

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: January 10, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Brian Canty	ABSENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer John Palmieri	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Richard Stone	PRESENT
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Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed that 72 eligible members had signed in which meets the required quorum of 50 members.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Kathy Leonard #860 – illness, continued get well wishes and prayers are needed and welcome.
- Martha Brenner # 236 – continued get well wishes and prayers are needed and welcome.
- Megan Davis #1066 – hospitalized, home now and recovering.

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- Mary Beth Kraese #873 – hospitalized.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030 mother, Christopher Mallilo's #1234 grandmother, is very ill, continued prayers are needed

We Mourn the Loss of:

- We mourn the passing of Doris DeVeau, wife of Deceased member, Ex Chief, Robert DeVeau.

Congratulation on the Wedding:

- Greg Orr #983 New Grandfather and Casey Orr #1283 niece to baby Sidney Grace, 7lbs11oz.

Longevity Awards

- Thomas "TC" Curry #833 - 20 years of service
- Alphonse Szigethy # 724 – 25 years of service.
 - Accepted 1/6/1986
 - Driver, Crew leader, ALS Provider
 - Membership Committee
 - Ambulance Orientation Committee
 - Past Tuesday Day Captain for three terms
 - Board of Director
 - Certified American red Cross Instructor "Responding to Emergencies"
 - Suffolk County ALS preceptor
 - ALS supply committee
 - Controlled substance Co-Chair
 - Squad Chaplain

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to accept the December 13, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Motion Carried 1 Abstain

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary.
Incoming: Thank you letters: Lorraine Boccio and Cliff #208.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Corporate officers have not been finalized due to an issue with the voting procedures. All of last year's corporate officers are considered pro-tem until the issue has been resolved.
- Website Extranet update/modifications.
- Public website and extranet interface redesign.
- Website extranet FRS roster/service awards integration.
- 20 Year Exempt Status – 3 members
- Banking Resolutions with HCFAS Designated Banks
- Monthly Recruitment Activities

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- Parades / Activities Schedule
 - Refreshments for Parades / Events
 - Weight Watchers Session Reimbursement
 - NYSVA&RA District 7 Delegate and 1st Alternate to attend the NYSVA&RA Board meetings near Albany New York
 - Driver Improvement Class
 - Fire, Rescue& EMS Mega Show 2011 at the Nassau coliseum
 - Strawberry's of Hunting gave out some complimentary tickets to selected shows.
- I would like to thank Ralph Murphy and Strawberry's for the tickets.

Treasurers Report John Palmieri

We are current in all bills. We are looking at EP Gear cost and perhaps an alternate type of apparel.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

I want to start off by thanking the new Saturday Captain, Keith Davis, for stepping up and taking over on January 1st before his term even started. I also want to thank Rich Stein and Jeremy Boehm for going out at 7AM to Brookhaven Airport for a stand-by for that propane leak in Mastic on the 1st. And also Scott Bielanski and Keith Rubenstein for going out at 12:30PM to relieve them and letting Jeremy come back. The three others stayed until 1830 hours and were released by Suffolk EMS. Thanks all.

The 2011 Officers had their first meeting on 1/5/2011 and numerous questions have come up. Thanks to 1st Deputy Chris, Chief Dispatcher Jim, and Vice-President Brian for getting the By-Laws and SOPs straightened out so that 3rd Deputy Dave could have them posted in the Dispatch Office and on the website. And Martha keep reminding us of any other points that we can help accomplish.

We are trying to get up to date with all LOA, RTD, and advancement paperwork as well as some other projects before starting new ones. Our main goal is to settle the numerous questions about EPGear- what is it, when do you wear it, where do you leave it at the Squad, and why does it cost so much???

In the first 10 days of the year we have had 5 24s out and 1 24 in. This works out to 3.16% which may seem high, but as the holidays slip away and the kids go back to school, our numbers should improve.

The Officers will be having a meeting with the Membership Committee in order to facilitate the bringing in of new members onto shifts that have the ability to integrate those new members into our structure. Too often new members have had their enthusiasm wasted by taking too long to get out on the ambulance. New members are the next Drivers and Crewleaders who will be answering the page for the 24s that we can't cover now. This is a high priority concept that we are pursuing.

We are bracing for another large snowfall and I am sure David will go over that with you. Oh, as of Tuesday night, 1st Deputy Chris will be covering for me for a week. I was supposed to go Wednesday morning, but with this weather we are leaving for less snowy Newark tomorrow. I will monitor e-mails, but I know that I will not answer calls. Have fun. Thanked everyone for a job well done. Thanked everyone who doing extra shifts.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Linda Guadagnin – 5 years

First Deputy Chief's Report - Christopher Winter

Thank you to Anne Gabriel for helping me through the transition and for her service as 1st Deputy Chief in 2010.

New members:

Mary Ellen
Christopher
Tanya
Theresa
Nathaniel

Driver Training:

Thank you to Tom Romano for chairing the committee. Tom has stepped down to focus on some other initiatives but has left a fantastic well oiled machine behind. Great work Tom. Thank you. Thank you to Karen Blackburn for training the defensive driving class here at HCFAS last Saturday! Thank you to Dave Mohr for organizing the food and to Brian Canty for sending out the email blast and Liaoning with the BOD for approval.

Dillon Harvey has entered the driver training program. Best of luck!

I have several other members in the process of starting with the driver training program. If you are interested and I have not spoken to you yet, please make sure your Captain knows you would like to enter the program and then put a copy of your license in the driver training mailbox.

