

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2020 General Membership Meeting
Date: January 13, 2020

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	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Kelly Murphy	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Elizabeth Mohr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Kathryn Donegan	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain John Mancino	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Kathleen Castillo	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Jaclyn Rittershaus	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 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:

Thoughts and prayers are with Hank Waldron and his family on the passing of his mother in law, Patricia Lanigan.

Get Well wishes to Christine (Chrissie) Tedone on a speedy recovery. Phone Calls and e-mails are welcome.

Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

President Seth Fischer made a Presentation to Members Gilda (Jill) Decker on her 25 Years of Service and to Nancy Courtemanche for her 20 Years of Service:

Years of Service:

40 Years

Philip Schmidt #563

25 Years

Gilda (Jill) Decker #908

Carmen Schlieben #980

20 Years

Nancy Courtemanche #978

Thomas Lemp #979

(Tom's Presentation to be done at February Meeting)

Nancy Courtemanche #978 – 20 Years of Service - Nancy has been on Company 8 but since she usually can be found on the Monday overnight. She recently changed her shift back to the Monday overnight. Nancy has been a Crew Leader for the last 18 years and was an EMT-CC. Recently, Nancy changed her status to Permanent Dispatcher on the Monday overnight. She serves as an integral member of the Dispatch Training Committee since 2005 and assists in giving the dispatch test to all future dispatchers. Nancy also served as the Saturday Day Captain in 2003 and 2004. Congratulations, Nancy on your 20 Years of dedicated service to HCFAS.

Gilda (Jill) Decker #908 – 25 Years of Service - Jill was originally on Friday 1900 Shift for 7 years. She is currently on Monday 1900 hour shift for the past 13 years. Jill is an EMT and she is a Crew Leader. Jill has served on the Computer Committee. Thank You and Congratulations, Jill on your 25 Years of dedicated service to HCFAS.

Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo made a Presentation to Member Philip Schmidt for his 40 Years of Service: Phil's Daughter Kelly was present and said many nice words about her Dad Phil.

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Philip Schmidt #563 – Life Member - 40 Years of Service - I know I said I wasn't going to embarrass you in front of the membership again but I never promised it. So, today I want to honor you and your 40 years of service to HCFAS Phil (a/k/a O2 Phil). He has been chairman of the Vehicle Maintenance Committee, co-chairman of the Record Retention Committee, Building Maintenance and Chairman of the Oxygen committee. It is with great pleasure that I present Life Member Philip Schmidt on 40 years of service. Thank you and Congratulations on your 40 Years of dedicated service to HCFAS.

Friday Day Captain Kathleen Castillo also made the following Presentation to Carmen:

Carmen Schlieben #980 – 20 Years of Service - It is with great pleasure that I get to honor Carmen Schlieben on her 20 year of service to HCFAS. As many of you know, Carmen will be moving and rode her last shift on January 10, 2020.

Carmen has done so much during her time here, Driver and Crew Leader. She served on the Kitchen Committee, Life Membership Committee, Recruitment Committee and was a Post 215 advisor. Carmen always came in early and had a fresh pot of coffee ready for her crew.

Most importantly, Carmen has always been a true friend. She has been the glue that held that shift together since I've known her. The Friday 0700 shift has had many ups and downs but they are all always there for each other. I know that's because of you, Carmen! I hope you know how much you are loved and respected and we will miss you very much. Congratulations, Carmen Schlieben on your 20 Years of dedicated service to HCFAS.

“This is What We Do” – Andrea Golinsky

Andrea Golinsky read the account of a lifesaving incident by member (Hank Waldron) using the Heimlich maneuver at a Huntington Village restaurant. The account was also published in the Long Islander letters to the editor “This is What We Do”.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

Motion by Martha Brenner and seconded by James Kelly to approve the December 9, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Thank you letters and cards received for: Services rendered: The Pizzo Family and Janice Bellomo Re: EMT Hank Waldron. An article was also published in the Long Islander entitled “This is What We Do” with regard to Hank’s save by administering the Heimlich maneuver. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

HCAD Referendum Vote for LOSAP amendment to increase monthly benefit from \$20 to \$30 for each year of service credit for years beginning in 2020.

Results of vote: 324 Yes 13 No

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Many thanks to our Poll & Count Watchers who stepped up and gave their time for this important task during the day and evening and reporting back to the Squad - Fiona Witkowski, Mary Jane Woznick, Nancy Barker, Gina Angevine, Solange Rich, Roger Winter, Ann Donegan, Andrea Golinsky, Mike Como and Joanne Vogel. Also thanks to Joe Nappi and Andy Ball for calling our members who live in the Huntington Community Ambulance District and to Jim Mallilo for preparing the telephone lists. Thanks to Lehti, Seth and Brian for all their e-mail blasts to our members urging our members to vote. Last but not least are our members who came out to vote and also bring their family members, friends etc. to support us also.

Thanks also go to retiring Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia as Commissioner of Special Elections and her staff, Town Attorney Nicholas Ciappetta for preparing all the required resolutions and the Town Board for their support including their Special (one minute) Town Board meeting to approve three resolutions necessary for the referendum.

Thank you to President Fischer, Treasurer Canty and the HCFAS Board of Directors, Chief Como and the Operational Officers, Tom Hogan and John Palmieri for their support and work throughout the year to bring this to fruition. This was a great team effort by everyone. Congratulations on the win for enhanced benefits for all our members who come in week after week throughout the years to provide the best quality of EMS for our community.

Also, Congratulations to Huntington Fire District for having their referendum passed on December 10, 2019 to change their monthly benefit to \$30.00.

The 2020 Corporate Officers Elected at the 2020 Board of Directors Meeting on December 17, 2019:

President	Seth Fischer
Vice-President	Ann Schwartz
Treasurer	Brian Canty
Secretary	Bob Franz

President's Report Seth Fischer

Happy and Healthy New Year!!

As the New Year marks a new beginning, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your excellent performance in 2019. Let us all strive to achieve even more greatness in 2020 and make it an even better year. Your passion and dedication are the reason for our success. Do not ever forget that we are nothing without the greatest group of volunteers in the world. In fact, we thrive because of your incredible hard work. I am personally grateful for each one of you for your tremendous efforts, and am really looking forward to 2020.

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In 2019, your Board of Directors exceeded its own expectations. We accomplished a tremendous amount (outside of the traffic signal J), but one of our many achievements for our members was getting our referendum passed, increasing our LOSAP dollars. We are calling that “Phase 1”. We hope that for “Phase 2”, which is the age reduction, it will pass in 2020. It gives me great pleasure to say that we have a wonderful working relationship with the Town of Huntington and our elected officials. They are advocating for our success and have an appreciation for what we do. Our voter turnout spoke volumes, as we doubled from the last referendum. That positive momentum will help us with further endeavors.

I was very vocal about the “Volunteer Experience” in 2019. I want nothing more than to make the time we all give back to the Community a great one. We, as your Board of Directors listened in 2019 and did whatever we could to make your experience a great one. We heard you, and acted rapidly to show how much you all mean to us. In 2020, please continue to share how we can help, that is why we are here.

Thanks to Chief Como, our relationships with our neighboring departments could not have been stronger in 2019 and I applaud his efforts. We know 2020 will not be any different. Your Board of Directors will continue to ALWAYS support our membership along with Chief Como and his team to ensure that we are prepared and have the tools necessary for any situation we may face in the field.

Your Board Members are preparing our initiatives and goals for 2020 that will only benefit the volunteer experience at HCFAS. As always, we would love to hear any ideas and collaborate on your vision.

I am always available for any questions or concerns. Please understand that if we do not know about it, we cannot help, so let us always keep the communication lines open throughout the year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are super excited to be working with Chief Como (once again) and his Operational team for 2020. Their leadership, focus, and passion lead us to where we are today, and we are confident 2020 will be even more successful!

Best of Luck to everyone in 2020. Health, Happiness and Prosperity to ALL!

Please do your Harassment Review Training.

The Squad has a Social Media Policy and we request that you refrain from responding to posts on sites like Huntington Matters on your own.

Treasurer’s Report – Brian Canty – Membership Dues of \$3.00 are now due.

Officers Report’s

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Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Happy New Year everyone!

As always, I'll start my report on a positive note:

Mike Masterton from Suffolk EMS, reached out to me recently to let me know that County has confirmed two additional cardiac arrest saves. The first save took place on 11/2/2019. The crew included HCFAS Lead Paramedic Laurent Barbou, Paramedic Hayley Schultz, Gary Brandel, Jacob Levinsky and Tim Quigley. Additionally, three HMFD members were involved in the resuscitation: 2nd Lieutenant Alex Demerest, Andrew Dolgin and Elvis Flores. The second save took place on 11/4/2019. The crew included HCFAS Lead Paramedic Laurent Barbou, Pamela Brenner, Sheryl Burke, Israel Cortes, Mike Harlan and SCPD Officer James Garside. Incredible work by everyone involved! This brings our total amount of confirmed cardiac arrest saves in 2019 to **four**. This is another wonderful achievement to add to what we all accomplished together in 2019. I look forward to what we will do in 2020 and I could not be more proud to be your Chief.

Events:

The Board of Directors approved reimbursement for admission to the 2020 Fire & EMS Mega Show for HCFAS active and life members as well as Post 215 members. Don't forget to bring your HCFAS ID to show it at the door. The event will be held at the Suffolk County Community College Brentwood campus on February 8th and 9th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Parking is free.

The Board also approved us hosting a blood drive again in memory of Brian Plante. We hosted this last year and the turnout was phenomenal. The New York Blood Center will be providing more staff this year in anticipation of a big turnout. I need someone to be the liaison between HCFAS and the New York Blood Center. Please let me know if you are willing to help. The blood drive will be on Saturday, June 20th.

The Chiefs of Brentwood Legion Ambulance have asked if we can provide standby coverage for their installation dinner on February 15th from 1200-1800. Brentwood Legion is a volunteer ambulance corps that I would like us to form a stronger relationship with so, I have assured the Chief that we will be handling the standby. We currently have a crew leader and First Aiders confirmed but are still in need of a driver. Please let me, Liz Wuestman or Julia Vodopia know if you can drive for the standby.

Announcements:

A quick update on the traffic median islands on New York Avenue...the stop-work-order was lifted and the islands were constructed. The issue made it all the way to the Governor's office. This work was done under the authority of New York State despite protests from HCFAS, HMD, MFD and SCPD. Use caution if you must drive over them when responding to calls. The island proximal to NYA and Depot is particularly hazardous because although the curb surrounding the island is tapered, the curb along the walkway is vertical and will damage our rigs.

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Length of Service Awards - 5 Years: Michael Harlan #1444
Hank Waldron #1446
Michael Capotosto #1447
Vanessa Gallego #1450

10 Years: Dale Bartolomeo #1280
Seth Fischer #1281
Spike Ishikawa #1282
Casey Orr #1283
Leslie Wissner #1285

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner - During the month of December HCFAS had **four** signal 24's. There were 125 "RESCUE" personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winner of the December "3 on a 16" raffle is Brian Canty. Brian, thank you for all that you do!

