuesday - Company 3 - Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted and Given By Day Captain John Mancino

Thank you everyone for your help this past summer. I truly appreciate all the people who continue to come out and help on Tuesday's.

Currently, we need a Dispatcher or 2nd Due Crew Leader for the 1100 Shift. If anyone is available please let me know.

Good Luck to Nicole as she goes back to School as well as Zach.

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Also, welcome new member Estrella! She is on the 1500 Shift, she was a post member and she has already passed dispatching and is currently gearing up for her Ambulance Orientation test!

Again, thank you everyone for all of your help.

Wednesday - Company 4 - Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

I want to start off by welcoming Steven Conroy #1572 to Wednesday's! Steven joins us as an EMT and is already off to a great start with dispatch training!

The past Wednesday the 1900 crew handled 8 calls in just over one hour. Fortunately, some were cancelled or no patient found with a quick turnaround and every single call was covered! Thank you to ALL who helped out that day; your assistance was greatly appreciated.

As we near the end of the third quarter, help is always needed on Wednesdays: the 0700 shift is in need of an ALS provider, the 1100 shift can use a 2nd due crew- CL and DR, the 1500 shift a second due DR and the 2300 shift, a Dispatcher and ALS. If you're looking to get some hours in please let me know!

Lastly, I would like to thank the entire membership for their dedication. Our 24 rate may be something outstanding but what it really represents is the commitment from each of you to the thankless and commendable work we do on a regular basis.

Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

Lots of service opportunities on all shifts, please come on out while good seats are still available.

As of this writing, we have only had one 24 and that is thanks to you.

Congratulations to Robert Sinrich passing his Dispatch exam.

Thank you to everyone who comes out every week for their shift and helps to make the difference to the community we serve. Without you we could never be successful.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent - Report Posted and Given By Day Captain Kathryn Donegan

I want to extend heartfelt condolences to Bridget Kennedy on the loss of her Dad and to Brian Canty on the loss of his Mom. My heart is with both of you and your families.

Congratulations to Kat Kallergis on passing your ambulance orientation! I knew you would.

I want to give a shout out to everyone who helped out this past Friday, September 6th. We had 24 calls with NO 24's!! I also want to commend all the dispatchers on that day.

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As per our Chief Dispatcher, Michael Barker, everyone did an amazing job with entering all the information, signals and personal information without missing anything! You all Rock!!

Thank you for coming in for Fun Fridays!!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Day Captain John Mancino

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturday's:

Great job to everyone for these past few Saturday's.

Thank you to all Company 7 and Company 8 members, Chief Michael Como, Chief Ryane Como, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Tuesday Day Captain Liz Mohr, Bazeel Walters, Robert Biersack, Timothy Quigley, Brian Block, David Villegas, Richard Cortes, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky and Paul Bayer. Gary Brandel, Jeffrey Brenner, Brett Dowler, Annette Hershkowitz, Michael Capotosto, Deborah Rudilosso, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Paid Paramedics Hayley and Emily. Deborah Rudilosso, Timothy Quigley, Robert Biersack, Thomas Curry, Ben Curry, Matthew Valle, Pamela Brenner, Leyda Mata, David Villegas, Jordan Drelich, Mary Sisinni, Matthew Sisinni, Brian Block, Brian Canty, Lenise Booth, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Fritz Barreau, William Burtons, Richard Cortes, Vanessa Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Israel Cortes, Thomas Hogan (standby), Dominic Heavey (standby), Andrea Golinsky (standby-PR), Zachary Tuck, Zachary Flurkey, Fiona Witkowski, Samantha Ryan, Kimberly Prestin, Michael Capotosto and Richard Rudolph.

Notable Calls: Great Job to everyone who responded and helped the community that we serve.

August 31, 2019 - On Saturday, the Huntington Manor Fire Department assisted us with a motorcycle versus vehicle. Medivac was called. Great job to all the crews and members who responded.

September 7, 2019 - We transported a member of service and had multiple calls during the 1900 shift and all calls were covered. Great job to all the crew members that responded.

If you need a CPR Card contact Chairperson Michael Jacoby who is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible, to get into a class. Please e-mail him: cpr@hcfas.org

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evenings. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews available.

Thank you to all the company 7 and Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

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575 Saturday's needs help throughout the day but particularly in the afternoon and evening shifts.
576 Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

577 Again, thank you, all. Be safe 

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580 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

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582 The Suffolk REMSCO meeting will be held on 9/10/19 at SCEMS in Yaphank at 7PM.

583 The District 7 meeting will be held on 9/17/19 at Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corp at 8PM.

584 The SCACA meeting will be held on 9/18/19 at our Squad at 7:30PM.

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586 **LOSAP 2018 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz**

587 The December 31, 2018 LOSAP benefit statements were distributed to all participants in your
588 member mail folder or by the USPS. Upon receipt, please review this statement carefully and if
589 any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in Secretary Bob
590 Franz's mailbox. If you require a change of beneficiary, please use HCFAS Form # 430 which
591 can be found on the form rack outside the dispatch office or on the Squad website or server.

592 Many thanks go to Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner, Roger Winter and Joe Nappi for assisting
593 with the statement distribution. Thank you again to Jim Mallilo & Angie Kalodukas for your
594 continued work in having all the data entered in the system and also your help along with Christy
595 Stiles with the Town's audit.

596 If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).

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599 **SC Recruitment Committee – The Suffolk Educational program for Retention in the 600 Voluntary Emergency Service (SERVES) - (DEADLINE 10/1/19) -Bob Franz**

601 The SERVES Administrative Guide is posted on the bulletin board. Highlights of the SERVES
602 program follow.

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

605 - SERVES provides student-volunteers who attend any NYS DOE college or university located
606 within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County
607 Community College- i.e. as of June 2019 the maximum payment for a 12 plus credit schedule
608 (full-time status) with a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 or an "A" would be \$2,735.

609 - The student-volunteer will receive reimbursement based upon a sliding scale related to their
610 GPA.

611 - The number of credits supported by the program; full or part time; covers up to 120 lifetime
612 credit hours (Bachelor's Degree) (see administrative guide for definition of lifetime credit hours
613 and limitation due to prior credit hours earned).

614 -- **The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Fall Semester is
615 October 1, 2019.** Applications shall be date stamped upon receipt and the earliest dated
616 applications shall be reviewed first as SERVES funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first
617 served basis.

618 - **For more information about SERVES go to**

619 **www.suffolksbravest.com/pdf/currentSERVESguide.pdf**

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621 **Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson**

622 Reminder to review and update your beneficiary(s) especially if you went through any life
623 changes, such as marriages, divorce, death or birth of loved ones.

624 Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance
625 Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's
626 mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com).
627 Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for
628 \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

629 All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the
630 death benefit is \$250,000.

631 Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2018 LOSAP benefit
632 statement which was distributed to you in August.

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635 **New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association District 7 - Andrea** 636 **Golinsky**

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638 The Pulse Check Educational Conference is this Thursday 9/12 through Sunday 9/15. Please sign
639 your Proxies so your vote can be cast for the proposed by-laws amendments.

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641 **Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty** – If there is a need from any member
642 please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

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645 **Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski** – Total donations to date
646 are \$70,220.00. The third mailing is scheduled for the end of October.

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648 **Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo and Kelly Murphy – Report posted and**
649 **given by Captain Kathryn Donegan** – I am in desperate need for help for an event this
650 Saturday. Unity in the Community at Stimpson from 11- 4. We will be meeting at HQ at 1030
651 Hours. Please let me or Kelly Murphy know if you can help out. Probationary members this is a
652 great way to earn an event and meet our neighbors in the community!

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654 **Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski –**

655 On 9/19/19 – Crime Scene Prevention by SCPD, October 1st or 2nd - Neonatal Resuscitation
656 By Dr. Scanlon, 10/19/19 - Respiratory problems by Dr. Crupi.

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658 **Pulse – Kathryn Donegan** – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

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Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia

YAPHANK:

*Thursday, September 12th - Full Crew Needed ----(HFD@ 1730)

*Wednesday, September 18th - Full Crew Needed ----(HMFD @ 1745)

*Thursday, October 3rd - Full Crew Needed ----(HFD @ 1730)

*Wednesday, October 9th - Full Crew Needed ----(HMFD @ 1745)

*Wednesday, November 13th - Full Crew Needed -----(HMFD @ 1745)

**Saturday, Sept. 14th, 1000-1500 (SHUFSD @ Stimson Middle School) - DRIVER NEEDED

**Sunday, October 6th, 0800-1100 (Walk @ Caumsett State Park)- DRIVER NEEDED

**Saturday, October 12th, 1000-1300 (Suffolk County XC Invitational @ Sunken Meadow State Park) - FULL CREW NEEDED

Old Business: None

New Business: President Seth Fischer mentioned that shrubs removed from in front of parking lot will be replaced with mulch until the Spring time when new plantings can be done.

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Kathi Bonessi, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas, Greg Orr and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Panera Bread Gift Card – Dominic Heavey

Target Gift Card – Mary Winter

Applebee's Gift Card – Kyoko Saito

PF Chang's Gift Card – Diane Muszynski

Starbucks Gift Card - Ryane Como

White Wine – Gregory Orr

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708 **White Wine** – Fiona Witkowski

709 **Red Wine** – Kathi Bonessi

710 **Red Wine** – John Mancino

711 **Red Wine** – Casey Orr

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714 **Motion made by Roger Winter and seconded by Kathryn Donegan to adjourn the**
715 **meeting** at 2025 hours.

716 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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718 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 63, Probationary 10, Total: 73.

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722 Respectfully Submitted,

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724 ***Christine A. Tedone***

725 Recording Secretary

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727 ***Robert J. Franz***

728 Secretary

729 Draft posted: September 24, 2019

730 Approved: October 14, 2019

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: October 14, 2019

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	ABSENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	PRESENT

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 50).

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

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

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Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Ann Donegan, Patrick Donegan and Captain Katie Donegan and their families on the passing of their Grandfather, Patrick Donegan.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Joanne Vogel and Heidi Magerle and their families on the passing of their Mother, Ericka Vogel.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Board Member David Mohr who had a procedure done and has fully recovered.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Board Member Roger Winter who had a procedure done and has fully recovered.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Sheryl Burke who was briefly hospitalized but is doing much better.

Congratulations to Anthony Cambareri who recently got engaged to Gretchen Lajara Hiwatig.

Congratulations to George Reeder on his big promotion at work.

Congratulations to Pamela Brenner Davis on her big promotion at work.

Last, but definitely not least, tremendous Congratulations to Jeffrey and Tanya Brenner on the birth of their baby boy, Jameson Leo. Jameson came into this world at 6 lbs 11 ounces.