Company 8

I am working on reviewing the Company 8 file and am looking to being the Captain for the Company 8 members and support the progress of the team.

Personnel / Data Entry

I have begun to work on making sure all data in the SCM system is up to date and accurate. This will be accomplished with the help of 3 key people; Ray Pollard and Nancy Courtemanche who have agreed to help me by launching a new Data Entry committee. They will be inputting data for new and current members as we receive it. (Basic data, non disciplinary information)

The third key person in helping this process is you. Many of you may be asked for some information you may have given before. Please help us by re-submitting information if necessary. We just want to have a complete and up to date record of our members.

Lastly, thanks to my Mom, Mary Winter for helping me sort, alphabetize and file a ton of papers. You have been a great help. Thank you!

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller (on a call - report given by First Deputy Chief)

January review training was having trouble being sent out to the entire membership via email. It is uploaded to the website and you can also find it on any squad computer. A START Triage training class will be held on Tuesday January 18 from 730-930 and Sunday January 23 from 9-11. If you attend one of these classes you will get Non-Core CEM credit instead of self study credit. Be advised that you are only allowed to use 24 hours of self study.

We are going to start doing some BLS and ALS review sessions before each GMM. These will be quick reviews of certain skills and you will be entitled to a losap point for each of these trainings on top of your point for the GMM.

That's all I can think of right now at least. Thanks

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr Building:

During snow storms please park your vehicles along the south side of the parking lot, west of the building or along the west side of the parking lot. Please do not park behind the building or in the middle of the parking lot. This will enable the plows to maximize the plowing during the storm. After the storm is over, please park your vehicles in the middle of the lot so the plows can come back and clear the other areas. During snow storms we will also be moving 88 and 89 in to the building.

The temperature in the Truck room must be kept at 60 degrees, because of the medications that we have on the ambulances. All the thermostats have been marked "KEEP AT 60" and yet someone(s) continue to lower the setting to 50 degrees or less. Please leave the thermostats at the 60 degree setting; it would be a shame if we had to spend several hundred dollars to put lockable covers on all of them.

Vehicles:

The new batteries are now on all of the older rigs. This should eliminate the load issues we were having, which also causes radio problem.

Although 2-15-20 had a load issue, it was a defective alternator, it will be back tomorrow and the load issue was causing the radio problem.

I would like to thank the Sunday morning 0700 crew, Eileen, Zeb, Matt V. and Rich Stein, along with the Monday 1500 crew, Mark B., Sal S., Tyler G., Joe G., John Connors, Tim E. and Post member Kristin Tiersch for washing ambulances and first responder vehicles during their shifts. If you have time on your shift, please try and wash a vehicle or two. During this time of year they get very dirty with all the road spray when the snow melts. If we all chip in, we can keep our fleet looking good.

Post 215:

We are having a mini-recruitment meeting tomorrow night, 1/11. If anyone has a youth that is between the ages of 14-18 and has completed the 8th grade and is interested, the meeting starts at

6p and will last for about an hour or so and will be followed by the GMM at 7:30pm. A parent must be in attendance for the first part of the meeting.

Chief Dispatcher's Report – Jim Mallilo

Jean Baptiste Bency - Passed Dispatch Training Test.

Scheduled to take Dispatch Test next week - Todd McIndoo, Jessica Diaz, Jenna Arcati and Michael Jurgrau.

New improvement to the paging module in SCM. Currently those members who have given me their cellular provider receive a page for every call but do not know if any manpower is needed or what kind. We now have the capability to send that information such as Crew Leader needed out on a page. If a crew leader is paged for three times you will receive three pages. Further refinements are being developed to improve this function to the next level.

To all crew leaders please on any paper work that accompanies the PCR write down the run number on that paper.

RMA's crewleaders are not having our copy (agency copy) of the pcr signed by the patient refusing. Please try to improve upon this.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (report given by First Deputy Chief)

I would like to say thank you for everyone that came out to help during the first snow storm and for everyone that has picked up an extra shift or has been helping out with back up. Just a reminder to all the drivers -be safe -some of the back roads still have ice -the crew's safety is in your hands. Remember to keep yourself and patients warm. Looking forward to another year. Your help is always needed come down for a shift or just a few hours.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (report given by First Deputy Chief)

My apologies for not being present at the meeting tonight, unfortunately I am working this evening.

Thank you to all of my crews for making me feel welcome as their Day Captain. Friday's continue to be busy. I would like to thank all of the members who came out to answer on all the backup calls this last Friday.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Tanya Harris to the Friday 1100-1500 shift. She will be a welcome addition to a shift that currently has a light crew.

As usual the 1100-1500 & 1500-1900 Shifts could always use the extra help. So if you are available please feel free to sign up.

On a side note, I would like to thank the following people for answering up to the gas leak that occurred in Shirley. Rich Stein, Jeremy Boehm, and Keith Rubenstein, A special thanks to Keith Rubenstein who was able to fill the county's request by driving our MCI vehicle to the scene. When the well was capped, HCFAS was one of only two ambulances out of approximately 50 departments that were asked to enter into the scene to support the fire departments that were

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hosing down the cap in order to freeze it while waiting for the crews to arrive from New Jersey to reclaim the remainder of the 25,000 or so lbs. of gas that was still left in the tank. Excellent job by all and thankfully the scene was secured and the local residents were allowed to return to their homes.