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

Happy New Year!!! 2019 was another successful year thanks to all of you! Thank you to all who voted for me to continue as your First Deputy Chief. I look forward to working with all members, board and officers to make for another cohesive successful year. Communication is key! Thank you to all members who reached out to me regarding personnel concerns, scam questions, finger reader adjustment questions and so forth. I am a resource, this is what I am here for, please remember to contact me when appropriate so I can be of assistance.

For the upcoming year a few things I would like to remind all of you....

Finger read adjustments: you must punch in and out of every tour on the same shift. Therefore even if you start at 1030, punch in on the 1100 shift and punch out on the 1100 shift. This is important for tracking hours and LOSAP points. ALSO in order to receive LOSAP points for your tour you must have completed 4 hours!! Pay attention to the time you clock in so you ensure that you are here for 4 hours- this is a state requirement- we as a department cannot alter or change these times to make 4 hours if you were not here, as this is LOSAP fraud. However if you forget to punch in or out please fill out a finger adjustment form and place in the appropriate day captains mailbox so they can confirm that you were here and pass the form to me for adjustment.

LOA's: when filling out LOA's confirm at the top of the page you have selected the right form (ie: medical, operational, educational), if you have any questions ask another member, your captain or myself.

RTD's from Medical Leaves: obtain the form from the website, Angie Kalodukas or your day captain.

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Quarterly Hours: you as a member have a required 48 hours you must meet each quarter, if you miss a shift make it up. If you do not meet those hours you will receive a letter, a second letter will result in a suspension, which will not allow you to receive the holiday gift card and will not have you in “good standing.”

Drivers: If you are not already a driver and would like to become one please put a copy of your license in my mailbox with your badge number and a note stating your intentions. For members who are fearful of driving such a big apparatus...I never thought in a million years I would be able to safely operate such a big vehicle and now I can parallel park them. Our driving committee is dedicated to helping you feel comfortable and getting everyone home safe at the end of the day.

Laminations: If you need a copy of your certifications laminated... please place a copy in my mailbox with a note stating that.

Any questions, concerns or just want to catch up you can contact me 24/7 via cell 631-418-5596 call or text. E-mail works as well first.deputy@hcfas.org

Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Absent - Report Posted and given by Chief Michael Como

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with their friends and family. I am looking forward to another wonderful year at HCFAS with all of you.

Training:

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to everyone that helped our agency complete the 2019 BLS Protocol Update. Thank you to Brian Canty, Liz Mohr, Mark Brenner, John Mancino, Joanne Vogel, Heidie Magerle and Mike Como for all of their time and efforts teaching the skills portion. Thank you as well to Casey Orr and Joe Nappi for their help in organizing and filing the paperwork. This update would not have been possible without everyone's assistance. The new BLS protocols are in effect as of 1/1/20. If you have any questions regarding the new protocols or skills please reach out to me.

Suffolk County is now requiring all providers operating as EMT-Bs in the SCEMS 911 system to complete a credentialing exam. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1ST. Please send a copy of your certificate via e-mail to second.deputy@hcfas.org.

Below is the code for the HCFAS. Please note, you will only use this code if HCFAS is your PRIMARY agency. The BLS Credentialing course can be found at <http://elearn.suffolkremsco.com/> Huntington Community First Aid Squad code: BLS-ULGR.

This is different than the BLS Update certificate. All EMT-B's also need to complete this.

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359 Instructions regarding the credentialing exam were sent via email on 1/3/20. If you did not
360 receive the e-mail, please let me know.

361 The January Review Training is on Social Media. Please review the training materials which
362 include our Social Media SOP.

363 CME's

364 Dr. Brandler will be hosting a trauma call review on January 15th at 1900 hours. Please send an
365 RSVP to cme@hcfas.org so that we can get an accurate count. As always, if you attend, please
366 park in the LIRR lot out of respect for our on-duty crews.

367 On Wednesday, February 5th there will be a CME on LVAD at 1900 hours.

368 ePCR:

369 With the recent upgrade to NEMSIS 3 the state now has direct access to our PCR's. It is
370 imperative that in accordance with our state ePCR agreement PCR's are completed immediately
371 following a call.

372 If you would like to be a member of the ePCR committee please send an email to epcr@hcfas.org.
373 We are looking for help with various things such as training. Committees are a great way to get
374 more involved at HCFAS!

375 376 **Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Kaufman – Absent - Report Posted and given by** 377 **Chief Michael Como**

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379 Thank you again to all the committee chairs and members for continuing to do excellent work.
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381 Phil Schmidt continues filling our oxygen bottles and came down several times in December
382 specially to replace empty main oxygen bottles. He and Chief Como are working on a solution
383 to address some of the leaking main oxygen bottles.
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385 Alyssa Axelrod and Kristin Tiersch keep us well stocked.
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387 Thank you to vehicle committee members and others including Mike Capotosto, Bill Connolly,
388 Dale Bartolomeo, Paul Bayer, Jim Mallilo for assistance with a variety of projects.
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390 During your driver checkouts please consider **gently** wiping the backup camera with a damp
391 cloth if the view is obscured with dirt. This happens often in winter. Also if you have time and
392 it's not too cold, give your ambulance a wash or quick spray down.
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394 **Keep in mind that all ambulances and responder vehicles have ignition override switches**
395 **(a/k/a SafeStop). Ask an officer if you need assistance using these.**
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397 Units 88 and 89 are personnel transport vehicles only and not for responding. They are not
398 insured as emergency response vehicles. 89 is used as a responder only while another vehicle

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is in for major repair, response insurance coordinated with the insurance committee.

Unit 16 - Controlled substance safe still being repaired. ALS bag in center passthrough left cabinet (usually LUCAS device).

Unit 17- no major issues

Unit 18 - no major issues. Unreported damage to passenger side. Part of running board bent and someone opened the passenger door into something. I am looking into having 360 camera system recalibrated as the right side view seems distorted.

Unit 19 - no major issues.

Unit 20 - waiting on estimate for damage to side.

Unit 21 - seat belt in rear repaired. New rear tire due to damage. Auto eject system cleaned and lubricated.

Unit 80 - Auto eject system cleaned and lubricated

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Unit 82 - New battery. Please remember to plug this vehicle in! There is a constant drain due to the climate controlled bag cabinet.

Several new stretcher mattresses were put in service due to wear and contamination.

Gary Brandel is taking over LifePak committee. Please contact him with any LifePak issues.

Be careful out there!

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

January calls as of 1200 today: **213** Calls, **3** signal 24, **16.4** calls/day.

YTD we have **3** signal 24s on **213** calls for a rate of **1.4%**.

Dispatch Training: Since the last GMM, **Rachel Bellack** #1577 (Tuesday 1100), **Vera Farina-Ehlers** #1571 (Wednesday 0700) and **Waldir Cruz-Catota** #1575 (Monday 1100) passed their dispatch tests.

There are **Pagers** available for Crew leaders or Drivers who live in the district and promise to respond. See your Day Captain who will make a recommendation to the Chief.

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The **traffic signal timing** was reduced to **30 seconds** at the suggestion of a number of Dispatchers. Driver frustration has been reduced by 66%.

Please remember that the **Medic can also be the crew leader** even on Alpha or Bravo calls. If you have a driver and a Medic, you have a full crew. Dispatch them.

Please Note: Mike mentioned that an analysis of times showed that it is taken us longer to get out of the building than in the past 3 years. Please try to improve on this and get to the patient more quickly.

Thank you for all you do.

Sunday Company 1 Captain's Report – Dale Bartolomeo – Report Posted

I just want to start by thanking everyone for there support in the 2020 election for Day Captain. That being said unfortunately we had a couple of 24's this passed Sunday while having 3 crews on calls shortly after received another 2 calls which we were not able to get a crew together to cover these calls.

We have a new member on the Sunday 1900 Shift - Kevin Solano #1584

Currently taking the EMT class being held here on the weekends I think he's going to make a great addition to the squad and Company 1.

We all know the kids will be going back to school soon which means lots of help can be used on Sundays, So please if anyone has some free time come on down. There are never too many hands.

Thank You for those who did some extra or Company 8 hours and or just answered up for the calls:

Jake Levinsky
Eric Nazinitsky
Aaron Surette
Brett Dowler
Esteban Lopez
Bob Biersack
Paul Bayer
Jeffrey Brenner
Pamela Brenner
Gary Brandel
Casey O'Riordan

And anyone else I may have missed. THANK YOU !!!!!

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Monday Company 2 Captain's Report – Kelly Murphy – Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Kathleen Castillo

I would like to start by saying thank you for the outstanding amount of votes I received as Captain again this year. I will do my best to be there for all of you and our community in a helpful and positive way. I would also like to wish you all and your families a very happy and healthy 2020.

Thank you to all Company 2 members that continually come in for their shifts and if not try to find coverage, thank you for completing your check outs at the start of your shifts and for restocking after calls. The same thanks for Company 8 members and those who answer up to pages if it wasn't for you we would not run as smoothly as we do on Mondays. You are all appreciated by me.

I would like to congratulate Solomon Walden on becoming a full DR. Solomon is also a CL So, if you ever need help reach out to him. Solomon, you are an outstanding member in my book, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

I would also like to congratulate Waldir Cruz on passing his dispatch test and starting ambulance orientation.

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.

I wish I would have been able to attend this meeting tonight as I hate missing all the fun, however, I had to work.

Thank you again.

Tuesday Company 3 Captain's Report – Elizabeth Mohr – Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Dale Bartolomeo

Thank you to everyone who helped out with Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, both days were extremely busy and all the help was greatly appreciated.

I will be away on January 21st so thank you to everyone who is coming in extra to help.

Help is needed on the 0700 shift starting at the end of the month a 2nd due Crew Leader, a full 2nd due Crew is needed for the 1100 shift as well as a Driver for the 2300. If anyone is available please let me know!

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Wednesday Company 4 Captain's Report – Kathryn Donegan – Absent - Report Posted and given by Captain Jaclyn Rittershaus

I want to start off apologizing for my absence this evening and hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and start to their New Year!

Thank you to everyone who came down on Christmas or New Years Day- we covered all calls both days. Special shout out to Aaron Surette for dispatching almost all day on BOTH holidays!

As we enter another year- there is still help needed on Wednesdays - a second due crew on the 1100, a second due DR on the 1500 and a dispatcher for the overnight. Please contact me if you are ever available.

Thank you all for electing me to remain as day captain for the 2020 year. I'm looking forward to a great one!

Thursday Company 5 Captain's Report – John Mancino – Report Posted

Thank you for a very productive 2019 and I am looking forward to a great 2020.

As all the college students are ready to leave us and return to school, I would like to thank them for all the hard work and the gaps they filled.

Urgent/Desperate need for Crew Leaders on ALL SHIFTS.

Welcome to Jacqueline deBruin #1581 to the 0700 shift, she is currently in Dispatch training.

Congratulations to # 1533 Maxx Hotton who is now off Probation.