Congratulations to Great Grandma Mary Brenner, Grandma Martha, Grandpa Mark, Aunt Pamela, Uncle Keith and Uncle Kevin.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

35 Years of Service

Annette Hershkowitz #82

Annette Hershkowitz – Member #82 – 35 Years of Service - Life Member, Active Member and Active Dispatcher

Annette Joined HCFAS in September 1968, she was on the Wednesday, 7-11 shift and stayed on that shift for a full 16 years. In 1968 she left Service and then came back. She held the Positions of EMT-B and Crew Leader.

She completed her EMT Certification in 1969. She asked when she would be a Crew Leader and was given that status the following week. There was no evaluation system in place then. Annette remained a Crew Leader for 15 years. She was a Driver but had a fender bender with the overhead door in the first building and was removed from Driving status forever. She had to leave HCFAS in 1984 when her father was diagnosed with lung cancer.

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Annette Returned to HCFAS in August 2000 as an Administrative Member - She served as the Officers Meeting Recording Secretary and then became the Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors in 2005 and 2006.

The newly mandated registration for CPR was enforced and she was put back as a Permanent Dispatcher in 2006. From 2000 to 2006 she worked as a member of the Kitchen committee.

Annette served on the Uniform Committee Class A – from 2002 until 2016, the Uniform Code Committee 2013 and she has been the Election Day Coordinator for the last six years. Thank You Annette for your 35 Years of dedicated and loyal service to HCFAS.

Motion to change order of business made by Rich Stone and seconded by Martha Brenner SOP 09-2019 Remove D from EMT-D MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposal:

Remove D from EMT-D

Background/Justification:

Grammatical update.

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

Article V, Section 2 - EMT-~~D~~:

1. EMT-~~D~~'s are responsible for checking out their equipment at the beginning of their duty tour and notifying the proper personnel of any problems.
2. EMT-~~D~~'s are responsible for patient care when they are the highest medical authority at the scene; however, the Crewleader shall remain in charge of the total scene.
3. EMT-~~D~~'s are responsible for the safe handling of equipment on an emergency run and the proper replacement of equipment back at Headquarters.
4. EMT-~~D~~'s are responsible for training their crews ~~with the EMT-D and related equipment.~~
5. EMT-~~D~~'s are responsible for all supplemental paperwork, as required.

Consensus - Unanimous to accept

Secretary's Report – Bob Franz

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Motion by Mark Brenner and seconded by Lehti Laas to approve the September 9, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Good & Welfare – Richard Stone and Ann Donegan for their fruit baskets, Brian Canty for the fruit basket and support given & squad services on the passing of his mom Mary; Standby Events – Greenlawn Fire Department during their annual fair, the residents of Webb Place during their Block Party and a donation was received for the standby Wrist Walk at Caumsett Park (Great work by Julia Vodopia and Jacklyn Rittershouse for getting up at 6:30 AM). All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Proposed SOP 01-2019 To update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge program was tabled for a second time.

President's Report – Seth Fischer

I hope everyone is well and Happy October!

As you know from the beginning of my term as President, I have been trying to provide you with a wonderful “volunteer experience”. Since January, I have asked for your suggestions and guidance and I am forever grateful for the tremendous feedback I have been receiving. I have been trying to fulfill as many suggestions/requests as quickly as possible, and I am sure you have noticed the success thus far.

Here are some examples of what our members have inquired about and the action taken:

1. Members voiced their opinion of the poor condition of the Water Cooler in the ready room, something many of us probably walk right past and not pay any mind to. That said, in one week we had a brand new Water Cooler.

2. Members who utilize the computers in the ready room at night expressed the challenge of working in the dark, as they felt guilty turning on the lights to wake the crews. A suggestion was made to get keyboards that are backlit. Suggestion taken care of, keyboards are ordered.

3. A member asked we look into raincoats, as some feel the current jackets are too cumbersome to work in and yes, you guessed right, we are exploring options.

4. A member suggested additional REHAB chairs for our firefighters to be kept in 2-15-25 and yes, additional chairs are now on 2-15-25.

5. Members expressed a safety concern while entering and exiting the building in ambulances. While it took much longer than expected, we now have a functioning traffic signal.

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6. Lastly, there was a common theme of most of my conversations, and this was a big task to take on. Most of our members were extremely upset with the condition of our building. They felt it was dirty, and “needed a really good cleaning”. Within two weeks, we had the ALL the tile floors cleaned throughout the building, ALL the bathroom floors cleaned throughout the building, ALL of the carpets scrubbed, shampooed and vacuumed throughout the building, doors painted, and we are about to do the Terrazzo tile in the main entrance way. Please note, we are working with our cleaning company to make these scheduled and more frequent moving forward.

Tremendous special thanks go to Chief Como, Treasurer Brian Canty and Board Member David Mohr. They all shared the same sentiment and take extreme pride in our appearance and were instrumental in helping me go the extra mile to ensure that our building glistens once again. The list goes on of what we have done based on your feedback and maybe some of those items do not affect you directly, but they were important to others and therefore important to me. We have acted on many other suggestions; these are only a few examples. Please, I beg of you, e-mail, call or text me with ideas; I cannot help if I do not know how. Something as simple as a water cooler and a backlit keyboard, while not a priority to some, are just simple and basic examples of what can change someone’s perception of where they give time back to their community.

As we wind down the year, and enter into the Q4, your 2019 Board of Directors is still hard at work. We are getting things done quicker and more efficiently than ever before. Your Board of Directors have been taking a much more proactive and progressive way of operating and it has been very refreshing and satisfying to accomplish and create results for our members, based on recommendations from Chief Como. We are not waiting for things to break, or become late in their shelf life. We are getting ahead of initiatives, planning and making things happen. We are not a well-oiled machine, but we are operating in such a way that results are happening rapidly for HCFAS and I thank everyone for their hard work.

Our Chief has also been working around the clock on many different initiatives. I apologize for repeating myself, but our Chief is consistently doing amazing things for our members and on behalf of the Board of Directors, and I will speak for the membership when I say, thank you! Your hard work is recognized and greatly appreciated. Chief Como and Operations are checking off boxes one by one. They are working on bringing “Operational IQ” which is an amazing piece of software, which will automate many of our processes and workflows. Chief Como has also brought a motion to the Board to switch our portable and ambulance radios. He recognized a deficiency in the field and tackled it. Our crews will now be able to go direct with Medcom on our portables, which will bring a tremendous value add while on scene, especially if Signal 10 is needed urgently. We will also be able to go direct with Hospital North. These labor-intensive tasks will bring huge value to our efficiency and a special thanks to Jim Mallilo for his help. There are a lot smiles and happiness around the building, and that starts from the environment that our leadership is creating. Thank you again Chief Como.

It pains me to say that we are still working with the Town of Huntington on the additional LOSAP dollar increase with an age decrease. This is moving very slowly, but we are doing

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our best to get some answers. Treasurer Brian Canty, Secretary Bob Franz, Tom Hogan, John Palmieri and I are trying our best to make this a reality.

Let us finish the year as strong as possible. I cannot be more proud of everything HCFAS has become and stands for in 2019. We are literally “kicking ass” and continue to do amazing things for our organization, our community and ourselves.

Keep up the amazing work!

Treasurer’s Report – Brian Canty – Absent – Brian is on vacation in Mexico and reported that we have money and all the bills are being paid on time.

Chief’s Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

With 20 signal 24’s out of over 4,800 calls, it is clear that we are succeeding this year. I can’t thank you all enough.

This past weekend HCFAS had the annual Fall Festival standby. EMS operations were under the leadership of First Deputy Chief Liz Wuestman and Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman. Liz and Dave did an excellent job. Thank you to all of the members that participated this weekend. I am also grateful for the participation of the following agencies that were standing by to transport our patients to the hospital: Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department, Greenlawn Fire Department, Eatons Neck Fire Department, Dix Hills Fire Department, Halesite Fire Department, Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corporation, and Bay Shore/Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance. The Fall Festival standby is a major undertaking and it was only successful because of the coordinated team effort that we had.

With that being said, there is always room for improvement. On Saturday, we had a surprise visit at the fall Festival by Suffolk County EMS. They checked both of our Fall Festival rigs and found deficiencies in one of them. Thanks to Captain John Mancino’s smooth talking we skated by without any formal complaints against us. This “close call” needs to serve as a teachable moment for all of us that we need to be diligent with our part 800 checkouts during our shifts and before any standbys.

Announcements:

- The Town of Huntington Holiday Parade will be on November 30th at 5:30 PM. Danny Mugavero has agreed to take the lead on building the float again. Thank you Danny!

Presentation of Badges - Gary Brandel - #1493
Esteban Lopez - #1519

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Length of Service Awards - 15 Years: Frank Guariglia #1115
Karen Martin #1118
James Ingwersen #1114

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner - During the month of September HCFAS had **one** signal 24. There were 107 “RESCUE” personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winner of the September “3 on a 16” Raffle is Brandon Eybergen. Brandon, thank you for all that you do!

Presentation of Stork Pins - On Saturday, September 28th one of our crews delivered a healthy baby boy. At this time I would like to call up Captain Andrew Taylor, Pamela Brenner, Jeffrey Brenner, Tim Quigley, Suzie Biagi, Roxanne Cortes, Michael Barker and Laura Treulich.

First Deputy Chiefs Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Posted and Given by Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como

It’s here, the moment we’ve all been waiting for.... Fourth quarter!! Hope everyone is enjoying their year as much as I am! The other day I was going through this “standby request spreadsheet,” that Julia, Mike and I have been using to stay organized and WOW- you all did an amazing job this year covering standby requests from our community and surrounding departments. Soon we will be having pizza parties and snow standbys of our own!!

Saturday overnights have been a real challenge this year... every couple of years or even every couple of months, I feel like we go through this and then it improves significantly and then all of a sudden we are back to square one. Saturday overnights can vary from CRAZY busy to the “Q” word week to week, however they definitely need skilled providers to help our new providers take on the town. There is always a variety of calls from trauma to medical to behavioral and the chiefs’ office is open to suggestions on how to make Saturday overnights more appealing. I know a few crews that take on the Saturday overnight together... for example Sunday 1900, Tuesday 0700 hours and a few others. There is sign up sheets posted in the ready room, let’s help out company 7 and get those overnights covered!

Last but not least THANK YOU to every member and post member you helped out down at the fall festival this past weekend!! We could not have done it without you! Thank you Paul Bayer, Gary Brandel, Keith Rubenstein, Kim Prestin, Tom Schrippa, Mike Capatosto and John Mancino for not only doing multiple shifts but for going above and beyond!