Thank you.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Report – Alison Russo (report given by First Deputy Chief)

I'm working this evening. Just congratulations to Erica Alicea and Kyle Rudden on becoming new crewleaders and John Paul Garcia on becoming a new driver. Extra help will be needed on Wednesday because of the pending storm. Thank you everyone who helped out on Wednesdays.

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

Congratulations to Vanessa Ortiz # 1297 on passing her ambulance orientation test.

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

Thanks to:

Joe Grant for all his help on the 1100, 1500, and the overnight.

Everyone who has helped out on a back up call: Elizabeth Mohr, Joe Grant, Tom O'Leary, Sal Signorelli, Brian Quinn, Scott Bielanski, Tyler Gibbs, Jeremy Boehm, Mark Cappola, Sally Staszak, Kurt Vetter, Israel Cortes, Dale Bartolomeo.

Welcome back Paul Mori and Donna Smith.

Don't forget to sign in for the Meeting and not the shift.

Two 24's so far this year.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report – Greg Orr

Thank you to Martha Brenner for helping me through the transition and for her service Tuesday Day Captain in 2010. Thanks to Sally Staszak and Ferd Neumann 1100 hour shift.

Congratulations to Matt Valle who became a CL. I need a CL & Driver for the 1500 hour shift.

Thanks to everyone who came out and did back up calls.

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

Thursdays are going well. Thank you to everyone for coming out and assisting with back up calls. I need help on the 1500 hour shift.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis:

I'd first like to thank my Saturday crews for getting my through my first Saturday as day captain without any 24s. I'd like to thank Matt Valle, Dave Mohr for covering the 11:00-15:00 shift during the defensive driving class. I'd like to welcome back Paul Biersack from his LOA. Also I would like to welcome Paul and Liz Mohr to the Saturday overnight, as well as welcome new member Christopher Daddura #1318 to the shift as well. I need help on the 11:00-15:00, a driver, ALS, and first aiders. I also need help on the 19:00-23:00 a crew leader is needed.

Delegate Reports:

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association District 7 Delegate Report-Andrea Golinsky

Board has approved renewal of individual annual dues. PO has been submitted and as soon a check is issued and processed. Your membership cards will be received and distributed. Each member is covered with \$2,000.00 of Accidental Death Insurance coverage through NYSVA&RA

Next meeting of Dist 7 will be held Jan 18th at Central Islip/ Hauppauge Ambulance Corp. All members are welcome to attend. Every other month a non-core CME is offered. Members will be notified of time, location and topic. If you are interested in attending you will have to notify Dist 7 Secretary in order for the host department to have enough refreshments.

Two new laws on the books as of Jan 1,

- A. To allow AEMTs – CCs to draw blood from drivers involved in MVAs for the purpose of obtaining blood alcohol count. SUFFOLK COUNTY IS NOT APPROVING THIS PROCEDURE AND EMS PERSONNEL DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLY.
- B. Move Over Law –When an emergency vehicle is on the side of the road with the emergency lights on, drivers are to SAFELY move over 1 lane until passed the scene. If no lane is available speed is to be reduced considerably. (Note- if a certified responder comes upon the scene of an MVA and wants to lend assistance, the responder must first move a lane over, go past the scene and then return to the previous lane and park in front of the emergency vehicle).

The Town of Huntington has recently passed a resolution allowing EMS and FF to buy into the Town's health plan. There is no method in place as yet to participate, however a plan is being formulated. The Town has been inundated with calls regarding this matter and there is no information available as yet. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWN--- THEY WILL LET US KNOW WHEN THERE IS A METHOD IN PLACE TO TAKE PART IN THE PLAN.

An American flag that was flown at the Town of Huntington's Field of Honor for the month of November recognizing our service men and women was presented to President Winter.

Suffolk County FRES Recruitment committee meeting is Wednesday January 19th at 6PM at FRES in Yaphank.

SCACA Meeting is Wednesday January 19th at 8PM at Brentwood Legion VAC.

Committee Reports:

Suffolk REMSCO – The next meeting will be Tuesday January 11th at SC EMS in Hauppauge at 7PM.

LOSAP 2010 Points – Bob Franz

The 2010 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. You must have at least 50 points in the total column and a Yes in the Pass column to qualify for a year of LOSAP credit for 2010. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to Andy Ball of the LOSAP point committee. The final list will be sent to the Town of Huntington in March for Town Board approval.

Many thanks go to Andy Ball, Margaret Cornelius and Jim Mallilo for all your hard work in getting the LOSAP points properly recorded for 2010 – a job well done.

The final date to get your 2010 review trainings paperwork in is this Friday January 15, 2011.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2010 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2010 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 March 1, 2011 for property tax year 12/01/11 to 11/30/12. Members who are currently receiving the 5 year or 20 year tax exemption will be recertified by the Squad by the deadline date. Current recipients who moved or sold their home prior to March 1, 2011, please drop a note with your detail information in Bob Franz's mail box. If you moved and purchased another home, you must fill out a new application form for your new residence.

Members who will be eligible for the first time (achieved at least 5 years or more of service by 3/1/11 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/11), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 18, 2011. To be eligible, your name must be on the property deed, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2011.

For members with 20 or more years of service by March 1, 2011, the property can be located anywhere in Suffolk County (Call Bob Franz at 631 421-9121 for specific details).

Note for members currently receiving the property tax exemption: If you do not want the Squad to renew your property tax exemption on 3/1/11 because you intend to take the \$200 NYS income tax credit for calendar year 2011, please put a note in Bob Franz's mailbox prior to February 18th.