Friday Company 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Report Posted

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and New Year, so far. I know this is going to be a great year again, thanks to all of you and your hard work.

I want to say thank you to Carmen Schlieben for being such a staple on the Friday 0700 shift for over 20 years. I wish you happiness and joy as you begin this next chapter of your life. We are truly going to miss you.

I am in need of First due Driver on the 0700 shift, 2nd due Driver on the 0700 and 1100 shifts and a Dispatcher for the 2300 shift . Please let me know if you can help out.

Stay safe and love each other!

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Saturday Company 7 Captain's Report – Jaclyn Rittershaus - Report Posted

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be elected as Day Captain, it's an honor!

First, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me immensely in covering the many empty shifts on Saturdays and helping out extra.

Thank you to Jake and Esteban, Liz Mohr, Eric Nazinitzky, Casey O'Riordan, Michaela Ryan, Zack Tuck, Brett Dowler, Paul Bayer, Richie Cortez, Gary Brandel, Matt Valle, Michael Jacoby, Jeff Daniels and anyone else that I may have missed. As you can see there are so many I'm not sure if I was able to keep track of everyone!

Also a huge thank you to Andrew for sitting with me more than once to make the transition as seamless as possible, and to all of the officers that have helped answer all of my nagging questions these past few weeks.

As for new stuff, I'd like to welcome Post Member Eunice Ramos to the Saturday 1100 shift as a Dispatch trainee. We're excited to have you!

Lastly, as you know, Saturday lacks many permanent positions. We need a 2nd due CL on the 0700 shift, 2 CL's and a Driver on the 1500, a dispatcher on the 1900 shift and a dispatcher

and two (2) Full Crews for the overnight! I'll be needing people to fill in temporarily in the meantime, so if you are available please, please come on in and help!

Thanks for listening!

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.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2019 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200.00 refundable credit for 2019 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 Monday March 2, 2020 for property tax year 12/01/20 to 11/30/21. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be re-certified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2020, please drop a note with your detail information in Bob Franz's mailbox. 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 3/1/20 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/20), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 7, 2020. 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, 2020.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2020, 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 3/1/20 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2021, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 7, 2020.

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

The September 2019 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 Education Department approved college or university located within Suffolk County with a reimbursement based upon tuition costs at Suffolk County Community College- i.e. as of November 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.

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

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

- **The Deadline for application and documentation submission for the Spring Semester is February 1, 2020.** 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.

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EMS Organization meetings – Bob Franz

Suffolk County Ambulance Association – Wednesday 1/15/20 7:30PM at Medford Ambulance.
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 – Tuesday 1/21/20 at 8:00 PM at
Community Ambulance in Sayville.

Suffolk REMSCO meeting is Tuesday 1/21/20 at SC Fire Academy at 7:00 PM. I understand that
two of our crews will receive CPR Life Saving Awards at the meeting. **Congratulations!**

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

Defensive Driving – David Mohr - The second defensive driving class will be on Sunday,
February 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Breakfast (bagels) and lunch will be provided. Sign up sheet
is on the bulletin board.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner & Martha Brenner – Total Donations collected \$89,375.00
as of 12/31/19 and \$3,925.00 (includes \$2,000 from the Harmon Foundation) as of 2020 today.

Hands Only CPR (HOPCR) – Kathleen Castillo & Kelly Murphy - I don't have anything to
report this month. If you would like to join our community please reach out to Kelly Murphy or
myself. Have a Great Day.

Peer Review Committee/QA/QI – John Mancino & Fiona Witkowski - Reminder that Dr.
Brandler will be presenting a 2 hour non-core CME this Wednesday, January 15th at 1900 hours
going over trauma calls. He will also address any questions on the new BLS protocols. Please
RSVP to cme@hcfas.org if you plan to attend. Food will be served. Please park in the LIRR lot.

On Wednesday, February 5th at 1900 hours there will be a CME on LVAD. An LVAD patient
recently moved into our district. The CME will go over care for LVAD patients, the different
equipment we may encounter and the resources available to support EMS on LVAD calls.
Please RSVP to cme@hcfas.org if you plan to attend.

On Tuesday, February 18th at 1900 hours there will be a CME on Pitfalls of Trauma Care
Shock in elderly patients.

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

Special Events – Brian Canty – Special Events: Installation Dinner – Setting up tables of 12.
Do not include anyone on a table if they did not RSVP. Brian thanked the members who helped
out with the Children's and Adult Holiday parties.

Stand-by Committee – Eric Nazinitsky - The February 8th standby for GFD was cancelled
and we need a driver for the Brentwood standby on February 15th from 1200-1800 to cover
their Installation Dinner.

Old Business: None

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New Business: None

In Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committee: Lisa Mohr, Carol Nucci, Greg Orr, Angie Kalodoukas, Bob Biersack, Christy Stiles, Jim Ingwersen and Shannon Gore.

Set-Up Committee – Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts

Starbucks Gift Card– Solomon Walden

Subway Gift Card – Andrew Taylor

Panera Bread Gift Card – Alison Russo

Target Gift Card – Aaron Surette

Applebee's Gift Card – Rodriguens Gabriel

Red Wine – John Mancino

White Wine – David Mohr

Ferro Chocolates – Brett Dowler

Nuts – Richard Cortes

Assorted Chocolates – Evelyn Cruise

Assorted Chocolates – Susanna Otto

Motion by Casey Orr and seconded by Roger Winter to adjourn the meeting at 20:34 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 62, Probationary 13, Total: 75

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: January 19, 2020

Approved: February 10, 2020

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

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Date: March 9, 2020

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
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	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
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 Jaclyn Rittershaus	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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Get Well Prayers/Wishes and Congratulations:

Tremendous Congratulations to Stephanie Caracciolo and her husband Joe on the birth of their daughter Julia Grace, who was born on February 27th at 8:33 AM. Julia Grace weighed in at 8 lbs./12 oz., and 20” inches long.

Get Well wishes to Captain Kathy Castillo, who had surgery, please get well soon.

Get Well wishes to Mary Winter, we hope she is feeling better soon.

Get Well wishes to Doug Mayer who had surgery and is recovering nicely.

Get Well wishes to Katherine Kallergis, we hope she gets well soon.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

Motion by Martha Brenner and seconded by Roger Winter to approve the February 10, 2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

Thank you letters and cards received for: Services Rendered: Micelle Staszak; Good & Welfare: Mary Winter for a get well fruit basket and Installation Dinner Standbys: Greenlawn Fire Department on Saturday, 2/08/20 and Brentwood Legion Ambulance Service on Saturday and Sunday on February 15 & 16. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

The proposed SOP 01-2020 (update and change the maximum hours for medics) which was read and discussed at the February 10, 2020 meeting was approved by the Board of Directors and is posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you to Brian Canty for all the work that you and your committee did to make these events so enjoyable and memorable. The amount of preparation work that is involved is staggering and we all appreciate what you do.

President Fischer and Chief Como – COVID-19 Discussion

The President and Chief opened the floor for discussion of COVID – 19 and the precautions that were undertaken for our members. Members’ questions were answered by the President and Chief. The Chief also spoke of the backorder of PPE items nationally. As this evolves additional updated information will be disseminated to everyone via e-mail in a timely manner (See President’s and Chief’s report below for more information).

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President's Report Seth Fischer

The Board of Directors approved the purchase of an ambulance. Special thanks to the Vehicle Committee on their hard work, as it is always appreciated.

As we have all been watching the news regarding COVID-19, there is a sense of uncertainty looming around what the next few weeks will bring; not only for the residents of our Community but the impact that COVID-19 will have on First Responders. Thankfully, Chief Mike Como and Second Deputy Chief Como Ryane have been receiving real time information from local officials, neighboring departments as well as Huntington Hospital. During this time we have scheduled our ambulances and first responder vehicles to be professionally sanitized more frequently. In terms of the building, in the next few days we will be installing more hand sanitizing dispensers as well as wipes around the common areas.

The CDC and other Health Organizations have shared a common preventative measure of continuous hand washing so, we ask our members to please practice this as well.

Rest assured, HCFAS is and will continue to do everything in our ability to keep our members safe. Your well-being is paramount.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself and/or our Chiefs.

Unfortunately, some members have received phone calls from me regarding consistent errors and careless mistakes with PCR's. It is very important that you provide detailed call information, gather insurance information and get signatures. PAB (our billing company) will not be able to properly bill for our services and/or the insurance will push back on paying for services rendered if we do not properly document. Please be cognizant, since it eliminates a lot of back end work.

Installation Dinner Saturday evening - Thanks go to Treasurer Brian Canty, Joanne Vogel and Susan Siebel who worked very hard on planning such an unbelievable evening for all of us.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions, I would love your feedback. I am grateful as always for everyone's hard work. Keep it up!

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty

The Financial Statement for 2019 is posted. HCFAS expenditures exceeded the income for the year by \$33,000.00. We spent \$116,000.00 on our members in 2019.

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Financial Review YTD 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Money Received from Town/Billing \$1,770,765.81

Expenses - \$1,578,105.82

Major Expenses:

Payroll	\$	230,914.09
Billing Services		168,651.41
EMS Supplies		110,151.47
Vehicles		212,162.57
Building		189,368.89
Utilities		81,663.70
Communications		149,579.13
Professional Fee's		39,406.27
Insurance		227,614.63
Office		25,525.57
Uniform		23,310.81
Member Inspection		52,875.23
Training		27,122.35
Public Relations		5,025.45
Other Expenditures		<u>34,734.25</u>

Totals-Expenses \$ **1,578,105.82**

HCFAS – Squad Money:

Income – Fund Drive \$89,379.82 and Misc. Donations/Interest \$26,284.77= \$115,664.59

Expenses - \$148,643.64

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6640-F	Insurance - Life	\$ 10,544.79
7110-F	Supplies	56.92
7120-F	Advertising	500.00
7200-F	Fund Drive	2,847.77
7210-F	Printing	10,267.43
7310-F	Events	33,701.93
8010-F	Goods & Welfare	5,587.56
8020-F	Miscellaneous	2,429.98
8030-F	Other Organizations	1,341.00
8050-F	Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
8605-F	Member Services	78,841.26
8610-F	Scholarship	2,500.00
	Totals-Expenses	\$ 148,643.64

Officer's Reports

Chief's Report – Michael Como – Report Posted

Thank you all for continuing to work hard and get ambulances on the road when the alarm phone rings.

COVID-19:

With Chief's Order 01-2020, the PPE guidelines from Suffolk EMS are now HCFAS policy. Please don the appropriate PPE if needed. Keep an eye out for additional information from the Chief's office.

We are lucky at HCFAS to have a supply of N95 masks, isolation gowns and gloves. Most of the PPE on the market is currently on universal backorder. Until supply lines are re-established, suppliers aren't fulfilling orders. Please refrain from taking these supplies home with you. We need them here so we can accomplish our mission and help the community.

President Fischer and I formed a COVID-19 preparedness committee. First Deputy Chief Liz Wuestman will be the Operational Officer in charge of the committee. The committee's recommendations will be presented to President Fischer and me.