Also in attendance Maria Aviles, Sue Otto, Meg, Tiffany White, Kyoko Saito, Fiona, Karl Forsberg, Carmen, James Kelly, Kat, Bridget, Stephanie Cortes, Tom Lemp, Carol Nucci, Tim Ebert, Liz Mohr, Dale, Lauren Stalzer, Solomon, Kelly Murphy, Andrew Taylor, Jean Paul, Tim Quigley, Gerardo, Bobby Loysch, Hank Waldron, Brian Canty, Kathy and the outside departments.

Lastly, thank you to Saturday and Sunday members as well as Day Captains Andrew Taylor and Bill Connolly for holding down the fort here at HQ.

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316 **Second Deputy Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted**

317 **Training:**

318 The October Review Training is the NYS BLS On-line Protocol update. Instructions on how to
319 register have been posted under the October Review Training materials. ALL PROVIDERS
320 (EMT-B, CC and P) are required to register and complete this training. Please submit a copy of
321 your certificate in my mailbox or via e-mail to receive credit. This must be completed by 2300
322 hours on 10/31/19.

323 In addition to the NYS online test, Suffolk REMAC will be releasing their own online and skills
324 requirements. We await additional information from County regarding these requirements.

325 Please note that you MAY NOT utilize the new BLS protocols until our agency has completed
326 all requirements. Our go-live date will be clearly communicated.

327 Any non-credentialed providers may still register and complete the on-line course to receive
328 Review Training credit. Please remember in accordance with the SOP's all members (riding,
329 administrative, dispatch) must not be missing more than two trainings a year to remain in good
330 standing.

331 **Upcoming CME's:**

332 Saturday, October 19th at 1000 hours "Respiratory Problems" with Dr. Crupi

333 Wednesday, November 6th at 1900 hours Chest Pain and Stroke call review with Dr. Brandler

334 Please RSVP to CME@hcfas.org and park in the LIRR lot if attending.

335 **ePCR / Billing:**

336 I would like to thank everyone for their continued diligence in completing their PCRs timely and
337 in obtaining all necessary information.

338 Please remember that an adequate PCR, at a minimum, includes two sets of vitals, a complete
339 assessment and, a comprehensive narrative. The September Review Training was on ePCR and
340 included details on each of these sections.

341 Thank you all for everything that you do. If anyone feels that they need additional training on
342 ePCR or any other topic, please contact me.

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345 **Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Absent - Report Posted**

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347 Unit 16 - Bumper repaired

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349 Unit 17 - Damaged wheel flare removed but waiting on repair date for new rubber parts

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351 Unit 18 - Changes completed at VCI, ready for mainstream use

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Unit 19 - Check engine light cause repaired at ford.

Unit 20 - Check engine light cause repaired. Will go for suspension repair this week.

Unit 21 - Returned to HCFAS. Parking brake serviced and coolant leak repaired this week.

Unit 80 - Passenger seatbelt repaired and one emergency light repaired.

Unit 81 - No issues

Unit 82 - No issues

Stretcher oxygen holders affixed except on Unit 18.

All epcr laptops functioning

New hospital entry cards for two vehicles and new hard plastic cases for all.

New plugs ordered for ambulance charging cables.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

October calls as of 1200 today: **221** Calls, **1** signal 24, **15.7** calls/day.

YTD we have **20** signal 24s on **4782** calls for a rate of **.418%**.

We are very good at what we do!

Dispatch Training: Since the September meeting, **Giorgia Ianetti** #1561 (Monday 1500), **William Burton** #1562 (Sunday 2300), **William Villatoro** #1566 (Wednesday 1100), **Steven Conroy** #1572 (Wednesday 1500), **Michael Mahoney** #1564 (Sunday 1900 and **Jesse Annunziata** #1569 (Thursday 1100) have passed their dispatch tests.

There are **Pagers** available for Crew leaders or Drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

The traffic signal is **STILL** awaiting activation because of a programming error. Somehow a GREEN light appears between the solid yellow and the red light. Once that has been corrected, the traffic signal will be activated.

Dispatchers, if your ambulance transports to anywhere else but Huntington Hospital, please click on the icon of the ambulance and go to **Destination / Hospital**. Click in the name of that hospital. Jim Mallilo recently entered Cohen Children's Medical Center after two recent transports. If the name of the hospital is **not** there, simply highlight Huntington Hospital, hit delete and type in the name of the receiving hospital.

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Dispatchers, if you hear over the scanner that **Huntington / Huntington Manor** has been dispatched to a scene we are working, please advise all units on the road.

“16, this is 0, be advised Manor has been dispatched to 711 East Jericho.”

Let's keep everyone safe out there.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday - Company 1 - Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

I would like to mention a cardiac arrest save by the 11:00-15:00 shift. On July 14, 2019 Jim Barkocy and Eileen Burns were dispatched to a 31-D-3. En route, the call was changed to an Echo by Medcom. On scene, SCPD had CPR in process when the crews arrived. Included were members Michael Como, Ryane Como, David Kaufman, Alex Mullen, Kathy Hayes, Jaclyn Rittershaus, Michael Capotosto and myself. These members were recognized Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the REMSCO meeting in Yaphank. The Patient is recovering and doing well!

On Sunday, September 8, 2019 the members of Company 1 responded to 3 cardiac arrests in less than three hours. Worthy of special attention are Medic Alex Mullin, Eileen Burns and Jim Barkocy.

I would like to welcome new member Alex Hastava to the 07:00 shift. Alex is a former Post member and is also an EMT. The 07:00 Shift needs a Dispatcher, the 23:00 Shift is desperately in need of a second due crew.

Monday - Company 2 - Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone in Company 2, Company 8 and back up responders for keeping all the calls handled.

To date, we still only have two 24's.

Monday currently has 6 members on LOA's throughout all the shifts. It is greatly appreciated if we could try to get shifts covered from here until the end of this year.

HELP IS NEEDED:

0700 2nd due CL---2 FA

1100 Full 2nd due crew DR/CL/FA/ALS

1500 Full 2nd due crew DR/CL/FA/ALS

1900 2 ALS

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442 2300 2 ALS---1 FA

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444 As you all know we are now in Quarter 4 so please keep up with your hours/shifts.

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446 Wishing you all a wonderful October!!!

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449 **Tuesday - Company 3 - Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted**

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451 Thank you everyone for your help this past weekend at the fall festival! Fun was had by all.

452 Tuesday's is in need of a 2nd due Crew on the 1100 shift as of November. If anyone is available
453 please let me know.

454 We have some new members starting on Tuesday and I am looking forward to introducing them
455 next month. Please remember to perform checkouts on every shift. Also, Tuesday's has
456 Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year. If anyone is available to help with those Holiday's
457 please let me know. Food will be served.

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459 **Wednesday - Company 4 - Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan - Absent – Report Posted**

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461 Thank you to everyone who's reached out to my family and me during this time. Your words
462 and kindness have meant a great deal.

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464 Congratulations to William Villatoro and Steven Conroy for passing their dispatch tests with
465 high compliments from the Chief Dispatcher! They are both now onto the ACL program and
466 Wednesday's are lucky to have you both!

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468 Help is needed on the 1100 Shift - full second due crew, 1500 Shift - second due driver and 2300
469 dispatcher. Please let me know if you are ever available!

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472 **Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Absent – Report Posted**

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474 I would like to welcome new member Thomas Panichella who is already an EMT and will be
475 riding the 2300 shift, he is currently doing dispatch training.

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477 Thank you to everybody who comes out every week and everybody who's answering up for
478 those signal threes and filling all the empty spots, we can never be successful without your
479 effort.

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481 Congratulations to Jessie Annunziata who has passed dispatch training and he will be
482 moving on to ambulance orientation, Jessie is already an EMT.

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484 We have openings for Crew leaders on all second due crews, please let me know if you're
485 available to come out.

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I'll be out of state this week, available by cell phone, feel free to call me with whatever you may need.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – Report Posted

Happy Fall!!

I want to continue to thank all the members on Friday and back up for helping Fridays run so smoothly. You guys are awesome!

This year has been quite a learning experience for me, and I am grateful for the lessons I've learned along the way. I couldn't have done it without the continued love and support from all of you. It's a beautiful thing to know and see how we truly are a family. Good, bad, or indifferent!

I am in need of 2nd due drivers on the 0700 and 1100 Shifts every week. If you are available or can listen up, please let me know.

Stay safe and love each other!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Report Posted

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays:

A Great job to everyone for these past few Saturdays. Thank you to all of Company 7 and Company 8 members, Chief Michael Como, Chief Ryane Como, Chief Liz Wuestman, Chief David Kaufman, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Robert Biersack, Timothy Quigley, Brian Block, David Villegas, Richard Cortes, Esteban Lopez, Jake Levinsky, Paul Bayer, Gray Brandel, Jeffrey Brenner, Pamela Brenner, Brett Dowler, Annette Hershkowitz, Michael Capotosto, Deborah Rudilosso, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Thomas Curry, Ben Curry, Leyda Mata, Jordan Drelich, Mary Sisinni, Matthew Sisinni, Brian Canty, Lenise Booth, Fritz Barreau, William Burtons, Vanessa Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Israel Cortes, Thomas Hogan (standby), Andrea Golinsky (PR), Zachary Flurkey, Fiona Witkowski, Samantha Ryan, Kimberly Prestin, Richard Rudolph, Mackenzie O'Brian, Melissa Anastos, Steven Benjamin and Paid Paramedics Hayley and Emily

Notable Calls: Great Job, everyone who did responded and helped the community in which We serve.

On Saturday, September 28, 2019 HCFAS was activated at 1054 AM to the report of an maternity imminent delivery at 151 East 11th Street in Huntington Station. 82 staffed with EMT-CC - Jeffrey Brenner and EMT Pamela Brenner, 81 with Medic Hayley Schultz and 2-15-20 with

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Driver Tim Quigley, EMT Suzie Biagie and First Aider Roxanne Cortes. All arrived on scene to find an adult female reportedly having contractions.

The patient was carefully moved to the ambulance and transported to Huntington Hospital. After registering the patient Jeffrey Brenner and Roxanne Cortes were instructed to bring the patient upstairs to labor and delivery. As the crew and the patient walked through the hospital hallways and were about to arrive at the elevator, the mother spoke to Jeffrey Brenner, concerned, he checked the patient to find she was actively delivering. The patient and Jeffrey Brenner along with Roxanne Cortes encouraged the patient and she delivered a crying, healthy baby boy alone in the hallway of Huntington Hospital. The Hospital clinical staff met the Crew, Mom and Baby back in the ER and the staff continued to care for the patients.

Wonderful work by the volunteers of Huntington Community First Aid Squad”

If you need a CPR Card, Chairperson Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible, to get in a class. Please email him: cpr@hcfas.org

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to insure that we have two crews on duty. Thank you to all the Company 7 and Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

Saturday needs help throughout the day but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2019 Points – Bob Franz

The 2019 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31, 2019 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2019.