Designations of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Please call or see Bob Franz if you wish to change your designated beneficiary(s) on your Group Life Insurance Certificate, the Squad's VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy or LOSAP. Eligible members under the squad's group life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age). Generally, all active members are covered under the Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000. Your beneficiary under the LOSAP program was indicated on the 2009 LOSAP benefit statement distributed to you a few of months ago.

CME – CME Starts in January on Saturdays, Info to follow. Register for CMEs on the SC REMSCO website.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Post 215- David Mohr – See Third Deputy Chief Report

SOP's/By-Laws – David Mohr will be transitioning in the Chairman's position. Thank you Jim Barkocy for your many years of service as Chairperson. If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact Roger Winter.

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

Monument and Sign – John Palmieri – Zoning Board of appeals vote on January 27, 2010.

Old Business

SOP and By-Laws have been placed in the book down stairs and a current set of by-lays are available on the web-site. Thank you to Jim Barkocy, Chris Winter, Brian Canty and David Mohr.

New Business

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Eckhardt, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Stiles and David Mohr. Setup committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Assorted Chocolates (Computer Equipment Services, Inc. CES) –Margaret Cornelius
2. Continental Almonds (Computer Equipment Services, Inc. CES) – Jim Mallilo
3. Assorted Cookies (Whitman Village) –Richard Stein
4. Russell Stover Assorted chocolates (Whitman Village) –Mary Winter
5. Assorted Holiday Basket (Ace Auto Repair) – Stephanie Caracciolo
6. Assorted Holiday Basket (VSS) – Casey Orr

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462 **Adjournment** – Motion to Adjourn Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Richard Stone to adjourn
463 the meeting at 2130 hours: Unanimous

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466 Respectfully Submitted,

467 *Robert Franz*

468 Secretary

469 Draft sent to members: January 14, 2011

470 Approved: February 14, 2011

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- Tiffany White's 8 month old baby son, Sean, has undergone open heart surgery. Prayers, get well wishes are welcome.

Congratulation on the Birth of a Baby:

- Donna Smith is a Grandmother for the first time. Her daughter Kara had a baby boy, Carter Michael O'Brien. Carter came in at 6.15 lbs, 20" long on 2/9/2011. Both parents and grandmother are doing fine as first timers; apparently the baby has taken over already and they are on his schedule.

Longevity Awards

• Thomas "TC" Curry #833 - 20 years of service

- Accepted 12/3/1990
- Has been on the same shift for all 20 years, Thursday, 1100-1500 hours.
- Part of the "Dream Team" – Karen Reim, Martha Green, Kathy Hayes, Emma McDonagh & TC.
- ALS provider for 6 years.
- Crew-Leader / Driver
- Exposure Control Officer for HCFAS
- Provides logistics for all of our parties. Bartenders, waiter/waitress', for whatever we need for our in house parties.
- Part of the 40th Anniversary Committee.
- Provides gift packages from Finley's on Green Street to the membership.
- "TC" is a Dedicated, Fun Loving, Sympatric to all the patients he treats.
- He has a real understanding of what Prehospital Emergency Medicine is all about and our approach to how our patients should be treated.
- I congratulate "TC" on 20 great years of service

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Bernard Hershkowitz to accept the January 10, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Jeanne Conlon, George & Barbara Mayer, Robin Janssen Smiles #937, Fran Leek, Director Outreach Program – St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, Edward Brady, Inspector & Commanding Officer SCPD 2nd Precinct, Chief D. Blankenship, Jr. – Mastic Fire Department, Richard Stone # 1149, Mrs. Gellerstein 28 Juniper Place, Bob Kleinkopf #17, Ferd Rocke old #29, Joan McQuillan #599 (article from Cape Times in South Africa – "12 Hours with Metro Emergency Medics", Paul Kelly #634 email re: Building Homes for Heroes Committee.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- A disciplinary action was taken upon member who was found to be not in keeping in the best interest of the squad. A three month suspension was imposed on top of time served.

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- Corporate officers have been finalized; Roger Winter-President, Richard Stone-Vice President, Brian Canty-Treasurer, Robert Franz-Secretary.
- Agreement between the Huntington Community Ambulance District Town of Huntington and the Huntington Community First Aid Squad 2011
- Photographer for the Installation Dinner
- Remove from PPP's Committee Luncheon
- Discussion ensued regarding electronic social networking; a policy is in the works. A draft has been sent to our attorneys.
- Liam Gorman Band Aid Drive – Mary Beth Steenson is running the drive.
- Annual Kitchen Cleaning
- Board of Directors Meeting Time Limit
- Benevolent Committee Request
- Congratulations to “Chaplain of the Year” at their annual conference in October, the Federation of Fire Chaplains an international organization, awarded the Chaplain of the Year honors to Edward Billia in October of 2010. This award is given to one chaplain each year for outstanding service to the fire and rescue community. Congratulations to “Deacon Ed”.

John Palmieri mentioned the Social Networking policy that is in process and comments were received from members.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

Dues – In accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws, Squad Dues must be paid by March 1st otherwise you are automatically expelled without further notification. The following members have not paid their dues (approximately 16 members).

Brian presented a detailed 2010 financial review for HCFAS and HCAD. A summary of the reports follow:

HCAD:

Income	\$1,694,000
Expenditures	\$1,830,000
Deficit	\$ 173,000 (covered by \$261,000 surplus from 2009)

HCFAS:

Income	\$ 145,000
Expenditures	\$ 141,000
Surplus	\$ 4,000

Details of the above reports are available from the Treasurer upon request.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

First, I want to thank the Kitchen Committee for another fine meal. In less than two weeks we will have our Installation Dinner on the 26th. I am sure Brian will be going over that

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later, but I want to thank Captain Keith Davis for securing coverage for us for that day and evening.