Second Deputy Chief Como has worked with the ePCR committee to enable the features ESO recently added regarding COVID-19. Her e-mail blast sent today explains the changes in detail. The Third Deputy Chief is increasing the frequency of Clini-Clean ambulance sanitation. In addition, he will be putting spray bottles filled with our ambulance cleaning solution in the ready room. It is his recommendation that you use either the SaniClothe wipes or the spray bottles to clean the ambulance during ambulance checkouts.

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Pagers:

All of the captains have been working hard to staff their days, but unfortunately we often get many calls in a short period of time. With that being said, if anyone would be willing to answer up on signal 3 and does not have a pager, please let me know tonight. If more people could help out, even on occasion, it would lessen the burden on the frequent responders.

Bike Team:

If you are interested in joining the bike team or want to learn more about it, please reach out to me or Tim (oerlikon@gmail.com).

Preparedness Caches:

The Suffolk County EMS Division is distributing emergency preparedness caches to agencies throughout the county for rapid deployment in the event of a major incident. HCFAS is going to be hosting one of the caches which consists of 2 pelican cases. One case contains 50 tourniquets & 25 QuikClot units. The second contains 4 cyanokit and 28 Duodote auto-injectors. The goal is to have these caches located throughout the county by agencies who can have them available 24/7 for rapid deployment. While I sincerely hope these caches are never needed in Suffolk County, I am glad this program is being set up and happy that we will have one in-house available to the 2nd division if needed.

Events:

We had a tremendous turnout at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. I appreciate everyone that came out to march. It was great representing HCFAS with all of you. Thank Brian Canty and Lisa Mohr for making such great food for everyone after the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Length Of Service Awards - 5 Years: Lorraine Healy #1452

3 on a 16 Raffle Winner - During the month of February HCFAS had three signal 24's. There were 89 "RESCUE" personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winners of the February "3 on a 16" Raffle are Paul Bayer and Keith Rubenstein. Thank you both for all that you do!

Chief Michael Como presented Awards to members who were not able to attend the Installation Dinner.

Installation Dinner – Saturday March 7, 2020 – The Larkfield

Presentations by President Fischer and Chief Michael Como & Operational Officers

Honorary Membership – Jo-Ann Raia

As President of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad it gives me great pleasure to bestow Honorary Membership to Jo Ann Raia who has dedicated close to 4 decades of service to the

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residents of the Town of Huntington. Jo Ann has been one of our biggest supporters and always has kept the best interests of the volunteers of Huntington Community close to her heart. Whenever we had a question or needed guidance in matters affecting our organization, she was always there to help.

We are grateful for her services and are proud to call her our friend, especially during her last days when we thought it was a good time to slip in a referendum.

While we will miss Jo-Ann greatly, we look forward to working with her son Andrew, who we are confident will follow his mother's path by serving the community, its volunteer Fire Departments and rescue organizations with interest, care and distinction.

Clearly, there is no one more deserving than Jo Ann Raia and I would ask that you please stand and join with me in welcoming her as an Honorary Member of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad and thanking her for her service to the community.

Probationary Member(s) of the Year:

Brett Dowler #1546
Zachary Tuck #1543

Dispatcher of the Year - Elizabeth Beach #1377

BLS Provider of the Year - Paul Bayer #1505

ALS Provider of the Year - Eric Nazinitsky #1480

Driver of the Year - Brandon Eybergen #1512

Administrative Member of the Year - Mary Winter #485

Crew of Excellence in the Field:

Emily Edgar #600042
Israel Cortes #1174
Thomas Romano #939
James Mallilo #1030
Patricia Tufo #1242

Top Responders of the Year:

Robert Biersack #1423
Gary Brandel #1493
Robert Loysch #56
Thomas O'Leary #1187
Fiona Witkowski #1343

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Outgoing Officers:

William Connolly – Sunday Day Captain

Andrew Taylor - Saturday Day Captain

Life Member Awards:

Michele Miller #1072

Our first Life Membership recipient was Chairman of the Bike Team in 2010, Life Membership Committee in 2010 and 2011, First Aid Supplies 2010, was a CL from 2003, Driver in 2005, as well as an ALS provider. This member was also a Captain in 2005. Lastly, this member has been in charge of our Controlled Substances 2016, 2017, 201 and 2019. Please join me in congratulating Michele Miller.

William (Mike) Barker #862 - 20 Years of Service

A Driver, Chief Dispatcher 4 times, CPR and RTE instructor for years, he understands the need for that good first impression. When people took his class with his wife, we would get a flood of new member applications a real Public Relations man for the squad. He was the Pulse Editor for 3 years, on the oxygen committee and public relations committee. When Hurricane Sandy hit he literally dispatched for days keeping our crews safe and able to respond to all of our calls. He has undergone a few surgeries and yet I still see him every day doing what he does best. Please help me congratulate the most humble man I know, Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker.

Patricia Reciniello #740 – 30 Years of Service (Posthumously)

This life member was a member for over 30 years. She was a Crew Leader, Driver, 20 Year Exempt Member, Co-Chair of the Children's Holiday party. As a Dispatcher she exemplified that which we all strive to achieve and that is to serve our community with ability and compassion. Unfortunately, Trish passed away in 2019 and we all miss her very much. Accepting the Award for Patricia Reciniello - I would like to invite the following members to come up Sue Otto, Dale Bartolomeo, Nicole Calderone, Kathi Bonessi, Lauren Stalzer and Patrick Donegan.

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

This year my goal is to continue 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

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316 speak with your captain please do so as soon as possible so that SCM can reflect the accurate
317 information and so that we can better serve you.

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319 Additionally, I would like to remind riding members to have with you your laminated
320 certifications and squad ID on your person at all times. As someone who has dealt with the
321 NYS EMS quite frequently it is extremely important to have these cards on your person at
322 all times when operating on EMS calls and standbys. These random NYS inspections not
323 only reflect the department as a whole but also you as an individual provider.

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325 If you have any questions, problems with scheduling, finger reads or just want to catch up feel
326 free to reach me via e-mail/call/text. Thank you for your continued dedication to serving your
327 community!

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329 *** SCM and the website have been updated, if you are finding information that is not correct
330 please reach out to me so that we can fix it.

331 332 333 **Second Deputy's Chiefs Report – Ryane Como – Absent - Report Posted and Given by** 334 **Chief Michael Como**

335 Happy almost Spring everyone!

336 The March Review Training is on Corona virus. Please review it so that you are aware of the
337 information disseminated by SCEMS, NYS DOH and the CDC. I encourage each of you to
338 educate yourselves often and ensure that you are familiar with all of the appropriate PPE and
339 other protective measures. The Chief will continue to communicate as new guidelines are
340 released. This outbreak is a good reminder to be constantly vigilant of our adherence to proper
341 hand washing and other Universal Precautions as well as disinfection of our equipment. Anyone
342 with questions or concerns, please contact myself or any operational officer.

343 If you are an EMT-B and have not completed the Suffolk County BLS Credentialing
344 course, please do so immediately and forward your certificate to me via email. The course
345 can be found at <http://elearn.suffolkremsco.com/> The Huntington Community First Aid
346 Squad code is BLS-ULGR.

347 348 **ePCR Updates:**

349 In response to COVID-19, ESO has released additional features within the ePCR software
350 which will aid in proper documentation of any suspected or confirmed contact with a Corona
351 virus patient? Please refer to the blast email sent today to learn more about the new features.

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353 NYS is closely monitoring all of our electronic records. Please remember that every time an
354 ambulance leaves the building a PCR must be completed. We continue to be deficient in
355 completing records for No Patient and Call Cancelled which affects the numbers reported to
356 NYS. Please take this seriously as it calls into question all of our records. If you need help in
357 learning how to complete any part of the ePCR, please reach out to me.

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

Thank you to Tom Panichella, Jake Levinsky, Colin Weigele and Felix Rivera Medina for cleaning all the vehicles prior to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

BLS supply committee will have Tom Lemp and Kristin Tiersch as co-chairpeople. Lorrie Stone will continue as Assisted Meds Committee chair.

Please make sure all gas receipts are kept in with the gas card. All HCFAS purchases, including gas, must be reconciled with receipts.

Please make sure you clean all patient care equipment in between calls, wash your hands often, and clean frequently used items such as door handles often. There is spray solution available in the cleaning closet and the PDI sani-wipes may be used to clean surfaces. Mixed NDC (disinfectant solution) may be used to mop the ambulance floors.

Unit 16 - cooler is back and reinstalled.

Unit 17 - no notes.

Unit 18 - Repairs on the right side will be initiated this week.

Unit 19 - no major notes. If the module does not lower, please make sure the Liquid Spring control system near the steering wheel is turned on.

Unit 20 - board approved cosmetic repairs completed. Fuel leak repaired.

Unit 21- no major notes.

Unit 80- no major notes.

Unit 81- no major notes

Unit 82- no major notes

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Michael Barker – Report Posted

March calls as of 1200 today: **136** Calls, **0** signal 24s, **15.1** calls/day.

YTD we have **7** signal 24s on **1061** calls for a rate of **.66%**.

In February, we had 429 calls, **85 fewer calls** than February 2019. Considering February 2020 had one more day, we should have had **16 more calls** than 2019.

Dispatch Training: All three of the January new members and two Post members attended the Advanced Dispatch Class last Thursday evening.

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The two Post members – **Alex Bayer** (Saturday 0700), and **Kenney Cadet** (Wednesday 1900) took their dispatch tests this afternoon.

The three January members – **Shannon Gore** #1583 (Tuesday 1500), **Kevin Solano** #1584 (Sunday 1900) and **Matt Garafalo** #1585 (Saturday 2300) will take their tests in the next week.

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 ePCR that matches with the CAD record for every call that we receive.

Dispatchers, the success of the Back-up call incentive program is up to us. We **MUST** all 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.

And 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 Log Entry box; Click the "signal" menu and enter the reason so we can close the call.

Thank you for everything that you do.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Jaclyn Rittershaus

It's March so do your March 2020 Review Training!!

Sundays are moving along pretty good. There are still needs for a Full-time 0700 and 2300 Shifts, 2nd due Crew Leader and Driver.

ALS providers and First Aiders can always be used throughout the day as well.

Many thanks to those members that filled in on shifts and answered up during the month. All of your help is always appreciated!!

Company 1 - March Birthday's:

Sheryl Roach
Tiffany Gonzalez
Lauren Stalzer
William Burton

Company 1 - March Years of Service:

Eileen Burns - 32 Years of service

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Sheryl Roach - 11 Years of service

As always please remember to Clock **IN** and **OUT** after completing either your 4 or 8 hr shift. The new finger reader by dispatch allows members to see what time they clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift .

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

Thank you to everyone for all that you do. So far this year, Monday has been pretty busy. Because of all of you, we are 24 free and that means I am one happy Captain!