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Suffolk REMSCO – Meeting and award ceremony on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Community Ambulance of Sayville. Alex Hastava will receive the 2018 Youth Provider of the Year Award. Alex was recently admitted to Squad Membership.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total donations to date are \$72,586.00 Third and final solicitation going out end of week.

Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo and Kelly Murphy - A huge shout out the Sue Otto, Paul Bayer and Post 215 for your amazing help teaching HOCPR at the Fall Festival. The Explores did a great job demonstrating and explaining what to do in emergency situations. The Post advisers are doing an excellent job teaching our future lifesavers.

If you are interested in joining this awesome committee please reach out to myself or Kelly Murphy. Each one teach one!

Explorer Post 215 - Paul Bayer - There are currently 35 Members in Post 215. The Explorers Participated in the Fall Festival approximately 40-50 individuals were taught HOCPR. P215 was trained in HOCPR prior to attending the festival.

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino and Fiona Witkowski – On, Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 hours “Respiratory Problems” with Dr. Crupi. On Wednesday, November 6th at 1900 hours Chest Pain and Stroke call review with Dr. Brandler.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia – The Standbys are slowing down: Last Fire at Yaphank is on November 15, 2019; BSA on October 19, 2019.

Old Business: Rich Stone inquired about the SOP to change for gift card eligibility - it was discussed by Board but not changed.

New Business: None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Kathi Bonessi, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas Jim Ingwersen and Bob Biersack.

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

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621 **Raffles - Various Gifts:**

622 **Panera Bread Gift Card** - Stephanie Caracciolo

623 **Target Gift Card** – Karen Martin

624 **Applebee's Gift Card** – Mark Brenner

625 **PF Chang's Gift Card** – Dale Bartolomeo

626 **Starbuck's Gift Card** – Carolyn Mullen

627 **White Wine** – Roger Winter

628 **Red Wine** – Diane Tanko

629 **Red Wine** – Suzette Crespo

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631 **Motion made by Andrew Taylor and seconded by Richard Stone to adjourn the**
632 **meeting at 2015 hours.**

633 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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635 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 53, Probationary 12, Total: 65

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638 Respectfully Submitted,

639 ***Christine A. Tedone***

640 Recording Secretary

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642 ***Robert J. Franz***

643 Secretary

644 Draft posted: October 31, 2019

645 Approved: November 11, 2019

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: November 11, 2019

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 19:35 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 68).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Secretary Robert Franz

President Seth Fischer had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service, All Americans in armed services to America. As today is Veterans Day I would also like to give tremendous thanks to our active members who have served in the Armed Forces: Anthony Cambareri, Michael Campenelli, Secretary Robert Franz, Richard Gierbolini, Thomas Lemp, Douglas Mayer, Board Member David Mohr, Peter Nakelski, Joseph Nappi, Jeffrey O'Neil, George Reeder, Salvatore Romano, Donald Roulo, Richard Rudolph and recent inactive life members Ferd Neumann and Paul Kelly.

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Presidents Report **Seth Fischer**

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

Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Our Thoughts and prayers are with David Villegas on the passing of his mother Maria Ramirez.

Get Well wishes to Michaela Ryan who was briefly hospitalized but has fully recovered.

Get Well wishes to Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker who is slowly recovering from surgery.

Lastly, but definitely not least, a tremendous congratulations to our first family Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como and our Chief Michael Como on the birth of their baby boy, Theodore Michael at 3 lbs 8 oz. Theodore was born on October 19th and he is probably the absolute cutest, most handsome baby I have ever seen. I would also like to congratulate Grandpa Tom Hogan and Grandma Judy Hogan as well.

Motion to change order of business to have the following 2020 Directors and Officers nominations was made by Roger Winter and seconded by Jim Mallilo.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Nominations – All Nominators will state their name and member number prior to the name of the member that they are nominating. Be advised that Article X, Section 6, states that “No individual may be nominated or place himself in candidacy for more than one Office”.

The President opened nominations for each office and after the nominations were received for each office from the floor, the President repeated three times, any more nominations for each office and then he closed the nominations for each office.

Nominated Candidates for the 2020 Board of Directors and Operational Officers:

(in order selected to be on ballot)

Board of Directors:

Brian Canty nominated by Seth Fischer

Carol Nucci nominated by Kelly Murphy

Jeffrey Daniels nominated by Seth Fischer

Robert Franz nominated by Annette Hershkowitz

Seth Fischer nominated by John Palmieri

Chief:

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Michael Como nominated by Roger Winter

1st Deputy Chief:

Elizabeth Wuestman nominated by Dale Bartolomeo

2nd Deputy Chief:

Ryane Como nominated by Casey Orr

3rd Deputy Chief:

David Kaufman nominated by Gary Brandel

Chief Dispatcher:

Michael Barker nominated by Roger Winter

Day Captain:

Dale Bartolomeo nominated by Casey Orr

Gary Brandel nominated by Elizabeth Mohr

Kelly Murphy nominated by Richard Stone

Jon Mancino nominated by Fiona Witkowski

Kathryn Donegan nominated by Eric Nazinitsky

Jacklyn Rittershaus nominated by William Connolly

Elizabeth Mohr nominated by John Palmieri

Kristin Tiersch nominated by Christina Denker

Kathleen Castillo nominated by Vincent Castillo

Secretary's Report – Bob Franz

Motion by Gary Brandel and seconded by Kathleen Castillo to approve the October 14, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Thank you letters and cards received for: Services rendered: Julianne Maturagas; Good & Welfare – Joanne Vogel and Heidie Magerle for their fruit baskets and squad support given on the passing of their mom Erika; Annette Hershkowitz for her length of service award; Standby Events: Northport Fire Department at their department during the annual Cow Harbor Day Race and the Huntington Fall Festival Committee. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board. The Squad was the benefactor of a bequest from the Will of Angela Trotta for \$10,000.00

Proposed SOP 01-2019 To update the Purchasing Policy to add the EMT-CC to EMT-P Bridge program was amended and approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposed SOP 09-2019 to eliminate D from EMT-D was approved by the Board of Directors.

President's Report – Seth Fischer

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I hope everyone is well and Happy November!

It's that time of the year when we gather around the table with our families and pause to reflect that which we are thankful for. I can say with confidence how thankful I am for everyone's hard work and dedication to HCFAS. HCFAS is in a phenomenal place right now on many levels and this is solely because we have the best group of volunteers giving back to our Community.

What we do is not easy; managing our families, careers, health, and every curveball life throws us, takes a huge chunk of our time, but we make sure we cover our shifts for our crews who are our second families and for the residents of our Community.

Keep the suggestions flowing, we are checking off boxes based on your feedback and making a difference. As a reminder, we cannot improve something if we do not know about it.

In closing, when you are enjoying your Thanksgiving dinner, please take the time to reflect on the lives you have positively affected and influenced at HCFAS, as well as to the residents of our community. Realize what we accomplish 24/7/365 is amazing and your commitment and unwavering dedication is recognized and appreciated.

Jamie is recuperating from a motor vehicle accident and will be out 6-8 weeks. Please give Brian your cooperation during this difficult time.

Billing and collection numbers 2018 and 2019 as presented and discussed are good.

A lot of thanks.

Improvements being looked at by Jeff Daniels -Website and Compliance Policies.

Be well and please enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – No Report

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Thank you all for continuing to do such a great job. Please continue to stay vigilant with your ambulance checkouts so we can finish the year strong.

I am very happy to say that HCFAS crews recently had two cardiac arrest calls where they achieved ROSC in the field or in the E.D. On November 2nd the crew consisted of Gary Brandel, Jake Levinsky, Tim Quigley, Michael Jacoby, Laura Treulich, paramedic Hayley Schultz and paramedic supervisor Laurent Barbou. On November 4th the crew consisted of Pamela Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Israel Cortes, Mike Harlan, Mary Brenner, paramedic supervisor Laurent Barbou and Police Officer James Garside. I received patient follow up from Huntington Hospital and given the current status of both patients I have nominated all involved for Suffolk REMSCO save awards and await a response from County. This would bring us to **4 confirmed**

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saves this year. Truly a wonderful achievement for HCFAS. I will keep the membership posted as new information becomes available.

The Town of Huntington Chamber of Commerce donated \$4,000.00 dollars for our efforts at the Fall Festival. I sent them a thank you note on behalf of the membership.

SCPD cadets will be here again for EMT clinicals on 11/25/19-11/27/19 and 11/29/19 from 0700-1500 and 1500-2300. Please remember to fill out their paperwork and make them feel welcome. Any issues let me know.

We have two new hires into our paramedic program: Caitlin Ortiz and Dominique Spiegowski. If you see them on your shift please make them feel welcome.

Announcements:

- The Town of Huntington Holiday parade will be on November 30th at 5:30 PM.
- Danny Mugavero has agreed to take the lead on building the float again. There will be opportunities to help Danny in the days ahead.

Length Of Service Awards-

5 Years:	Suzette Crespo #1438
	Beatrice Martinez #1441
10 Years:	Kathleen Castillo #1276

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner - During the month of October HCFAS had **three** signal 24's. There were 79 "RESCUE" personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winner of the September "3 on a 16" raffle is Paul Bayer. Paul, thank you for all that you do!

Presentation of TOH Proclamations - At the November 6th Town Board meeting, Supervisor Lupinacci presented a number of HCFAS members with proclamations for their role in the July 13th and 14th cardiac arrest saves. At the meeting to receive proclamations were Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman, Captain Andrew Taylor, Captain Bill Connolly, Jeffrey Brenner, Tim Quigley, Michael Capotosto, Police Officer James Garside and Oceanside FD First Lieutenant Zach Schwartz.

At this time I would like to hand out proclamations to those that were unable to attend: Kathy Hayes, Fiona Witkowski, Eileen Burns, Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como, James Barckocy, and Jaclyn Rittershaus. Great job by all!

Before I close, I want to thank everyone for reaching out to Ryane and I when our son Teddy was born. I am very happy to say that he is home with his mom and is doing great. You will be seeing him in the Chief's office and around the building as soon as he is cleared to go out in public. I can't wait for him to meet all of the amazing people here at HCFAS.

First Deputy Chiefs Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Report Posted

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228 Happy Holidays!!

229 As we approach the end of the year, I hope the officers and I have set you all up for success
230 throughout the year however ultimately it is your responsibility to track hours, shifts and LOSAP
231 requirements. There is a shift count posted in the ready room, please confirm you are on track
232 should you wish to receive the holiday gift card. If you need finger adjustments please put them
233 in my mailbox, I'll be happy to do them for you.