The Officers had our last meeting on 2/7/2011. The chaos is beginning to slow down. The 1st Deputy, Chris, has been trying to streamline the process for the Captains to go over new member folders and this past BOD meeting, the Squad accepted eight new members. It seems our major problem right now is paperwork- filling it out, getting it signed and forwarded to the correct person for action.

The 2nd Deputy, Michele, has initiated new teaching modules to enhance CME credits and possibly LOSAP. Michele has been able to reach out to the County to get questions answered for our ALS providers. The question of EP Gear is being looked into by myself and Roger, so that we can bring alternatives back. Boots will still be able to be purchased through Goldman Bros., but in a new location. They are now in Wantagh at the Robinhood Sporting Goods store.

It appears that our main problem this year is and will continue to be, 24s. We had 18 in January out of 467 calls for a 3.65%. Not good, but none of those calls was because we could not raise a crew. It was because our crew was on another call. In many cases, this was the third call as we already were handling two others. I would appreciate any ideas.

After today, it just seems wrong to go back to 30 degree weather, but that is the forecast. Snow will probably be in there sometime soon, so watch for 3rd Deputy Dave's notes on the doors about parking. Also, we all have to applaud his efforts in getting us dug out. And then he went to Mexico.

We will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade so watch for the signup sheets.

It is with a sense of anticipation that I open another drawer in my desk. I never know what I will find. So now I would like to hand out some pins and badges that I found and that have not been awarded to the deserving members yet.

Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Donna Maltese – 5 years

We received an additional contribution of \$1,500 from the Huntington Chamber of Commerce for last October's Fall Festival.

The Fire EMS Mega Show is at the Nassau Coliseum on Saturday 2/25 and Sunday 2/26. See the signup sheet.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter (given by Chief Palmieri)

Thank you to all that continue to help me with the office. Mary Winter, Ray Pollard, Nancy Courtemanche and on my crew while on duty, Megan Meyer and Christy Stiles

Welcome New members:

Nathaniel Watts
Mary Ellen Boehm
Christopher Daddura
Tanya Harris
Theresa Wray-Dolgin
John Vazquez

Driver Training:

We have several new trainees working through the program.

If you are interested in either becoming a driver or Response Car driver, please contact your Day Captain.

I have received several instructional videos on different safe driving topics that I am working on getting out to the membership as classroom sessions. I just need to find some driver trainers to help facilitate the sessions. Look for postings soon!

Company 8

I continue to monitor hours and am managing the process. I am working on updating the Company SOPs to reflect a more realistic process for today. I will gladly take feedback for changes/updates before I submit it to the SOP committee. Please email me your suggestions.

Personnel / Data Entry

Member data in the SCM system is up to date and all members have a 3 part file now. So each member has a compliance file, certifications and general file.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Training

- Thank you for everyone who came out to the SMART Triage CME in January. It was a nice way to change up the Review training for those who participated.
- This month's Review Training is on Albuterol Treatments and Epi Pen. Tonight we held a hands on review for this training as well.
- Next month we will do a training on the AEDs and Lifepaks
- There are A LOT of EMT and EMT Refresher classes hanging on the board downstairs. Please take a look at the list if you need a class

ALS

- The lifepaks are now equipped with Lifenet. Doesn't change how we do a 12 lead, all that changes is that you don't need the cell phone with the lifepak. The cell phone is now on the rigs in case you need to RMA or call medical control.
- Tordol has been ordered for the ambulances. This is a medical control option drug. We will place it onto the rigs the first of March. An email will go out to all ALS providers.

Equipment

If an ambulance is going out for service make sure the ALS is taken off first. The dispatcher should be calling ALS providers to ask for assistance in getting supplies off. The rig is not to go out with ALS supplies on it.

March review training – blood borne pathogen.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Building:

We have a new board in the Dispatch Office for the tracking of the vehicles. If you are taking a vehicle out of services please call me and let me know why so we can get it repaired. My phone number is on the new board.

Thanks to Dale Bartolomeo, Joe Grant and Bernard Poole who took care of things while I was away.

Vehicles:

I would like to thank the Saturday overnight and Monday 1100 crews, Captain Keith Davis and his bride Megan, Tim Ebert, Paul Biersack, Ken Manning, Joe Grant, Rich Stein, Glen Stern, Dale Bartolomeo and Liz Mohr for washing ambulances. On the Saturday overnight if it is too cold outside, they sweep and mop the interior of the ambulances.

19 – Transmission repair

16 – Gasket replacement

25 – Windshield replacement

Also 88 is back after being cleaned. While the President was using the van, the fire extinguisher when off and sprayed all over the inside of the vehicle. According to the incident report, the vehicle had no damage, but the driver did have a little difficulty breathing at the time of discharge. Bernard has subsequently mounted a fire extinguisher to prevent this from happening again in the future and he will be checking all our other vehicles as well.

Finally, I would like everyone to know that Bernard Poole has taken over as Chair of the Vehicle Maintenance Committee. Thanks to Jeremy Boehm for chairing the committee in 2010.