Help needed:

0700 - DR or CL for 2nd due bi-weekly
1100 - 1st due Full Crew, 2nd due DR or CL
1500 - Full Crew DR CL ALS FA
1900 - 2nd due DR or CL, 2 ALS, 1 FA
2300 - 1st due DR, ALS, FA, full 2nd due crew.

Currently there are 7 members on a LOA and there is much help needed.

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

Congratulations to Rachel, Jack and Estrella for passing ambulance orientation! We look forward to all of you getting time on the ambulance.

Help is needed on the following shifts, 2nd Due CL for the 0700 shift, 2nd Due CL for the 1100 shift and a Driver and 2nd Due Crew for the 2300 shift. If anyone is available please let me know.

Thank you to Brian and committees for a great Installation Dinner as well as the food after the St. Patrick's Day parade this past weekend.

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

Thank you to the special events committee for another wonderful Installation Dinner this past weekend. Additional thanks to everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade yesterday. It was a beautiful day and a great parade.

We are now in the last month of Q1. Please make sure you are keeping on top of your hours as the quarter comes to an end.

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Wednesday still remains 24 free for the year! Thank you to ALL members who are a part of making this possible. We have had many shifts that have been slammed with calls and Dispatchers and Crews have worked hard to get all calls covered. THANK YOU!

Wednesday still has multiple openings that I am always looking for help on. For the 0700 shift and 1100 shift, a DR and CL are needed. A second due DR is needed on the 1500 shift and ALS is needed on all shifts aside from the 1500 and 1900 shifts. Please let me know if you ever have extra time on Wednesdays!

I know we've all been aware of the current global health crisis. Please take all normal precautions and ensure that all potentially contaminated materials are disinfected. Your health is top priority and we must care for ourselves in order for us to care for our patients.

Thank you all for another successful month. Looking forward to more of this warm weather in the springtime!

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

I'm happy to say as of this writing we are 24 free for Thursday and that can only be attributed to you and all the help you give to the squad. Thank you for doing so much and it's a privilege and an honor working and serving with you on a daily basis.

Welcome to new member Maria Rendo to the 0700 shift. She will be starting Dispatch training and moving right along.

A Big Congratulations to Jeffrey O'Neill on coming off probation.

Now for the bad stuff. I need Crew Leaders on every shift. Any help you can give is extremely appreciated not only by myself but the Chief's and the community we serve.

Thank you all.

***"There is no higher honor than to be given the responsibility to care for another human being.
"Richard K. Schachern***

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Kathleen Castillo – Absent – No Report

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Jaclyn Rittershaus - Report Posted

Another great month has passed. Thank you to all that have kept Saturdays alive throughout the day AND night!

We have two new members who have started this month - Andrew Mesnick who joined the Saturday 0700 shift and is already an EMT and Laurent Jeanty who started on the 2300 shift this past Saturday and already has a parade under his belt after marching yesterday! We are thrilled to have you and look forward to a great membership together.

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Our Installation Dinner was of course on a Saturday and it turned out to be a rather busy day. In the morning we got five calls in a row in less than an hour. During the overnight we covered a total of nine calls. In total we covered 25 alarms and I proudly say that we had no 24's! CSH, Brentwood and GFD did a wonderful job covering us while we had fun at the dinner. Thank you sincerely to those that have been answering up, especially this past Saturday despite the festivities.

As usual, we need a CL on the 0700 shift until we can get Andrew rolling. We have no CL's on the 1500 shift and only one driver. Aaron Surette kindly volunteered his Saturday nights to dispatch for the 1900 shift for a few weeks, but afterwards we will need a permanent Dispatcher on that shift as well. Then there's the overnight, which needs a Dispatcher and two full crews. Please let me know if you can fill in some of those shifts. Any help is hugely appreciated!

Happy March and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Delegate & Committee Reports:

10% Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz - All new applications, bulk renewals and changes from 5 year eligibility to 20 year eligibility and deletions were filed with the Town Assessor's office on 2/28/20. I wish to thank Seth for signing all the required certifications for years of service. A total of 124 members have applied for this exemption for 2021. Starting in 2021 all tax exemption recipients must file a new application with the Town every five years.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' \$200.00 Refundable Credit for 2019 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2019 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.

LOSAP 2019 Points – Bob Franz

The 2019 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board has been finalized and includes any points for Committee Chairs and elected director and officers positions. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. Going forward in 2020, please check the basket on your mail folder counter for any LOSAP forms that have been rejected for additional information or approvals and other sign offs.

EMS Organization meetings and events:

NYSVARA held their board meeting yesterday and discussed various proposed by laws and procedure manual changes. Legislative Day in Albany will be the first or second Monday in May. Their legislative agenda has been set and is posted on the bulletin board. The NYSDOH memorial services in Albany will be on Tuesday May 19 at 11am.

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NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 – Tuesday, 3/17/20 at 8:00 PM at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips.

Suffolk County Ambulance Association – Wednesday, 3/18/20 at 7:30 PM at Mastic Beach Ambulance.

Post 215 – Sue Otto - Two members passed Dispatch Test and are cleared to start ambulance orientation and riding. Congrats to Kenny Cadet and Alex Bayer. Post 215 marched in St Patrick's Day parade and as always there was a great turnout which shows our members dedication and commitment. Luke Towers will be joining as an adult member when he turns 18 May 2020.

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

CME – Pamela Brenner Davis – Changes in the CME program was discussed by Pamela Brenner Davis. SC EMS is offering monthly courses on ACLS and PALS or PEP.

All of these changes are effective June 1, 2020. So any provider who submits their paperwork after June 1 will need to meet the new requirements.

Overall decrease in hours for all level of providers. All providers are now required to complete 5 hours of mandatory non-core hours, which will be built into county core class. The only exception to this will be the 2 hours of Emergency Vehicle Operations. This course will be offered in house, so stay tuned for that. All levels will also now be required to complete 20 hours of non-core credit, and for now half of this can be completed through the HCFAS review training. All core classes will still be listed on the Suffolk REMSCO website, and registration will still be required. The county does anticipate rolling out an online program within the year, to allow providers to complete their core classes partially, or entirely online. Stay tuned for more on this. One of the most significant changes is that the EMT-CC is now required to have a current ACLS and PAL/PEPP/equivalent at the time of their renewal. For providers that expire in 2020, please reach out to me soon to make sure you're on the right path. The CME program still requires that you are credentialed in Suffolk County, in continuous practice at the level you wish to recertify. You must submit documentation of coursework to the CME coordinator on an ongoing basis, and all paperwork must be submitted to county no later than 70 days prior to your card expiration.

An EMT-CC core CME on Operations will be held Monday March 16th at 8PM in the GMM room by Mark Brenner. EMTs can attend to earn non-core CME credit. Registration is required.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner – Total Donations collected \$5,848 received for 2019. First mailing for 2020 was done on 3/04/2020 – nothing has been received to date.

BLS Supply Committee – Kristin Tiersch

Hello everyone. I just wanted to touch base about the fly cars. I know that ALS providers take 82 and do an ALS checkout but BLS providers take the cars as well. If you are taking a fly car whether it be for the shift or to run an errand please do a quick BLS checkout prior. I went

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through the cars the other day and found expired BLS equipment from the end of 2019. Again if you are taking the fly cars just please check them out first. Thanks!

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

Special Events – Ann Maloney – The Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11th

Special Events – Brian Canty:

Installation Dinner:

I would like to thank Joanne Vogel and Susan Siebel for their assistance with the entire event. Also, I would like to thank Jake Levinsky for loading up the van on Saturday.

A huge Thank you goes to President Seth Fischer for stepping in as the MC and to Mark Brenner for stepping in for Deacon Ed Billia at the last minute.

I am Looking for everyone's feedback, reserving 3/6/21, (hopefully not a parade weekend) for the 2021 Installation Dinner.

Saint Patrick's Day Meal:

I would like to thank Lisa Mohr for all her assistance in preparation, serving and clean up yesterday.

EMS Mets Night:

Thursday, May 21st, 2020, so be on the look out for a sign up sheet. Members will have to give a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit which will be returned if you attend and \$25.00 for each guest. You may only sign up when you have submitted your checks. This event will be limited to the first 50 people. To start, each member may bring two guests and you may place any additional guests on a waiting list.

Old Business:

Proposed SOP change for gift cards was discussed and tabled in 2019 and was not untabled at the next meeting and therefore has to be re-introduced as a new proposed change in 2020.

New Business:

John Mancino discussed the formation of a new energized recruitment committee and asked interested members to participate. Approximately 8 members showed an interest and signed on. John also mentioned FASNY’s Recruit NY at the end of April 2020. Go out into the community to recruit.

Martha Brenner mentioned that probationary EMT members should have a warmer jacket to wear in lieu of the red windbreakers.

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Closing:

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

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

Setup Committee: Bob Biersack

Raffles - Various Gifts:

Starbucks Gift Card – Joan Florio

Subway Gift Card – David Kaufman

Panera Bread Gift Card – Katherine Kallergis

Target Gift Card – Joel Paul

PF Changs Gift Card – Kelly Murphy

Red Wine – Joe Nappi

Red Wine – Tom O’Leary

Installation Dinner Plants:

Lorrie Stone

Ann Schwartz

Mary Winter

Giorgia Iannetti

Lorraine Healy

Motion by Martha Brenner and seconded by Mark Brenner to adjourn the meeting at 2052 hours. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 54, Probationary 6, Total: 60

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: April 6, 2020

Approved: October 12, 2020

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2020 Zoom Special Membership Meeting
Date: May 7, 2020

Officers:

President Seth Fischer	PRESENT
Vice President Ann Schwartz	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	PRESENT
Casey Orr	PRESENT
David Mohr	PRESENT
Roger Winter	PRESENT
Chief Michael Como	PRESENT
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Saturday Co. 7 Captain Jaclyn Rittershaus	ABSENT

This Special meeting is being held via Zoom due to COVID-19 NYS Orders for social distancing and large gatherings.

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours

Guests: Legislator Tom Donnelly (Guest Speaker)

Members in Attendance: Eligible Members - 100, Probationary - 11, Total 111:

President Seth Fischer moderated the Zoom meeting.

President Seth Fischer - Good evening everyone and thank you for joining us. I hope That everyone is well. We are weeks away from opening the building. All vendors must have their temperature taken upon entering the building.

659 Patients were discharged from Huntington Hospital. They are slowly trying to re-open. They are not moving too fast. They opened two units on one floor for the

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COVID-19 patients. There has been more non COVID-19 patient admissions.

Benevolent Committee – If anyone needs anything at all please contact myself, Brian Canty or James Barkocy. Please reach out to the Crisis Team if you need to speak to someone. If you feel the need to speak to someone, you can contact the Suffolk County CISM team at (631) 924-5435. All calls are anonymous and you can speak to someone one on one.

David Mohr – Today we received our third donation from Grasso's in Cold Spring Harbor. We will be getting more food donations. We are working with Tom Hogan on a thank you Card for donations and the members will be signing the cards.

If anyone knows of any donations please contact David Mohr so we can properly thank the donators. We are looking into dispensing units. The donations will be going towards individual snack items.