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235 It's been a great year so far let's keep it going! I look forward to continuing as First Deputy next
236 year!

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238 Lastly, do not forget to come on down and help set up the float for the holiday parade. The
239 parade is November 30th, you can drink hot cocoa, wear JEANS and our warm jackets!!!

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241 **Second Deputy Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted and Given by Third Deputy** 242 **Chief David Kaufman**

243 The November Review Training is on "Respiratory Illness." Dr. Crupi presented this talk last
244 month and allowed me to share his materials. While this will be a repeat for those who attended
245 the CME lecture, the topic is always important to review. Please remember in accordance with
246 the SOPs all members (riding, admin, dispatch) must not be missing more than two trainings a
247 year to remain in good standing.

248 As a reminder, the October Review Training is mandatory for all EMT B, CC and P providers as
249 it is the NYS BLS protocol update. Non - credentialed providers can still complete the training
250 for credit. October Review Training credit will be delayed in showing in SCM as it has to be
251 entered manually.

252 Classes for the Suffolk County skills portion of the BLS update will be posted soon. ALL
253 providers are required to complete the BLS skills verification in order to maintain their
254 certification and be permitted to ride. We will be holding sessions at a variety of times, however,
255 it is your responsibility to ensure you attend a session. Please do not wait until the last minute as
256 we all know things come up. Our trainers' time is just as valuable and limited as your own.
257 Please be respectful and show up if you sign up.

258 Please note that you **MAY NOT** utilize the new BLS protocols until our agency has completed
259 all requirements. The go live date for everyone that completes all of the requirements is 00:00
260 1/1/20.

261 Thank you in advance to everyone assisting with the BLS Protocol update. And, thank you to all
262 of my fellow chiefs that have helped while I have been focusing on our newest family member.

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264 **Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted** 265

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266 Good Evening Members,
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268 Thank you to everyone who helps keep the ambulances clean. If you have any extra time
269 On your shift, please consider washing your ambulance, using the shop vac or mopping
270 the ambulance floor. All captains can access the closet to get the shop vac and there is
271 mixed solution available for mopping in the cleaning closet in the ready room.
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273 Please remember to be careful especially while backing up. There were 5 instances of new,
274 unreported damage in the last month. If you are at all uncertain if a maneuver is possible,
275 please have someone spot you. It is not feasible for us to fix every dent and scratch. It is
276 up to you to keep our ambulances looking new.
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278 Remember to drive with caution to and from calls. It is your responsibility to ensure the
279 safety of your vehicles occupants and the safety of the general public.
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281 Please make sure vehicles are plugged in while parked in the truck room. Deep discharges
282 shorten car batteries' life span. Make sure the short cable is plugged in all the way to the
283 cable attached to the ceiling.
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285 All vehicles including 21 and new 18 have ignition override systems (Safe Stop switch or
286 "Ignition Start/Stop" on the Horton Screen), allowing you to remove keys and secure the
287 vehicle while idling on scene.
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289 There is construction at Caumsett State Historic Park. The temporary entrance is past the
290 usual entrance.
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292 Unit 16 recently had the rear bumper repaired again from a separate incident from the October
293 one. The side door locking mechanism was fixed properly. The leak in the cab was fixed. The
294 cooler was pulled for repair as it was broken again. New floor grip tape on steps and back. This
295 is BLS only, unless an ALS provider wears a narcotics pouch, and makes sure the ALS bag is in
296 the vehicle. If this is used ALS, the ambulance MUST be secured at all times while unattended.
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298 Unit 17- will go for cosmetic repairs this week. The rub rail parts have arrived.
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300 Unit 18 - No issues.
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302 Unit 19 - New floor grip tape on step and back edges. At VCI for cool tech fault repair and
303 several minor items.
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305 Unit 20 - Both sides were hit, unreported. New significant dent on module side door. Front
306 springs were replaced.
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308 Unit 21 - Driver side rub rail hit unreported. Minor dent in rail.
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310 Unit 80 - No new issues
311 Unit 81 - No new issues

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Unit 82 - No new issues

New LUCAS batteries have arrived and will be deployed shortly. All stretcher oxygen holders have been added. One ePCR laptop was sent out for repair. New plugs were installed on truck room cables.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

November calls as of 1200 today: **168** Calls, **1** signal 24, **15.3** calls/day.

YTD we have **23** signal 24's on **5221** calls for a rate of **.44%**.

We are **129 calls** ahead of last year and will hit **6000 calls** in 2019

We are very good at what we do!

Dispatch Training: Elizabeth Bernfeld #1565 (Monday 1500), Vera Farina-Ehlers #1571 (Wednesday 0700) and Leonardo Terrones-Nunez #1570 (Wednesday 1100) are taking their dispatch tests this week.

Since January 2019, **22 members** have passed their dispatch tests with an average of **55 days** to complete dispatch training.

There are **Pagers** available for Crew Leaders or Drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

The **traffic signal** is ready to be activated. Training for dispatchers and drivers will start soon.

Dispatchers, we have become somewhat remiss about requesting ALS response on **all** Charlie / Delta / Echo calls. If you do not have a Medic available or there is no CC on the ambulance, you **MUST** do three pages requesting ALS response.

It does not matter if it is the middle of the night or if you have never received ALS support in the past, you still **must** do three pages for ALS on every ALS call.

Some of our more mature members will remember when we didn't click "**P**" or "**CC**" in the CAD when we sent ALS on an Alpha or Bravo call. That practice has changed. Now, whenever we send a "**P**" or "**CC**" on **ANY** call, you must click to document the ALS response. Our Town contract requires us to report any ALS assistance.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday - Company 1 - Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

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358 I would like to thank everyone for their hard work that keeps Sundays running smoothly.

359 Help is needed on the 07:00 shift for 2 Crew Leaders and dire help is needed on the overnight
360 shift, needed are 2 Crew Leaders and a Driver.

361 I would like to welcome Kathi Bonessi back to Company 1 as permanent Dispatcher on the
362 07:00 Shift. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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365 **Monday - Company 2 - Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Report Posted**

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367 Thank you to everyone Company 2, Company 8 and back up responders for keeping all the
368 calls handled.

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370 To date we still only have two 24's.

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372 On November 4th the 1500 shift responded to a cardiac arrest for a 55 YOM. The crews were
373 successful in getting a pulse back on this patient. The members on the call were Sheryl Burke,
374 Laurent Barbou, Mike Harlen, Izzy Cortes, Pamela Brenner, Dispatcher Mary Brenner and
375 SCPD Officer James Garside. Good job Everyone!!!

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377 I would like to welcome our newest member Waldir Cruz Cacata #1575 to the 1100 shift.

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379 I would also like to congratulate Elizabeth Bernfeld #1565 on passing her dispatch test today!

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381 Congratulations to Suzette Crespo #1438 on her 5 years of membership!!!!

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383 Currently, Monday has 5 members out on LOA's throughout the day. I could really use help to
384 fill the slots. Please let me know if you are ever available.

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386 **HELP IS NEEDED:**

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388 0700 2nd due CL---2 FA

389 1100 Full 2nd due crew DR/CL/FA/ALS

390 1500 Full 2nd due crew DR/CL/FA/ALS

391 1900 2 ALS

392 2300 2 ALS---1 FA

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394 Wishing everyone a Happy Turkey Day!

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400 **Tuesday - Company 3 - Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted**

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What a year! Thank you to everyone who has been coming in! A huge thank you to everyone who has stepped up for the overnight and the 1100 shift. A driver is needed for the overnight and a second crew is needed for the 1100 shift. If anyone is around please let me know.

Welcome to new members Jack and Rachel, they joined the 1100 shift. Jack is already a nationally registered EMT and Rachel already started her EMT class. We are thrilled to have them!

Wednesday - Company 4 - Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

The holiday season is upon us and Wednesday has a couple of holidays that are going to be in need of help! Christmas and New Years Day are both Wednesdays this year. Sign up sheets will be in the ready room soon, and food will be provided on both days!

As the year winds down I find myself grateful for all of the members who have helped Wednesday to run smoothly in 2019. Whether you're a Company 4 member, someone who always comes down to do extra shifts, or just someone who stops by to say Hi now and then, Thank you! This year has been a success in my eyes and I have enjoyed being Captain with the other operational officers. I am looking forward to an equally successful 2020!

As always, Wednesday is always in need of help mainly on the daytime shifts. 0700 shift is in need of an ALS provider and FA's, the 1100 shift of a full second due crew and the 1500 shift a second due driver. The overnight is also looking for a dispatcher as we have a new member who is going to be dispatch training very shortly. Let me know if you can help out!

Happy Holidays to one and all!

Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

Firstly, I want to wish a blessed Veterans Day to every member here and to thank every veteran in the room for your duty, your honor, and your sacrifice and for everything they've done to give us what we have today. Thank you all.

Welcome Thomas Panichella #1573 to the 2300 shift who is an EMT in Dispatch training and Jacqueline DeBruin #1581 to the 0700 shift starting during college breaks

Congratulations to Jessie Annunziata #1569 and Robert Sinrich #1563 for passing ambulance orientation.

Thanksgiving is this month sign-up sheet is here please take the opportunity to put down an hour or two whatever time you can give would be appreciated

Everybody have a Joyful and Blessed Thanksgiving.

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Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

Happy November!! I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!!

I want to congratulate Ryan and Mike Como on the birth of their beautiful son, Teddy. He is so lucky to have such amazing parents. May you all continue to be blessed with love, health, and happiness.

Shout out to the Friday 1900 shift! On October 25th at 19:33, we were dispatched to an Alpha bleeding. PD put a rush on rescue, stating the patient was "bleeding out". The crew arrived to find a mother and daughter hit a deer, the mother got out to check on the buck when it began flailing around, puncturing the women brachial artery. The crew quickly rendered their amazing skills and transported the patient to NUMC via ground transport. They literally saved this women's life!! Great job by all!! Tommy Romano, Izzy Cortes, Emily Edgar (Medic) and dispatching Patty Tufo and Jim Mallilo.

Good luck to everyone tonight as it is Nominations for your 2020 officers.

As always, stay safe and love each other!!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Elizabeth Mohr

I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturdays:

A Great job to everyone for these past few Saturdays. Thank you to all Company 7 and Company 8 members, Chief Michael Como, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker, Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy, Robert Biersack, Timothy Quigley, Brian Block, Richard Cortes, Jake Levinsky, Paul Bayer, Gray Brandel, Jeffrey Brenner, Pamela Brenner, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Thomas Curry, Leyda Mata, Jordan Drelich, Mary Sisinni, Matthew Sisinni, Brian Canty, Lenise Booth, Fritz Barreau, William Burtons, Richard Cortes, Vanessa Cortes, Stephanie Cortes, Israel Cortes, Thomas Hogan, Andrea Golinsky (PR), Fiona Witkowski, Samantha Ryan, Richard Rudolph, Mackenzie O'Brian, Aaron Surette, Nicholas Oberle, Melissa Anastos, Steven Benjamin, Paid Paramedics Hayley and Emily

Notable Calls: Great Job, everyone who did responded and helped the community in which We serve.