Post 215:

The Explorers are selling "I Love EMS" bracelets. If you would like one please see me. They are \$1 each.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (report given by Captain Ryan)

I would like to say welcome to my new members on Sunday 0700-1100 Theresa Wray-Dolgin on the Sunday 1100-1500 and Mary Ellen Boehm and on the Sunday 1900-2300 Theophilis Lewis. Help is always needed -feel free to come down -all help is appreciated. And thank you for everyone that has come down to help happy valentine's day everyone

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

Congratulations Jenna Arcati #1310 on passing her dispatch test.

Welcome Nathaniel Watts #1316 to the Monday 1500 shift.

Thank you Joe Grant for all your help on all of my Monday shifts.

Thanks to Sal Signorelli, Tom O'Leary, Jeff Brenner, Nicole Menditto,

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Dale Bartolomeo, Mark Cappola, Scott Bielanski, and Brian Quinn for answering up on back up calls.

Thanks to Joe Grant, Rich Stein, and Tom O'Leary for helping to wash ambulances today.

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

Thursdays are going well. Thank you to everyone for coming out and assisting with back up calls. We had multiple calls. I need help on the 1500 hour shift.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (report given by Captain Keith Davis)

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. My apologies for not being present at the meeting tonight, but my wife and I have special plans this evening for the holiday.

First and most importantly I would like to thank the following members for answering back up during the last month: Paul Kelly, Dale Bartolomeo, Jim Mallilo, Al Szigethy, Brian Quinn, Mark Cappola, Nancy Courtemanche, Keith Rubenstein, Glen Stern, Ferd Neumann, Nancy Eckhardt, Amanda Manning, and Matt Cappola. You have helped make January a successful month with only one 24. In addition I would like to give special thanks to Sheryl Burke who has been filling Company 8 hours during my 1500-1900 shifts.

Let's extend Happy Birthday wishes to Tanya Harris who rides the 1100-1500 shift!!! She is a new member and is currently in dispatch training.

As usual the 1100-1500 & 1500-1900 Shifts could always use the extra help. I no longer have a full duty crew on my overnight due to the loss of a dispatcher/first aider, so if anyone is available to do an extra shift or answer up on backup I would greatly appreciate it.

I hope everyone has a safe month and thank you all for your hard work and continued effort.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis:

Saturday's have been going well. First and foremost I'd like to thank all my Saturday crews for keeping our 24 rate so low on Saturdays. In particular I'd like to thank Rich Stein, Joe Grant, Dale Bartolomeo and Kyle Rudden for regularly coming in and doing additional shifts. I'd like to congratulate Mike Jurgrau on passing his dispatching test. I'd like to welcome Chris Daddura and Amanda Manning to the 23:00-07:00. Also, Chelsea Miller will continue on her 15:00-19:00 now that she's a full member. I need help on the 11:00-15:00, a driver is needed. I could also use an experienced crewleader on the 19:00-23:00 shift to help ACL a member. I also need a dispatcher the night of our dinner from 23:00-07:00. I'd like to thank my 15:00-19:00 crew for offering to stay 15:00-23:00 the night of the dinner to cover the district. Centereach was nice enough to offer but now our district can be covered by our own members. 23:00-07:00 will be covered by Commack ambulance with two full crews and ALS. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming dinner, and if members are interested my wife (Megan Davis #1066) posted information downstairs regarding hotel rooms and transportation to and from the Watermill.

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Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

The Town of Huntington has submitted the costs for the Health Insurance plan offered to volunteer EMS and FF. The costs are approximately \$700.00 for Individual and approximately \$1600.00 for family. If anyone is interested or would like more information contact me or Bob Franz.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA

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Once HCFAS BOD approves attendance a signup sheet will be posted

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10 % Property Tax Exemption – Bob Franz

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Members who will be eligible for the first time (achieved at least 5 years or more of service by 3/1/11 and own a home (title must transfer by 3/1/11), please complete an application form and place it in Bob Franz's mailbox before Friday February 18, 2011 (applications were put in your mail folder). To be eligible, your name must be on the property deed, the property must be your prime residence and be in the Town of Huntington and you must have 5 years of active squad service by March 1, 2011.

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NYS Income Tax Return 2010 IT-201 page 3 line 60h is a voluntary contribution line for Volunteer Firefighting & EMS Recruitment Fund. (Grants can be made by the State OFPC to fire and emergency service organizations for recruitment purposes).

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Post 215- David Mohr

- Post 215 will be having an Ice skating event with Huntington Manor Fire Department Juniors.
- Annual Spring Donation Drive – in conjunction with the Family Service League, Saturday March 12, 2011.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – Annual Installation Dinner Saturday 2/26 – get your responses and table arrangements in by this Friday. Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board for the St. Patrick's Day Parade & corned beef dinner on March 13.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

No quorum present to conduct a formal meeting at 2125 hours. By-Laws and SOP amendments not read.

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SOP's/By-Laws – David Mohr is the new Chairperson of the committee. If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact David.

Benevolent Committee – Jim Barkocy – One member received a benevolent fund allotment this month as reported by the President. If there is needs from any member please contact Jim.

Monument and Sign – John Palmieri – Zoning Board of appeals approved the variance on January 27, 2011 and we are looking to proceed with the project.

Old Business

SOP and By-Laws have been placed in the book down stairs and a current set of by-laws are available on the web-site. Thank you to Jim Barkocy, Chris Winter, Brian Canty and David Mohr.