President Seth Fischer – Thank you to everyone. Your efforts are greatly appreciated in these unprecedented times. Thank you all very much.

Chief Michael Como – Thank you, it is nice to see all your faces. Chief Dispatcher, Mike Barker, how are things running?

Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker – Good Evening everyone. We had 69 calls, which is an average of 5 calls per day. We were doing 16.6 calls, we are now answering 11.5 calls. This is slow for us. Sunday we had 9 calls and we transported 9 patients to Huntington Hospital. Our current 24 rate is 0.4%.

Dispatchers please remember to put the EMT-CC's and Paramedics into the computer. I am making a lot of corrections. Also, Animal Bite forms must be filled out and must be forwarded to the Chief Dispatcher.

Chief Michael Como – Thanks so much Mike, I know we can get below 0.4% 24 rate, 11 calls a day. I don't know what it means.

Legislator Tom Donnelly (Guest Speaker) – Good evening and thank you all for your services. Antibody testing is being done, however, the testing is limited in the Northwell System. Essential workers are being tested. I spoke to Governor Como today who wishes to extend his thanks for your extraordinary efforts. Without the frontline workers we could not get through this crisis. If anyone needs anything or is having any issues, please contact Tom Donnelly anytime. Tom may be contacted at (631) 926-5226.

President Seth Fischer – Thank you Tom for attending our meeting tonight.

Chief Michael Como – People are afraid to call 911, we don't know why but our numbers are low.

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Third Deputy Chief David Kaufman – Hi everyone, if you need anything let me know. If anything needs to be done contact me. PPE is on order.

First Deputy Chief Elizabeth Wuestman – Hi everyone, I have exciting news. We had 59 members with COVID and we now have 58. Our first member returned. Members are following protocols. I am trying to accommodate everyone. Five (5) members are out sick, 14 members tested positive for COVID-19. Our PPE is working, don't stop using it. Antibody testing can be done. I am doing the testing at work. A positive result means that you had COVID and you may be resistant to re-infection. It takes 1 to 3 weeks to develop the antibodies. There's a lot of controversy with COVID-19 research. I am getting tested. Top Responders of the week, we value you. Thank you to our Top Responders: Evy Baer, Brett Dowler, Jake Levinsky, Jeffrey O'Neill and Lauren Stalzer.

Chief Michael Como Report

- **Chiefs Council Scholarship - Put applications in my mailbox by noon on May 20th.**

- **Cyanokit swap out**

- Participated in a 2nd division group-buy to save some money. Our kits were swapped out yesterday. Thank you Captain Liz Mohr for doing the exchange and thank you Brian Canty for cutting the check.

- **Congratulations EMT students that passed their practical exams:**

- Will Burton
- Girgioa Ianetti
- Shannon Gore
- Bency Baptiste
- Kevin Solano
- Waldir Cruz
- Aaron Surette
- Kat Kallergis
- Post 215 Member Sinrath Gandham

- **OB Call (Run #2053)**

- Captain Dale Bartolomeo
- Eric Nazinitsky
- Casey O'Riordan
- Kevin Solano
- Lauren Stalzer

- **Length of Service Awards**

- Maria Aviles - 5 Years

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- Liz Mohr - 10 Years

• 3 on a 16 Raffle Winners

- Brett Dowler
- Lorraine Healy

• COVID Spreadsheet Information:

- Members on COVID-19 leaves was 59, however, 1 member just returned this week!
 - Another member is looking forward to returning very shortly, they asked for changes to be made in regards to cleaning products used on and before their shift and we made it happen! If you know of something that will make you more comfortable please ask and we will do our best to accommodate.

• Members out sick: 5

• Total number of members with COVID-19 remains: 14

- This means that your PPE in and off calls are working!! Keep it up! You must be diligent to continue these safe practices to protect yourself and those around you.

• Antibody testing: (points taken from Northwell e-mail sent to employees.)

- Earlier today I sent out an e-mail informing you all that Northwell has partnered with Suffolk County in scheduling antibody testing for first responders with confirmed COVID-19 exposure.
- I would like to reiterate that these results will have no bearing on HCFAS policy and operations. Therefore, the presence or absence of antibodies would not change the required adherence to Chief's Orders.
- At this point in time the antibody test is purely for the knowledge of science to allow for further research of this virus and to find candidates to donate convalescent sera for treatment of COVID-19 in other individuals.
- "A positive result commonly indicates that you were infected with COVID-19 virus. This does not guarantee immunity however you may be resistant to re-infection." If you are resistant it is not known for how long. Also, it is not known if you can still carry it. Therefore, whether you test negative or positive for antibodies you MUST continue to take the same precautions as before.
- It can take 1-3 weeks after infection to develop antibodies, therefore, it cannot be used to determine recent infection and should not be used to diagnose

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COVID-19 infection. It is not known if everyone infected will develop antibodies.

- It should not be used as the sole basis to diagnose OR exclude COVID-19 infection.

• Top responders of the week: Tuesday (4/28/20 - 5/6/20):

- Lauren Stalzer - 66
- Jake Levinsky - 60
- Evy Baer - 48
- Brett Dowler - 42
- Jeffrey O'Neill - 31

Despite call volume dropping, it is still imperative that everyone continues to be vigilant with infection control practices. While we may not be getting lots of pandemic calls, we are still placing ourselves and our families at risk when responding to calls. We are still receiving notifications of COVID positive patients, many of whom do not display the “classic” symptoms. Please continue to wear PPE according to Chief’s Orders and please continue to limit crew size. There should not be 5-8 people on a call, even when it is an arrest or a pedestrian struck. If you had difficulty signing onto the GNC training, please let me know. If you did not receive the e-mail, please let me know.

President Seth Fischer – The opening of our building will be done the right way. It will be a slow transition. Unfortunately, I don’t have a good answer for when the building will be open. We will be adding classes. Mark Brenner will be teaching classes so we can get LOSAP points. You will be getting points for meetings and CME classes. We want to help everyone out with LOSAP. Unfortunately, members cannot use the Gym at this time.

Chief Michael Como – We have a new Paramedic, Alex. He is doing a great job. Thank you to Brian Canty, Heidie Magerle and Joanne Vogel for teaching the new classes.

Andrea Golinsky – Bill State Senate regarding LOSAP. I called Senator Kaminsky about LOSAP points for Ambulance workers. The Bill now includes the allocation of five (5) points per month. The Bill was amended and in committee. I am following it.

Alison Russo – Firstly, I would like to commend the leadership at HCFAS, they are doing a fantastic job. There is 99.9% compliance with PPE. Exposure is unavoidable and the testing is good. The Chief said that there is a lull in call volume and it’s scary. All systems will be here soon. We are starting to see COVID-19 in children. Today we had 64 pediatric cases and babies are COVID-19 also. If you have a sick pediatric patient put on an N95 mask. Children will present with fever, red skin and respiratory distress. This will effect our pediatric population. Another phase of COVID-19 is coming, we could see a second wave. Remember to use PPE and wear masks. Everyone is doing a phenomenal job.

Chief Michael Como & President Seth Fischer – Thank you, Ally.

President Seth Fischer – Tonight we will have a Raffle. We chose 3 winners at random.

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The winners of the Raffle are: Donna Gurtowski, Susan Siebel and Joanne Vogel. The Prizes are Gift Cards for Burger King, Cheesecake Factory and Target. Congratulations to all the winners.

President Seth Fischer – Thank you all for joining the meeting this evening. Please reach out to us if you need anything at all. We appreciate everyone. Be Safe and Good night.

Meeting is adjourned at 1940 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

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Approved: October 12, 2020

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2020 Zoom General Membership Meeting
Date: October 12, 2020

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This General Membership Meeting is being held via Zoom due to COVID-19 NYS Orders for social distancing and large gatherings.

Notice of meeting was e-mailed to the entire membership on 10/11/2020.

Meeting called to order at 1941 hours

Members in Attendance: Secretary Franz reported to President Fischer the required Forum of 50 members are present. Total members present 92.

President Seth Fischer moderated the Zoom meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by President Seth Fischer - A moment of silence was held for all HCFAS Members and for all Americans in the armed services to America.

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President Seth Fischer – Report

Happy October!

Huntington Hospital still has six (6) COVID-19 patients.

NYSVARA Pulse Check had a day of virtual Free CME's in September.

All active members in good standing as of 9/01/20 are eligible for a \$100.00 Gift Card in December. If you are in compliance with the Gift Card SOP, you are eligible for a \$200.00 gift card also (See Chief's report for more details).

A million thanks to everyone as we enter the fourth quarter of 2020. We have all been working our tails off to ensure that we have been the best of the best this year. We should all be very proud of where we are today, so let us all finish this year stronger than ever.

Please continue to remain vigilant and take all proper precautionary measures when on your shift or answering backup calls. With schools open and restrictions being lifted we have to remain alert and ready at all times. We must continue to handle every patient under the assumption they are COVID positive, regardless of the call sheet. As we know, there are asymptomatic cases that can easily get into a MVA or fall in their home or workplace and would need emergency care.

We have seen a wonderful improvement with the PCR narratives and we applaud your additional efforts, they are appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Remember to be nice to your fellow members, you don't know what they may be going through. We thank everyone for his or her support. Without your hard work and dedication we would not be where we are today. Everyone is doing a remarkable and fantastic job.

Nominations will be held at next month's meeting. Please check your duty tours, review trainings, etc., to be in good standing.

Get Well Wishes, Congratulations and Prayers:

Get well wishes to Philip Orlando who was hospitalized. He is home now and thankfully recovering.

Get Well wishes to Board Member David Mohr, who was briefly hospitalized but has recovered and is doing well.

Get Well wishes to Maxine Epstein on a speedy recovery.

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Longevity Awards (Length of Service):

Years of Service:

20 Years

Paul Biersack #1004

Paul Biersack #1004 – 20 Years of Service – Paul served as Third Deputy Chief for two years (2007 & 2012) and as a Day Captain for two years (2006 & 2010). He served on various committees such as the Bike Team, Building Improvement, Vehicle Maintenance, Driver Training, Oxygen and Life Membership. Thank You, Paul for your 20 years of dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad and the Huntington Community.

Secretary's Report – Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Chief Michael Como to approve each of the following Membership Meeting Minutes that were held over the past several months. After each meeting, the minutes were sent via e-mail to the members, posted on the bulletin board and in a binder outside the dispatch office.

A notice was printed in the October Pulse regarding their approval this evening.