On November 2, 2019 at 12:41 crew members (Paramedic Laurent Barbou, Gary Brandel, Jacob Levinsky, Timothy Quigley, Paramedic Hayley Schultz and Dispatcher Laura Treulich) responded to a 77 year old, male CPR in progress prior to crew arriving, but continue ALS care from the scene to the ambulance and then to Huntington Hospital. Crew got a pulse back and more information to follow. Great Job to all the Crew members

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Lastly, I would like to welcome two New Members both are EMT's. Please join me in welcoming Michael Giarrizzo to Saturday, 1500 shift and Dylan Collier on the Saturday, 2300 shift.

Michael and Dylan will be starting after the semester is over. We wish them both good luck during their college semester.

When you see Michael and Dylan, please welcome them both with open arms and hearts. Both are very excited to be apart of the HCFAS family.

If you need a CPR Card. Chairperson Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact him as soon as possible, to get into a class. Please e-mail him at: cpr@hcfas.org

We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. Members have consistently offered to do extra shifts to insure that we have two crews on duty. Thank you to all the company 7 and Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do different shifts to help out.

Saturdays need help throughout the day, but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts. Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

Saturday Need help on overnight shift (2300) Dispatchers, first and second crews

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Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Reminder to review and update your beneficiary(s) especially if you went through any life changes, such as marriages, divorce, death or birth of loved ones.

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.00.

Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2018 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you in August.

Annual Election Information

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots – Secretary Bob Franz

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December 9th meeting (November 29th).

The Secretary shall secure all ballots and keep a log of all ballots received. On the day of the election, the Secretary shall place all sealed absentee ballots into the ballot box.

The vote auditors will verify that all absentee ballots were sealed and that the number in the box corresponds to the Secretary's log.

HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the Candidates'

Qualifications – Secretary Bob Franz

The following motion was approved by the Board of Directors on 8/6/19:

Authorize and approve candidates for office in 2020 a single use of HCFAS members' e-mail addresses for the purpose of sending the candidates' qualifications and other pertinent information to members to solicit their votes. Upon request of the candidates, James Mallilo will facilitate the transmittal of the candidates' e-mails to the membership.

There is a maximum of 3 emails sent a day (nominee for Board of Directors, Chiefs and Captain) and the last email will be sent on 12/6/19).

Voting Times for Squad Annual Election December 9, 2019 – Secretary Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the following voting times for the Annual Squad Election on Monday, December 9, 2019 as follows: **0800 hours to 2000 hours.** (A suggestion for the Sunday overnight crew is to vote via an absentee ballot if you are not able to vote between these hours).

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Help Needed for Election Day December 9, 2019 – Annette Hershkowitz

Help is needed on Election Day December 9, 2019 when the polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Please contact Annette Hershkowitz if you can help out and what times you would be available 631-748-4591.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto - We currently have 31 members of which 18 are at some stage of Dispatch Training. Post members participated in the Fall Festival and are looking forward to the Float building and Holiday Parade at the end of November.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total donations to date are \$79,040.00.

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – Fiona Witkowski – We have had two non-core CMEs since the last GMM. Dr. Crupi talked about Respiratory illness and his lecture is now on line and it the basis for this month's review training. Dr. Brandler conducted a review of stroke & chest pain calls last week and I will be summarizing this talk in the next Pulse. Please remember to check the patient's blood glucose level if they have an altered mental status of any type.

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Stand By Committee – Eric Nazinisky, Jaclyn Rittershaus and Julia Vodopia – We still have a Fire standby in Yaphank on Wednesday still open and also the Turkey Trot in Huntington on Thanksgiving morning. Please contact us if you can help out in any way.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty - Children's Holiday Party is December 7th and sign up cut off is November 15th to give ample time for shopping. Adult Holiday Party is December 14th at 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM.

HOPCR – Kathleen Castillo & Kelly Murphy - A huge thank you to Post 215 for helping out with teaching HOCPR during the Fall Festival last month. You all did a wonderful job!! Thank you to the Post advisors for training our future lifesavers. If you are interested in joining this amazing committee, please reach out to Kelly Murphy or myself.

Old Business: None

New Business:

BLS CPR Courses - Michael Jacoby

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621 **There will be two BLS CPR Courses:**

- 622 1. November 16th from 0900 HRS - 1300 HRS
623 2. December 8th from 1300 HRS - 1700 HRS

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625 Seth Fischer mentioned the following two items:

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627 First Net for our radios and phones which would give us priority communication access in a
628 disaster.

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630 Doc in a box medi centers may be the final destination for a patient rather than the emergency
631 room at a hospital in the future.

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634 **Closing:**
635 Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

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637 **Thank you to all of those who have helped:**

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639 **Social and Kitchen Committee:** Lisa Mohr, Kathi Bonessi, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci,
640 Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack.

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643 **Setup Committee:** Bob Biersack

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646 **Raffles - Various Gifts:**

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648 **Panera Bread Gift Card** – Casey O’Riordan

649 **Target Gift Card** – Angie Kalodukas

650 **Applebee’s Gift Card** – Vincent Castillo

651 **PF Chang’s Gift Card** – Carol Nucci

652 **Subway Gift Card** – Annette Hershkowitz

653 **White Wine** – Gary Brandel

654 **White Wine** – Ann Donegan

655 **Red Wine** – Nancy Barker

656 **Red Wine** – Max Hotton

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659 **Motion made by Roger Winter and seconded by Gary Brandel to adjourn the meeting at**
660 **2044 hours.**

661 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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664 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 69, Probationary 10, Total: 79

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666 Respectfully Submitted,

667 *Christine A. Tedone*

668 Recording Secretary

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670 *Robert J. Franz*

671 Secretary

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674 Draft posted: November 26, 2019

675 Approved: December 9, 2019

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: December 9, 2019

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Ryane Como	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain William Connolly	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Andrew Taylor	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 19:45 hours

Secretary Robert Franz reported to President Seth Fischer that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 95).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Secretary Robert Franz

President Seth Fischer had a moment of silence for all members of HCFAS, for all branches of service and for all Americans in the armed services.

Presidents Report Seth Fischer

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

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Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Our Thoughts and prayers are with Eileen Burns on the passing of her mother Marilyn Hawkins.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Kevin McCann on a very speedy recovery, calls are welcome.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Fiona Witkowski on her speedy recovery.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Rich Gerbolini on his speedy recovery.

Get Well wishes are being sent to for Susie Martin who has made a full recovery.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Carolyn Mullen who is recovering and doing well.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service) – Chief will announce on his/her report (5-15 years).

20 Years of Service

Nancy Courtemanche

Nancy was unable to be with us this evening therefore the 20 years Nancy Courtemanche #978 presentation will be done in January.

Secretary's Report – Bob Franz

Motion by Roger Winter and seconded by Katie Donegan to approve the November 11, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

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Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered: Eileen Burns for transporting her mom Marilyn home prior to her passing; Good & Welfare – Chief Michael Como and 2nd Deputy Chief Ryane Como for the flowers and fruit basket on the birth of their son Teddy and Eileen Burns for all the support and prayers during a very difficult time and the beautiful floral arrangement on the passing of her mom.

It was a pleasure to serve as the HCFAS 2019 Secretary. Many thanks to everyone for being there and answering call after call during the year – a monumental job well done. Thank you everyone who served as a committee chairperson or a committee member during 2019, the Squad could not function and accomplish all that we did without your participation.

It was a pleasure working with my fellow board members and operational officers in 2019. Thank you to all the 2019 corporate officers, directors and operational officers for your diligent and hard work in making the squad a great success in 2019 and laying the ground work for 2020. As we begin to celebrate our fifty-third year, I wish to thank all our members both active and

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inactive who contributed so much to HCFAS over the years to make HCFAS what it is today. HCFAS is the premiere ambulance squad in Suffolk County.

I would like to thank past Secretary & Director Lehti Laas for her assistance in the preparation of the Board of Directors' minutes, personnel reports & keeping track of member's LOA's on a spreadsheet for the Board and Operational Officers and also for her assistance at the GMM.

Thanks to Christine Tedone for preparing the General Membership minutes and for writing all the letters to the members for personnel actions such as, LOA's, Return to Duty, off probation and change in membership status.

Thanks to Christy Stiles for reviewing the group life insurance census reports and invoices.

Thank you to Christine Roulo for making the arrangements with SC Board of Elections for our voting machine and to Annette Hershkowitz and all her assistants for running the Squad's annual election and for Annette's sign in and raffle ticket distribution at each monthly GMM. Thank you to Jim Mallilo for preparing the ballot distribution voting list for the election. Thank you to Joanne Vogel and others for ballot distribution and vote tally at GMM and the annual election. Thank you to everyone who worked the election today – Carolyn Mullen, Mary Jane Woznick, Gina Angevine, Julia Vodopia, Colin Weigele, Robert Sinrich, Christine Roulo, Jim Mallilo and Fiona Witkowski.

I wish everyone success in the upcoming election and wish everyone Safe, Healthy and Happy Holidays.