New Business

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Griesel-Eckhardt, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Stiles and David Mohr. Setup committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Assorted Holiday Basket (VSS) – Mary Winter
2. Assorted Holiday Basket (VSS) – Sal Signorelli
3. Assorted Holiday Basket (VSS) – Margaret Cornelius
4. Assorted Holiday Basket (VSS) – Karen Martin
5. Pindar Autumn Gold Wine (VSS) – Richard Gierbolini
6. Rose Plant – Sam Ryan
7. Rose Flower Basket – Joanne Vogel

Adjournment – Due to lack of a quorum, the President adjourned the meeting at 2145 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft sent to members: March 1, 2011

Approved: March 14, 2011

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: March 14, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Franz confirmed that 63 eligible members had signed in which meets the required quorum of 50 members.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Kathy Leonard #860 –continued get well wishes and prayers are needed and a welcome back to dispatching.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030 mother, Christopher Mallilo's #1234 grandmother, is very ill, continued prayers are needed.
- Pam Brenner Biersack- get well wishes

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- Casey Stone –recently hospitalized.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- We mourn the loss of Jane La Sorsa #245, who passed away on 2/23/2011. 40 year, Life Member.
- It is with deepest regret that the Suffolk County EMS Division announces the passing of Florence Fink.
Florence Fink, Mother of Ellen Komosinski, Michael Fink and Larry Fink.
- We mourn the loss of Eileen A. Coyle, Peggy Coyle's # 1247, mother, who passed away Wednesday March 9, 2011.

Congratulation on the Birth of a Baby:

- Paul Kelly # 634 and wife are new grandparents. They have a new grandson Ryan Theodore. Paul has been walking on "Cloud 9" since the birth. Congratulations

Announcements / Presentations:

- AED & Lifepak 12 demonstrations before the meeting. Thank you Michele Miller.

Motion by John Palmieri and seconded by Richard Stone to change the order of the meeting for the By-Laws committee chairperson David Mohr to read the proposed By-Laws amendments and SOP changes.

Unanimous

See the end of minutes below for a listing of the proposed By-Laws amendments and SOP changes.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Mark Cappola to accept the February 14, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Bruce Talmage SCACA for invite to installation dinner and Michael J. Mastrianni, Jr. NYSVARA for donation; donations in memory of life member Jane LaSorsa. Receipt of Huntington Town Board resolution 2011-120 setting April 12, 2011 at 7PM for hearing on rezoning and granting of exemption for lot area, frontage, width and setbacks for Lowndes Avenue property located North West across from the Squad.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- I would like to thank Brian Canty and his committee for organizing the Annual Installation Dinner for 2011. It was one of the best ever.
- Brian and his cooking and clean up team cooked the meal for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you, Brian Canty, Lisa Mohr, Mary Winter Vincent Maltese, Israel Cortes and Donna Smith for cooking, serving, setting up and the clean up. As always it was great time.

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- Music for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner was supplied by The Not so Irish Band, for the 4th straight year. Remy, Johnny, Joey and Mark. Thank you.
- Two disciplinary hearing were held since the last General Membership Meeting. In the first hearing the charges were not sustained. In the second hearing the charges were dismissed with prejudice.
- Town of Huntington Earth Day Event – Touch-A-Truck was approved, Andrea Golinsky will handle this event.
- Good and Welfare changes were made to the PPP's to bring the gifts in line with today's prices.
- The Fund Drive budget of \$25,000 was approved.
- A memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) with Jamie McCrae for 2011 was approved.
- Room use for the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association to discuss Drill Team Competition.
- Room use for Suffolk County EMS – EMS leader's Seminar.
- Pay the annual dues to the Huntington Township Fire Chiefs Council
- Approve the participation in the South Huntington Union Free School district Health & Welfare Fair – Andrea Golinsky will supervise this event.
- We dropped two members under Article V. Section 1 of the by-laws. (For nonpayment of Dues).
- General Meeting Room Request For Diane Tanko #1240. Friday, April 29, 2011, was approved.
- General Meeting Room Request for a CME Class was approved. Saturday, April 23, 2011.
- Annual agreement for Traditional Air Conditioning Systems & Service was approved.
- Mets EMS Night – May 16, 2011.
- NYSV&RA Legislative Day on May 2, 2011.
- Purchase of 10 Pagers for the active riding membership.
- Upgrade SCM Notification System
- Passed a working budget.
- Amend the Operational Officer's Plaque like Awards for 2010 motion is to reflect the increase in cost.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

First, I want to thank the Kitchen Committee for providing us with the desserts. After preparing, cooking, and clean-up from yesterday, it was a huge job to get ready for tonight. Thank you all.

I enjoyed the Installation Dinner two weeks ago and I hope everyone had a good time. This was one of the best installations we ever had and probably the most attended.

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The Officers had our last meeting on 3/2/2011. Our procedures seem to be holding up. Our interaction with the BOD is now running smoothly. We still have some questions about LOAs, but these will be managed. I have been talking with Goldman Brothers about our boot orders and has sent me the boots that he has available or can order. This new list will replace the existing list that is two years old.

2nd Deputy, Michele, is working with Al Szigethy, to research the feasibility of new ALS batteries.

24s. Roger and I will be talking with the Huntington Fire Chiefs Council on the 28th to answer their questions and to let them know how we are trying to solve our problem. The Officers tossed around some ideas and Chris is putting out a suggestion box for the membership to chip in.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was a success, both for the marchers and the food and entertainment following. I hope that my apology note was seen by all at the roster table downstairs yesterday. I had a family conflict that I tried to move, but was unable to change.

To anyone who was unable to get into my EMT class, there is another refresher starting Saturday in Setauket.