- March 9, 2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.
- April 2, 2020 Zoom Informational Special Membership Minutes as posted
- April 9, 2020 Zoom Special Membership Meeting Minutes as posted
- April 16, 2020 Zoom Informational Special Membership Minutes as posted
- April 23, 2020 Zoom Informational Special Membership Minutes as posted
- April 30, 2020 Zoom Special Membership Meeting Minutes as posted
- May 7, 2020 Zoom Special Membership Meeting Minutes as posted
- May 14, 2020 Zoom Special Membership Meeting Minutes as posted
- May 28, 2020 Zoom Informational Special Membership Minutes as posted
- June 8, 2020 Zoom General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.
- July 13, 2020 Zoom General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.
- August 10, 2020 Zoom General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.
- September 14, 2020 Zoom General Membership Meeting Minutes as amended and posted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Since the September GMM, thank you letters and cards were received for: Good & Welfare: Eileen Burns and Michael Jacoby; Services rendered: Ann Marie Murphy and from Aileen, Donna & Barry; and from Vito Reciniello for our Team Trish Virtual Heart Walk participation benefiting the Children's Congenital Heart Foundation & The Adult Congenital Heart Foundation. All correspondence is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Canty – (Update by President) – Billing collections are down from 2020. As of September 30: 2019 was \$1.6 Million, 2020 is \$1.2 Million, Shortfall is \$400,000.00.

Chief's Report – Michael Como

Good evening members. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

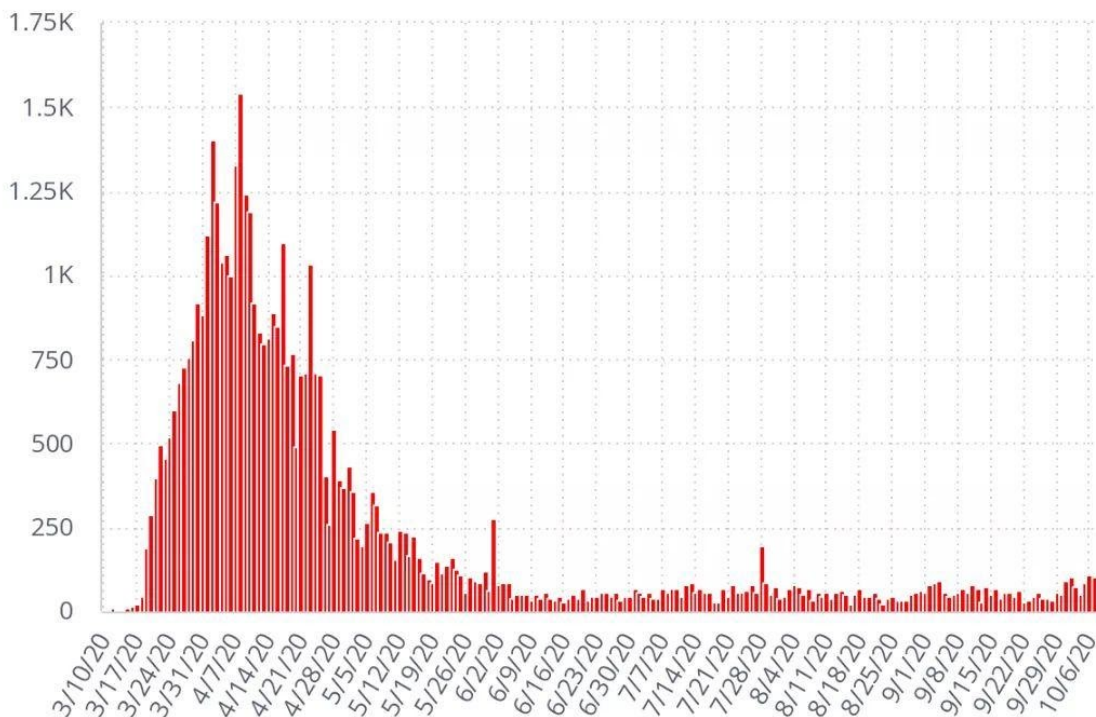
Flanders Northampton Volunteer Ambulance:

HCFAS provided twelve hours of standby coverage for FNVA during the department's funeral services. Thank you Casey O'Riordan, Brandon Eybergen, Matt Garafalo, Paul Bayer and Kevin Solano. Helping a fellow volunteer ambulance corps was the right thing to do and perhaps they will be there to help us one day when we are in need.

COVID-19:

We are beginning to see signs of things ramping up again. There are confirmed COVID-19 hotspots in NYC and we have started tracking member exposure again. Continue to take COVID-19 precautions on every call. Wear a surgical mask or a cloth mask in the building and wear an N95 during patient contact. Our experiences from the first wave will make us better prepared but we each need to do our part.

Thank you Vice President Ann Schwartz for working to get us the custom HCFAS-EMS masks. They are great and they are a perfect example of what should be worn in the building.



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10/11/20 - Suffolk NY: 8,565 people were tested for #COVID-19, 74 were positive (0.9%); 3 were hospitalized (total 34), 0 died, and 3 were discharged. Since late March, 922,413 were tested; 47,431 were positive, 2016 died, and 5,943 were discharged. More info here: <http://ow.ly/uxhg50BPBs1>

Pagers:

If anyone would be willing to answer up on signal 3's and does not have a pager, please let me know tonight. If more people could help out, even on occasion, it would lessen the burden on the frequent responders.

Bike Team:

If you are interested in joining the bike team or want to learn more about it, please reach out to me or Tim (oerlikon@gmail.com). Because of the pandemic, there have been no true bike team events since the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Regardless of that fact, Tim Quigley has kept the team active and ready. Thank you Tim!

Standbys:

Please sign up for one of the HMFD/HFD Yaphank standbys. Reach out to First Deputy Chief Liz Wuestman or Julia Vodopia if you can help out.

Infrared Thermometer:



Our infrared thermometer was having calibration issues so I replaced it today with a new unit. It is fully calibrated and Captain Rittershaus and I will be calibrating it once a week. The alarm will flash if it measures a temperature of 100°F or higher. If this happens, immediately go home and call the First Deputy Chief.

Gift Card Update:

The Board of Directors passed a motion to give a \$100.00 gift card to all active and probationary members in good standing as of 9/01/20. This is in addition to the regular \$200.00 gift card. Therefore, if you meet the eligibility requirements for the \$200.00 gift card, you will receive a total of \$300.00. If you fail to meet the eligibility requirements for the \$200.00 gift card, you will receive \$100.00

Motion Below:

Purchase of Gift Cards Covid-19 Recognition

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Ann Schwartz to authorize the purchase of a \$100.00 gift card for all active and probationary members in good standing as of September 1, 2020 providing the member has not been suspended or received a temporary suspension from 1/01/2020 to the card distribution date. The member in good standing requirement to be current in the completion of their duty hours or hourly commitment is waived. HCFAS Funds.

\$200.00 Gift Eligibility – In order to receive a holiday gift as 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 1st.
- ii. The member may not have been suspended, or received a temporary suspension, during the twelve (12) month period preceding December 1st.
- iii. As of December 1st, Operational members must have completed thirty-six (36) four (4) hour duty tours or thirty-six (36) eight (8) hour overnight duty tours or eighteen (18) eight (8) hour duty tours if on Alternating Overnight Status. Duty tours include both weekly duty tours and each four (4) hour standby.
- iv. As of December 1st, Administrative members must have completed and submitted to the Chief Dispatcher a total of eighty-two (82) hours of duty time.
- 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.
- vi. Any exception to the above must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI):

It took some time and effort, but HCFAS has been granted the status of "RSI Agency". I am working out the final details, but I hope to give Suffolk EMS our "go-live" date soon. We currently have a very small pool of RSI medics, but we will have many more in the future and they will be able to use that skill here.

Length of Service Awards: 5 Years: Anthony Cambareri, #1467

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10 Years: Ann Schwartz, #1313
15 Years: Kevin McCann, #1143

Congratulations to you all and thank you for everything you have done for HCFAS!

3 on a 16 raffle winner: During the month of September HCFAS had **ONE** signal 24. There were 39 “RESCUE” personnel in the CAD. I am very happy to announce that the winners of the June “3 on a 16” raffle are Paul Bayer and Andrew Mesnick. Thank you for all that you do. Gift Card to Hatch.

NYSVARA AWARDS: Chief Como showed photos of the three (3) Awards from NYSVARA: HCFAS, Mary Brenner and Fiona Witkowski. Chief Como read the inscription on the HCFAS Agency of the Year Award.

Keep up the good work everyone!

First Deputy Chief - Elizabeth Wuestman – Absent – Report Given by 2nd Deputy Chief Ryane Como

Upcoming Standby's:

Wednesday, November 18th: HMFD

Any available sign up downstairs or reach out to Julia Vodopia @ 631-418-4269*

Standbys are a great opportunity for you to make up hours, LOSAP points and shifts. Also probationary members welcome to attend to receive credit for events.

COVID-19

All Chiefs orders are still in effect. Therefore, if you are experiencing ANY symptoms you must contact me. At that point you will be informed of the next step and receive a date that you can return to the building. With this being said COVID-19 is still very much a concern. You **MUST** be diligent to wear your proper PPE which is minimally an N95 and gloves on every call. If you are in the building and you are removing your mask to drink or eat, please try to socially distance from others. As I have said time and time again anything COVID-19 please contact me.
LOA's, symptoms, concerns, etc.

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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.**

Gift Cards: You need 36 shifts by December 1st. A shift is a full four hour block. Therefore if you have mismatches or fingered in late or out early or forgot to punch in or out, the shifts will not count. Please get finger adjustment requests in as soon as possible, signed by the appropriate captain.

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.**

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.

Second Deputy Chief - Ryane Como – Report

The October Review Training topic is “Behavioral Emergencies.” I would like to thank QA/QI committee member, Gail Glister, for giving me the idea for this topic. Please make sure you are up to date on your review trainings.

During a recent QA/QI meeting, Dr. Brandler and the committee discussed a number of important items that I listed in my Pulse article this month. To summarize, please continue to take temperatures on all patients, please make sure you have at least two complete vital signs for each patient, please be sure all AMS patients have a BGL recorded in the vitals and please refrain from using lights and sirens from the scene to the hospital unless the patient is potentially unstable.

COVID-19 notifications from receiving hospitals are continuing. Please continue all practices such as thorough hand washing, wearing proper PPE, social distancing and decontamination measures.

Thank you all for everything that you do!

Third Deputy Chief - David Kaufman – Present

Thank you to Bernard Poole for taking Unit 17 to have tires changed. Thank you to Captain Mancino for arranging probationary member events that assists with washing vehicles, stocking supplies and doing multiple checkouts. One member who has been particularly

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helpful is Tom Panichella. He is doing full expiration checks on all the ambulances. Michael Capotosto has been assisting with several projects such as replacing vehicle batteries and draining gator gas.

Unit 16: Will be serviced by Ford this week for burning oil and service advancetrac message.

Unit 17: Possible electrical issue. Right side mirror replaced. New front tires.

Unit 18: Coolant leak, broken cooler, no Wi-Fi, ALS drawer opens. Stretcher mattress replaced.

Unit 19: Back step bent from accident and was bent mostly back in place.

Unit 20: Still in for repair. Custom side doors had to be fabricated.

Unit 21: Shoreline charger replaced, SafeStop repaired, front light bar LEDs repaired. Needs springs.

Unit 80: No notes

Unit 81: No notes

Unit 82: No notes

Gator: Draining gas and replacing with stabilized fuel to prepare for storage.