President's Report – Seth Fischer

As the year officially winds down I could not be more proud of what we have collectively accomplished. Everyone did a wonderful job doing what we do best, helping a member of our community on their very worst day. Our volunteers are the core of HCFAS and we shine every day. Your Board of Directors and Chiefs office were lock step throughout the year. Our initiatives and mindset regarding our members and organization as a whole were completely aligned and it showed. We accomplished a tremendous amount and we could not be happier with the results. We can all agree that we would not have had this kind of success without Chief Como's leadership and direction. Throughout the year, our Chief was instrumental with improving so many facets of HCFAS, boosting moral and putting our ambulances on the road. I cannot thank him enough for accomplishing greatness and I truly appreciate everything he did for our organization. It is a tireless and exhausting responsibility, but he definitely brought our organization to the next level. As if that was not enough, Chief Como also had a beautiful baby boy, 2-15-Teddy. So much greatness accomplished and our Chief never skipped a beat. Thank you for all you did in 2019. Our Deputy Chief's also had outstanding years. First Deputy Chief Wuestman took on a big responsibility in the beginning of 2019. Our internal database needed a really good scrubbing, making sure everyone's credentials were accurate throughout the year (big potential crisis avoided), thank you. Second Deputy Chief Como kept us busy and relevant with our trainings. These were not the canned trainings, but were on point and relevant

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throughout the year. Deputy Chief Como was also managing our ePCR's, making sure they were accurate, able to be billed and stayed on top of our QA/QI. If that was not enough, Chief Como gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Even with the birth of 2-15-Teddy, Deputy Chief Como was always active and overly responsive and I thank her tremendously for her hard work and dedication. Lastly, a big thanks to Third Deputy Kaufman. He kept our ambulances on the road and in service and he did a tremendous job throughout the year. His responsibility is not the easiest, but I think we can all agree our ambulances look great!! Big special thanks to our Day Captains. Your job is a thankless one and everyone managed to be successful throughout the year. I sincerely thank you for your hard work and commitment. Your Board of Directors worked all year, for our members and organization. We are committed to our members because we are passionate about HCFAS and our community. Throughout the year we were aligned with a vision and based on your feedback and support it was evident that our hard work and dedication paid off. We accomplished great things and kept our fighting and arguing to a minimum (except for two instances). We acted and we acted quickly in 2019. We care about our members a tremendous amount and only want the best for everyone. I thank our Board of Directors for their hard work throughout the year. Thank you to all of our Committees and their liaisons. Your work throughout the year is greatly appreciated and recognized. There are many moving parts of HCFAS and all of us work together with the same common denominator and that is to continue to run and operate successfully. Our Committees get us through the year with ease and we thank you. You will see in the next week or so, information about voting for our LOSAP. There will also be information from Secretary Franz in this month's Pulse. We need your support in making this a reality. We drove this for the last 10 months to the goal line, now we need everyone to come out and vote, to push this through the end zone and make this a reality. Thank you very much for your help. In closing, we would not be we are today if it were not for our amazing members. I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year; it was and always will be greatly appreciated. We are the greatest group in the world and I am grateful for all of you. Enjoy the Holiday Season and keep up the amazing work.....Seth

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – Verbal report by President Fischer

President mentioned that bookkeeper Jamie was out the past month and will not return until later this month. He thanked Brian for all his work during her absence and reported that we have money and the bills are being paid.

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone that came out for the Holiday Parade! Danny Mugavero, Post 215 and the members that helped did a great job on the float building AND the float deconstructing.

We currently have two cardiac arrest saves pending with Suffolk EMS. As soon as the saves are made official I will alert the crews and share the news with everyone.

It was a pleasure working with the Deputy Chiefs, Chief Dispatcher, Captains, Directors, and President Fischer. It was an honor being your Chief in 2019.

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2019 was truly **a great year for HCFAS**. We are approaching the end of the year with a historical low 24 rate. Because of our low 24 rate and the fact that we took so many 24's from other agencies, our relationship with other 2nd division agencies is strong. We had pre-hospital cardiac arrest saves and delivered babies in the field. Our members covered a huge amount of standbys. There were numerous CME's and talks at the squad which were well attended. Our fleet of ambulances is looking better than ever. These successes are not mine; They are due to the efforts of the entire membership and belong to you.

Length Of Service Awards- 15 Years: Richard Gierbolini #1124

3 on a 16 raffle winner - During the month of November HCFAS had **three** signal 24's. There were 54 "RESCUE" personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winner of the September "3 on a 16" raffle is Jeff O'Neill. Jeff, thank you for all that you do!

Huntington Manor Fire District – HMFD 11/22/19 letter sent to Ms. Marie Therese Dominguez, NYS DOT Commissioner re: safety concern on installation of five medians on New York Avenue in Huntington Station.

First Deputy Chiefs Report – Elizabeth Wuestman – Report Posted

The end of the year is upon us. It had been my pleasure serving as your first deputy this year. I owe a HUGE thank you to Julia Vodopia for heading the standby committee with assistance from Erik Nazinitsky. Thank you to all of our members that have stepped up and did standbys no matter the day, weather or location! At the beginning of the year Chief Como developed a working spreadsheet so that we could better organize getting coverage for standbys and it has been astonishing watching them get covered time and time again. At this point in time we have covered 60 standbys this year ranging from just an hour to 16 hours a day with multiple shifts and days.

I would also like to thank the day captains this year, your presence on your days are felt and appreciated! Chief, you rocked this year. You have been available day and night for our membership and the officers! There was not a single instance that an urgent message went unanswered within a few seconds! Chiefs, I can't wait to do this all over again with you guys!

Thank you to the board of directors this year. While Bob loved to chase me down for paperwork or edits to be made to my personnel report, he has been there the entire year making sure that the membership has all the proper documentation to achieve their advancements, leaves, return to duty and so forth. The board really worked with us and saw our vision to continue to improve morale and overall relationships at HCFAS. They trusted most of our opinions and heard our wants. Thank you!

Thank you to our members!! Our 24 rate is low, our community is pleased and you are to thank for that!

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232 If you need finger adjustments, please complete appropriate paperwork. End of quarter is
233 December 31st.
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235 Please remember to always have your certifications on you. If you need laminated place in
236 my box with a note.
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238 ** In January, all members will be asked to sit with their captains and quickly verify that
239 we have your correct numbers, email, address, and statuses. This helps the first deputy to
240 keep up with SCM and allows you to discuss possible advancements or just get to know
241 your day captain a little better!
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243 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
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245 **Second Deputy Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Report Posted and Given by Chief Michael**
246 **Como**
247 I can't believe that 2019 is already coming to an end! Thank you all for allowing me to serve as
248 your Second Deputy. A Special thanks to everyone who contributed to a year full of training
249 opportunities.
250 **Training:**
251 A detailed e-mail regarding the BLS Protocol update was sent on November 21. If anyone did
252 not receive it, please let me know. All EMT's (B, CC, P) must complete all portions of the
253 update in order to have valid credentials and be able to ride at HCFAS in 2020.
254 The first step is completing the NYS online protocol update. This was the October Review
255 Training. Instructions can be found under the October Review Training materials on the
256 HCFAS website or at:
257 <http://www.suffolkremSCO.com/index.php?cid=1932487&forward=1666&curlid=1658>.
258 A copy of your certificate should be placed in the second deputy mailbox.
259 The second step is participating in our agency skills verification classes. You must complete the
260 on-line update as well as watch the skills videos posted on the REMSCO website prior to
261 participating. Sign-up sheets are posted in the ready room. Classes are being held through
262 December 23rd. Thank you to Brian Canty, Liz Mohr, Mark Brenner, Joanne Vogel, Heidie
263 Magerle and John Mancino for teaching these classes.
264 Per REMSCO, "On January 1, 2020, any provider that has not completed the NYS 2019 BLS
265 Protocol Update and the agency based skills verification will no longer be able to practice within
266 the region until such time as the NYS on-line update and agency based skills verification are
267 complete." Please note that per Suffolk REMAC you may not utilize the new BLS protocols until
268 1/1/20.

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269 All Suffolk County BLS Providers will also be required to complete an on-line training
270 curriculum and BLS Credentialing Course which will encompass region-specific policies.

271 (Any CCs operating in Suffolk County without REMAC credentials will also be required to
272 complete the BLS credential process.) The Regional Credentialing Requirement must be
273 completed by March 31, 2020.

274 **ePCR:**

275 Per NYS requirements we will be upgrading to NEMSIS 3 ePCR reporting standards. More
276 information will be disseminated by the ePCR committee.

277 As a reminder, crew leaders are responsible for patient care when on a call. Your primary focus
278 should always be the patient, not the laptop. ePCR documentation should come secondary to
279 providing care or overseeing care rendered by drivers and first aiders. Any non-credentialed
280 providers should be acting under your direction and are operating under your credentials.

281 I wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you all for everything
282 that you do for our agency and community.

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285 **Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Report Posted**

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287 Happy Holidays everyone. Thank you all for another successful year.

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289 Thank you to Danny Mugavero, Mike Capotosto, several others and the Explorer Post for a job
290 well done on the holiday parade.

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292 Thanks to Brandon Eyebergen, Izzy Cortes and Bob Biersack for having several tire problems
293 fixed at All Weather Tire.

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295 If you live in Huntington Fire District, please vote TOMORROW 12/10 1500-2100 hours at
296 Huntington Fire House to increase their LOSAP benefit, the same as we are trying to do. You
297 must live in Huntington Fire District.

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299 All vehicles are in service with no major issues.

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301 **Unit 16** - no controlled substances, provider must get pouch from the closet. ALS drawer and
302 Lucas cabinet containing blue ALS bag locked with key on drivers' keys. Peeling steering wheel
303 replaced under warranty at Ford.

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305 **Unit 17** - had cosmetic repairs completed and glow plugs replaced to eliminate check engine
306 light.

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308 **Unit 18** - no issues

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Unit 19 - Cool tech fault repaired. Rear amber light repaired. Please pay attention to any alarm coming from the i4G screen as it may be something important such as an open door or the parking brake being on.

Unit 20 - accident on passenger side of module. Will investigate repairing. New marker light lenses.

Unit 21 - had module heat repaired. No other major issues.

Unit 80 - no new issues

Unit 81 - no new issues

Unit 82 - no new issues

All laptops are in service. No major equipment issues.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

December calls as of 1200 today: **149** Calls, **0** signal 24, **16.6** calls/day.

YTD we have **25** signal 24's on **5666** calls for a rate of **.44%**.

We are **122 calls** ahead of last year and will hit **6,000 calls** in 2019.

We are very good at what we do!

Dispatch Training: Elizabeth Bernfeld #1565 (Monday 1500), Leonardo Terrones-Nunez #1570 (Wednesday 1100), Thomas Panichella #1573 (Thursday 2300) and Jack Campbell #1574 (Tuesday 1100) passed their dispatch tests since the last meeting.

Since January, **26 members** who joined in 2019 have passed their dispatch tests with an average of **55 days** to complete dispatch training.

There are **Pagers** available for Crew leaders or Drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

The **traffic signal** was activated on December 1st but a number of dispatchers have remarked that 40 seconds seems like a long time to hold up traffic. It may be prudent to reduce the amount of time to 30 seconds.

Happy Holidays!

Question by Andrea Golinsky: When the traffic light turns green for us, does it also turn green for the driveway of the veterans' homes across the street? Mike will look into this.

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Sunday - Company 1 - Captain's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Let me begin with gratitude for the opportunity to serve as captain this year. I am most grateful for sharing my Sundays with superb people. Because of members' help and dedication, my year as captain has been enjoyable! Company 1 was able to keep the 24's down to 1 for Sundays! This is an incredible accomplishment and everyone deserves to be recognized. I am most proud of all those who answered the call without reservation. Thank you!

Unfortunately, I have a work conflict and am not able to dedicate my time in 2020 in this same role. As you welcome a new captain bear in mind that there is always a need for members on all shifts especially the overnight which desperately needs 2 crew leaders and 1 driver.

Wishing you and your families a most enjoyable holiday season and great blessings throughout the New Year!

Monday - Company 2 - Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy

I would like to thank all the Chief's and Captains for another great year; you have all been a blast to work with and made my job as a Captain for Monday's very easy.

Thank you to all Co2 members for your support during 2019 and for all your effort and hard work.

Thanks to every member that comes in to help answer calls to assist our wonderful community and keep the 24 rate down.

I wish every member that was nominated the very best of luck tonight.

HELP NEEDED

0700 2nd due CL---2 FA

1100 Full 2nd due crew DR/CL/FA/ALS

1500 Full 2nd due crew "oooooooooooooooooooo"

1900 2 ALS

2300 2 ALS---1 FA

Happy holidays to all !!!

Tuesday - Company 3 - Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Report Posted

Thank you to everyone for the past year, all the help and support has been greatly appreciated. I cannot thank you enough.

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397 Still looking for a driver for the 2300 shift and a 2nd due crew for the 1100 shift each week.
398 Christmas Eve and New Years Eve are on a Tuesday; if anyone is available please sign up in the
399 ready room. Food will be served.

400 Again, thank you to everyone for the help.

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403 **Wednesday - Company 4 - Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted**

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405 It's hard to believe the year has gone by so fast! Thank you to the operational officers, the board
406 of directors and all members for making 2019 a success! Wednesdays ran quite smoothly thanks
407 greatly in part to many people, especially Bob Biersack, Steven Benjamin, Fiona Witowski and
408 President Seth Fischer. Thank you to everyone who has answered up or come down on an extra
409 shift- the help is always appreciated!

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411 Just a reminder to always do your checkouts and restock upon coming back to the building we're
412 all a team here and the success of one depends on the efforts of all. Our organization exists to
413 serve the community around us and the best way we can do that is by making sure we are as
414 prepared as possible for whatever comes our way and carefully stocked rigs are a very important
415 part of that.

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417 One more thanks to all the Company 4 members who make Wednesdays a great day to have.
418 Your efforts, communication and camaraderie have made my job enjoyable and I am so lucky
419 to have each and every one of you on the day. It's been a great year and I'm looking forward to
420 an even better year in 2020!

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423 **Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted**

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425 I just want to express my gratitude to everybody who gave up their time on Thanksgiving Day to
426 help serve the squad and help the community. Especially Captain Kelly Murphy who covered the
427 entire day in my absence and to Sara Manning who cooked up a feast for the masses. The
428 membership of this squad is truly the best of the best.

429 I'd like to first start by saying thank you. Thank you to everybody who comes out on a regular
430 basis and makes a difference in the lives of the community we serve. It's been a long year with
431 some difficulties, but you are truly an exceptional bunch of people and words really can't
432 describe how much good you bring to society.

433 Congratulations to Thomas Panichella on passing dispatch training and will now be moving on to
434 First Aider and rapidly onto ACLing

435 Congratulations to Maxx Hotton who in January will be taking a leave of absence from us as he
436 begins medical school.

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437 I want to welcome Jacqueline deBruin who is not here today but will be starting in a couple of
438 weeks as a college student who will be graduating in May and will be coming one of our newest
439 most exciting members.

440 It's starting to get a little tighter filling up a second due crews on a regular basis. Anybody can
441 use some extra time, maybe company eight people during the week it would be appreciated if
442 you could help fill some of those spots.

443 Thursday will be in desperate need of a crew leader for the 1100 shift and the 1500 shift for the
444 next several weeks. If anybody could step up and fill in a day here and there to help fill those
445 voids it would be greatly appreciated by the squad and the members of our community. Please let
446 me know.

447 Happy and safe holidays to everyone.

448 449 **Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted**

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451 Wow! What a year! I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the 2019 Officers and BOD for a great
452 year. It was an incredible honor to be serving with this group of officers. The Chiefs office did an
453 amazing job!

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455 Thank you to all of YOU!! The amount of calls handled this year and our 24 rate are extremely
456 impressive. This is due to our amazing members!

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458 I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season. I can't wait to see what 2020 brings!!

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460 As always, stay safe and love each other.

461 462 463 **Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Andrew Taylor – Absent – No Report**

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465 Thank you, Chiefs and Captains it was great working with all of you and learning a lot from
466 operational side of the squad. I hope more members are encouraged and get involved to run for
467 office, to invoke change for the better.

468 Good Luck to all the nominees for tonight election.

469 I would like to thank everyone for their consistent help on Saturday's. It has been a pleasure and
470 an experience being Saturday Captain for 2019. Thank you Company 7, Company 8 and
471 members for making Saturday crews possible and taking care of the community in which we
472 serve.

473 If you need a CPR Card. Chairperson Michael Jacoby is in charge of CPR classes. Please contact
474 him as soon as possible, to get in a class. Please email him: cpr@hcfas.org

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475 We have gaps throughout the day but mostly in the evening. And members have consistently
476 offered to do extra shifts to ensure we have two crews on. Thank you to all the company 7 and
477 Company 8 members who have gone above and beyond by staying extra time or offering to do
478 different shifts to help out.

479 Saturdays need help throughout the day, but particularly on the afternoon and evening shifts.
480 Anyone looking to make up hours or help out it is greatly appreciated.

481 Saturday Need help on overnight shift (2300) Dispatchers, first and second crews.

482 483 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

484 485 **LOSAP Referendum on Friday, December 20, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM -** 486 **Bob Franz**

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488 The Huntington Town Board approved a resolution setting Friday, December 20, 2019 for a
489 referendum vote to amend the Squad's LOSAP program. Voters should have picture
490 identification (preferred NYSDMV Driver's License or Identification) to enter Town Hall on
491 12/20/19.

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493 Do **NOT** wear any clothing with HCFAS Insignias on it.

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495 This amendment will increase the monthly benefit from \$20.00 per month to \$30.00 per month
496 for years of service credit earned
497 on or after January 1, 2020.

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499 Members are asked to encourage family members, neighbors and friends to vote on our behalf
500 on December 20th. Members who live outside the HCAD should encourage their relatives or
501 friends who live in the HCAD to vote for this proposition. Also of concern, there are
502 approximately 40,000 registered voters in the HCAD and approximately 250 disabled registered
503 voters will automatically be sent an absentee ballot in connection with the referendum vote.

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505 There will be notices on the bulletin board, e-mails and phone calls reminding members of the
506 date.

507 508 509 **LOSAP Referendum Absentee Ballot – Bob Franz**

510 Absentee ballots can be obtained from the TOH Town Clerk's office. Application Forms are on
511 the mail folder counter. Mail the application to the Town Clerk or hand deliver it to the Town
512 Clerk during normal business hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Friday, 7:30 pm).

513 514 515 **Poll Watcher Help Needed on the Referendum Vote Day on December 20th – Bob Franz**

516 We need at least two poll watchers at Town Hall while the polls are open. The individuals must
517 be a duly qualified voters living in the HCAD. A sign up sheet will be put up for volunteers.

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Please contact Bob Franz if you can help out and what times you would be available 631-421-9121 or robo4200@hotmail.com. Poll Watchers must be appointed or approved by Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia in accordance with the election law.

EMS Organizations meetings:

Suffolk FRES Recruitment Committee – Next meeting is at the Suffolk FRES Library on December 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

LOSAP 2019 Points – Bob Franz

The 2019 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31, 2019 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2019.

It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2019 so that any subsequent correction of posting errors (such as, activity posted to the wrong member account, duplicate activity posting, etc.) will not cause the member to have less than 50 points and therefore not qualify for a year of service credit for 2019.

Thanks to Jim Mallilo and Angie Kalodukas for entering all the members' LOSAP points in the system and posting periodic reports during the year and Christy Stiles for assisting with the TOH annual audit.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Reminder to review and update your beneficiary(s) especially if you went through any life changes, such as marriages, divorce, death or birth of loved ones. Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or on their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

All active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.

Your beneficiary(s) under the LOSAP program was indicated on your 2018 LOSAP benefit statement which was distributed to you in August.

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto and Brian Canty: Post members participated in the Children's Holiday Party on Saturday Dec. 7th. Another post member became an adult member. Everything is great.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty: Adult member holiday party is Saturday 12/14/19 – 5:30 PM. Sign up coming down this evening after the meeting.

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Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy and Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Jim Barkocy or Brian Canty.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Peter Nakelski – Total donations to date are \$82,145. Thanks to Mary Brenner, Martha Brenner and Roger Winter for all their work during the year.

Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo and Kelly Murphy – We have a few requests for HOCPR demo already for next year. Once I have information confirmed, I will let you all know. Happy Holidays!!!

Pulse – Kathryn Donegan – All reports and articles are due the 25th of the month.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to all of those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Kathi Bonessi, Christy Stiles, Carol Nucci, Angie Kalodukas and Bob Biersack

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Panera Bread Gift Card – Heidie Magerle

Target Gift Card – Patricia Tufo

PF Chang's Gift Card – Donald Roulo

Starbucks Gift Card – Kathleen Castillo

Subway – Solange Rich

Red Wine – Tim Quigley

Red Wine – Gilda Decker

Red Wine – Michael Campanelli

Red Wine – Fiona Witkowski

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Report of Election Ballot Vote Counters – Christine Roulo & Joanne Vogel

Vote Count Summary for the 2020 Board of Directors and Operational Officers

General Election: December 9, 2019

195 votes were cast (Eligible voters 289)

Board of Directors: Vote for only four (4)

157 Brian Canty

72 Carol Nucci

89 Jeffrey Daniels

164 Robert Franz

168 Seth Fischer

Chief: Vote for only One (1)

178 Michael Como

1st Deputy Chief: Vote for only One (1)

149 Elizabeth Wuestman

2nd Deputy Chief: Vote for only One (1)

167 Ryane Como

3rd Deputy Chief: Vote for only One (1)

156 David Kaufman

Chief Dispatcher: Vote for only One (1)

161 Michael Barker

Day Captain: Vote for only Seven (7)

138 Dale Bartolomeo Sunday

73 Gary Brandel

167 Kelly Murphy Monday

116 John Mancino Thursday

143 Kathryn Donegan Wednesday

113 Jaclyn Rittershaus Saturday

149 Elizabeth Mohr Tuesday

86 Kristin Tiersch

142 Kathleen Castillo Friday

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**Motion by Kathryn Donegan and seconded by Dale Bartolomeo to destroy the ballots.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by David Kaufman and seconded by Evelyn Cruise to adjourn the meeting
at 2044 hours.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 97, Probationary 10, Total: 107

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: January 8, 2020

Approved: January 13, 2020