Working on installing additional coolers for Units 81, 82 and ALS closet for RSI meds.

Please be extremely careful to check expiration dates on all BLS med pouch items!

Several EPCR laptops were repaired.

Monitoring PPE usage to ensure we are adequately supplied in case we see an increase in COVID-19 cases.

Working with Alyssa Axelrod to make sure all LifePak 15 Monitors have working SpO2 and SpCO sensors.

Biohazard waste will be sent for destruction on Thursday. Do not use red bags for regular garbage. Do not accept sharps from the public. Hospitals and nursing homes by law must accept used sharps.

Chief Dispatcher Michael Barker – Report

As of 0700 this morning, we have **155** calls in October, or **14.1** a day, still somewhat slower than our “normal” **16.6** a day. YTD we have **4,263** calls, about **450** calls behind last year. There are **10** signal 24s YTD, for **.23%**. Our transport percentage is **81.3%**.

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Dispatch Training: Three members passed dispatch training in September: **Grant Werner** #1609 (Sunday 0700); **Leslie Brown** #1613 (Tuesday 1100); and **Caitlyn DiMaggio** #1590 (Saturday 1100). Two members will take their dispatch tests tomorrow evening.

There are five members currently in dispatch training.

Post Dispatch Training: Thirteen Post members attended a Dispatch Orientation meeting yesterday and should start training on their assigned shifts in a few weeks. This is a very nice group of Post members and you should enjoy training them.

ALS Response has gotten better since the current focus. More dispatchers are paging out for ALS on all Charlie, Delta, and Echo calls immediately on receipt of call, and remembering to document these pages in the CAD. Thank you for your efforts.

If the Medic goes to the hospital, add “**ALS Run Call**” to the CAD but please do not add a second (**P**) to the ambulance. That may distort the ALS response percentage. However, if two Medics or a Medic and a CC go to the same call, please put the (**P**) and (**CC**) on both appropriate vehicles. We do not want to stretch the truth, but we do want to take credit when we respond with two ALS personnel.

Everyone who uses a **radio**, please remember to wait for the “**beep**” before you start speaking, and hold the button for one second after you finish speaking. I hear a lot of “cut offs” which makes it difficult to understand the transmission. Holding on for a second will reduce “**Unit on the air, please repeat**” requests.

Thank you for all you do and **Stay Safe**.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Dale Bartolomeo – Absent – Report Submitted

Sunday's are doing great!!

Please everyone keep on top of your review trainings and hours. The end of the year is rapidly approaching.

Current Shift Openings

0700 Driver

1100 ALS

1500 OK

1900 OK

2300 Dispatcher, Driver and 2 Crew Leaders

Anyone who may be interested please let me know!!

As always, please remember to Clock **IN** and **OUT** after completing either your 4 or 8 hour shift. The new finger reader by dispatch allows members to see what time they clocked in so everyone can now tell what time they need to clock out to receive credit for the full shift.

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Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Kelly Murphy – Report

Good evening everyone.

We are getting down to the last 3 months of the year and personally, I am thrilled.

No doubt 2020 has been a hard year, however, we have pulled through it thus far and you all did so much. Thank you!

We are still 24 free on Monday as well.

HELP NEEDED:

0700 2nd due CL

1100 Full 2nd due Crew

1500 2nd due crew

1900 CL

2300 a full crew

All shifts need ALS

Company 3 - Tuesday Day Captain Elizabeth Mohr - Absent - Report Given by Captain Kathryn Donegan

I am Sorry that I was unable to attend tonight's meeting as I am at work.

Thank you to all the crews for coming in each and every week. Especially Nicole for doing double shifts each week. It is extremely helpful.

Congratulations to Leslie for passing Dispatching. We look forward to having you on the ambulance.

Thank you again, everyone,

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Kathryn Donegan – Report

Happy fourth quarter! We are officially in the home stretch of 2020, which has felt like a decade in itself. Thanks to everyone who continues to help on Wednesday - we are somehow still 24 free for the entire year! Welcome new member Kenney Cadet, #1619 to the 1900 shift! Kenney joins us as a former post member and we are so excited to have him on as a full member.

Wednesday is often in need of help on the 0700 and 1100 shift. This week a CL is needed for

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the 0700 and both 1st and 2nd due drivers on the 1100. Thanks again to everyone who's done an extra shift or answered up on a signal 3 on any Wednesday, you are appreciated!

This year has been trying to say the least but I think if we can take anything out of it, particularly as providers, it should be to have compassion for our fellow man. As I often have to do as a teacher in moments of frustration, take the time to remind yourself that we are all human, providers and patients alike and that it's important to approach life with patience, compassion and kindness.

Wear your masks, wash your hands, vote on November 3rd and have a Happy and Safe October!

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain John Mancino – Report

Thursdays have been doing well, year to date we only have two 24's. We've had an amazing show of support from our membership filling the gaps in the shifts

Thank you to Martha Brenner and Ann Maloney for filling the gaps and helping as preceptors and mentors to our new members.

Thursday 1100, 1500, 1900 and 2300 could use CREW LEADERS, DRIVERS AND FA's. ALS is a luxury I would also like to fill. Please follow the Schedule spreadsheet (<https://bit.ly/2FNNodR>) and add your name to the help wanted spots or text me at 631-897-7902

I can't begin to express my appreciation for the turnout for last Thursdays MVA. It was dispatched as an overturn. 17 members came out for this five car motor vehicle accident/mass casualty incident. There were eight potential patients, one overturned vehicle with heavy rescue extrication (the pickup became a convertible), a second vehicle required a door pop. Five patients actually transported. Four to Huntington Hospital and one to Nassau University Medical Center. Four ambulances and two fly cars responded. We also had Huntington Manor fire Department, Suffolk County Police Second Precinct and Suffolk County Police Emergency Services Unit. No fatalities. We were told by SCPD that one car was on the wrong side of the road. The list of responders is in the picture on the HCFAS private page. Again, thank you all.

Thanksgiving is coming very soon; a signup sheet is in the ready room. Please indicate yes or no if you will be having dinner at the squad on the signup sheet. Please sign up sooner than later if you can.

We've been doing skills practices on the 1100 and 1500 shifts, anybody who would like to come in with some ideas of things they want to practice please let me know and I'll try to make it happen.

Thank you everyone for being here and making a difference. See you on Thursday!!!

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507 Thank you for all your hard work!

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509 **Company 6 - Friday Day Captain – Kathleen Castillo - Present (on phone) – Report Given** 510 **by Captain Jaclyn Rittershaus**

511 Happy October!

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513 Shout out to the Friday 1500 shift and all who answered up to help out. We had a 5 patient
514 MVA; the crews did an amazing job!!

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516 Fridays are in need of a Dispatcher and 2nd due CL every week. If you're available, please
517 let me know.

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519 Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!!

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521 **Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Jaclyn Rittershaus – Report**

522 Everything is going very well on Saturdays.

523 We have a couple of advancements to celebrate! Congratulations to Andy Mesnick #1588 for
524 becoming a full Driver and Caitlyn DiMaggio #1590 for becoming a Dispatcher and First Aider!
525 You both are doing a great job! Good luck to Alyssa Sorensen #1614 who will be taking her
526 Dispatch test this Tuesday. I have a ton of faith in you; you will do wonderful!

527 A huge thank you to everyone that has been coming in on Saturday, especially those that fill in
528 each week on top of your own shifts and even other days you cover! The Saturday overnight is
529 the hardest to fill, so if anyone could donate a week or a few weeks of their time to relieve the
530 members that have been covering consistently, please let me know. We need two full crews each
531 week. The 1900 shift also needs a permanent CL.

532 I hope everyone is doing well!

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534 **Delegate & Committee Reports:**

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536 **LOSAP 2020 Points – Bob Franz**

537 The 2020 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is
538 requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the
539 LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed & submitted by December 31,
540 2020 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2020.

541 It is recommended that each member have more than 50 points at December 31, 2020 so that
542 any subsequent correction of posting errors (such as, activity posted to the wrong member
543 account, duplicate activity posting etc.) will not cause the member to have less than 50 points
544 and therefore not qualify for a year of service credit for 2020.

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LOSAP Benefits

Members who were eligible to receive an increased LOSAP benefits for their service in 2019 should have received their retroactive payment on September 1, 2020.

NYS \$200.00 Refundable Tax Credit

Reminder for those who have not filed their income taxes, there is a NYS \$200 Refundable Income Tax Credit available for members who were members for the entire 2019 calendar year.

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

Explorer Post 215 – Susanna Otto - Post 215 Dispatch Training will re-start in October.

There are four “returning” Post members who have partially completed training and up to 12 new Post members who may want to attempt Dispatch training. They will start to show up on afternoon and weekend shifts soon. Please say “Hello” and encourage their enthusiasm.

Fund Drive – Mary Brenner (Report Submitted) – Total Donations to date \$82,151.00. The third solicitation was mailed out.

Medical Committee - Annual Physicals – Angie Kalodukas & Brian Canty

Monday, October 26, 2020 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be 4 time slots at half hour intervals with a max of 6 people per time slot

Sunday, November 15, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. There will be 5 time slots at half hour intervals with a max of 6 people per time slot.

We will be sending out a doodle poll for members to use to sign up.

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

Uniform Committee – Maxine Epstein & Brian Canty-

For Boots – Please e-mail me and let me know you are off probation and are entitled for boots. I need your member number and your shift

After I receive this, you will get an e-mail back from me regarding the process to obtain boots.

Once purchased, you need to sign the PO and submit it back with a receipt for payment.

If you choose to obtain boots on your own, which it completely fine, then you just need to fill

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out a PO, attach your receipt and submit to boots mail box, you will then get reimbursed from the squad. Any sales taxes will not be reimbursed.

Right now, the boots that are available from Red Wing are getting updated, however you can still go there with your badge and get boots.

For Uniforms - My apologies to every member that has had to wait on a uniform. I was out for 6 months and I am out again with COVID-19. I will be back by next week.

For those who are off probation, and in need of the next level of uniform, please put your "Off Probation" date on the top. This will save time for me having to look it up

Please fill out the uniform request form correctly, this includes your Day captains signature Please do not sign it for them. I do not fill any requests that are not completed. Please when asking for men's pants, fill in both the size and length size otherwise you are leaving it for me to guess and you end up not happy and having to exchange, which adds time to your having your uniform.

For Squad Work Shirts - when marking the uniform request, please tell me the name you want me to embroider. This too will save time.

Lastly, for Winter Jackets - Please e-mail me if you are in need of a jacket. I will need your member number and the name you want on the patch. This is a separate uniform item and it is NOT on the regular request form.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Raffles:

Applebee's Gift Card – Meaghan Salzone

Cheesecake Factory Gift Card – Michael Jacoby

Subway Gift Card – Peter Como

Target Gift Card – Brian Block

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Members in Attendance: Eligible Members 100, Probationary 11, Total: 111

General Membership Meeting is adjourned at 2040 hours by President Fischer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Tedone

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Franz

Secretary

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