I now have some citations that were not given out at the Installation Dinner (Andy Ball 40years & Andrea Golinsky – Director).

Lehti Laas asked about the pager inventory and the status of the ambulances in 2011. John said that a pager inventory is in progress and Brian Canty indicated that chassis has been purchased and the 2011 ambulance is in progress.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Welcome New Members:

Joseph Gander Jr. Monday 11:00 shift

George Reeder Monday 11:00 shift

Response / 24 Issues:

We continue to look for ideas to help reduce our 24 rate and become better at getting our calls answered. Please keep the suggestions coming. If you have ideas, you can email me or put them in my mailbox down stairs.

Driver Training:

If you are interested in either becoming an ambulance driver or Response Car driver, please contact your Day Captain.

Company 8

I continue to monitor hours and am managing the process. I've submitted Company 8 SOP suggested changes to Dave to get his feedback as Chair of the SOP By Law Committee. Next steps are to read the proposed changes at the GMM next month.

Personnel / Data Entry

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Always need your help in providing your updated cards and driver's licenses. we have a list of folks we have to hunt down for updated cards; it would be a huge time saver if you put a copy of your new CPR/RTE or EMT cards in my box as well as your Captains.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Thank you to everyone who came out yesterday for the annual St. Patrick's day parade. We had a great turnout for marchers, bike riders and vehicles.

This month's review training was on the new CPR Guidelines from the AHA. If you have any questions on the new guidelines please let me know.

Blood borne pathogens training will be out for the month of April.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the AED and Lifepak training tonight.

WMD training will be offered April 23 from 830-1230. This will count as 4 hours of non-core operations. I will open it up to the county next week if I have room still available. So far I have 15 people who signed up.

If you break the BLS seal on the drug cabinet make sure to fill out the appropriate paper work so that Liz can update and re-seal the cabinet.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Building:

Recliner chairs in the Ready Room are being serviced. One was returned today, and others will be repaired in a week or so. Parts are being ordered.

Vehicles:

I would like to thank those members that came out this past Saturday & Sunday and got our vehicles ready for the parade, Tom O'Leary, Tom Lemp, Dale Bartolomeo, Liz Mohr, Joe Grant, Andy Ball, Rich Stein, Glen Stern and also to the Post members that helped as well. Also, to all the crews that are taking the opportunity to clean the vehicles on a regular basis – Thanks.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No Report.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (submitted report read by First Deputy Chief Chris Winter)

My apologies for not being present tonight. My report is a bit lengthy, but there is quite a bit that I wanted to cover.

I would like to first recognize my 1500-1900 shift for an excellent job on a substantial MVA that occurred Friday March 4th. An SUV was found on top of a car on East Jericho Turnpike west of Melville Rd. 45 Firefighters and EMS personnel were on scene with two heavy rescue trucks, three engines, three ambulances and a first responder One patient was airlifted to Stony Brook

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Medical Center and the other two were transported to Huntington Hospital. My thanks go out to the following: Stefanie Mirabelli, Joe Grant, Keith Tetrault, Jeff O'Neill, Thomas O'Leary, Israel, Cortes, Jeff Brenner, Martha Brenner, and May Jane Woznick. Thank you all for a job well done and handling a chaotic scene!

I would also like to recognize the members that have answered back up and filled in for shifts during the month of February. Sheryl Burke, Seth Fisher, Dale Bartolomeo, Ferd Neumann, Paul Kelly, Al Szigethy, Howard Loewenthal, Ken Manning, Paul Rittenhouse, Dave Mohr, Liz Mohr, Keith Davis, Todd Atkin, Laura Treulich. Thanks again for listening up, it is very much appreciated!

This month I am starting something new. I will be awarding at the end of each month two awards to Company 6 members. One is for Provider of the Month and one is for Crew of the Month. At the end of the year there will be a plaque given to the Company 6 "Provider of the Year" and "Crew of the Year". I have asked my crews to nominate other crewmembers that they feel have gone above and beyond their duties as members. I will be on the look out as well. I ask the membership that if they see one of my members that they feel has done something exceptional please let me know, and I will put them into consideration for the award. It can be for something as simple as a good deed, or for handling themselves exceptionally on a call. My goal is to raise awareness that our actions can have a lasting effect on others, no matter how big or small, and I want to recognize my members for all of their hard work.

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I hope everyone has a safe month and thank you all for your hard work and continued effort.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (report submitted read by Captain Ryan)

First I would like to say thank you to everyone that marched yesterday and came out to support our squad and help out with the backup calls before and during the parade. Thank you to Brian Canty and his crew for cooking a great meal. Just a reminder; help is always welcomed on Sundays, so come down and help out or keep your pagers on. A happy St. Patrick's day to everyone.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Welcome to:

George Reeder, Kelly Murphy, and Joe Gander JR (JJ) to the 1100 shift.
Welcome back to Nancy Barker.

Thanks to:

Jeff O'Neill
Greg Orr
Matt Valle

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274 Dale Bartolomeo

275 Joe Grant

276 Matt Cappola

277 Rich Stein

278 Tom O'Leary

279 Brian Quinn

280 For helping out on shifts and answering back up calls.

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282 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr**

283 Welcome to new member Carol Nucci #1324 on Tuesday 1100 hour shift. Congratulations to:
284 Terrence Cheang who passed dispatch training; Anel Vargas starting dispatch training and Juan
285 Flores who passed his EMT practical. Thank you Kurt Vetter, Sally Staszak, Tim Quigley and
286 Ferd Neumann for doing extra shifts and to everyone who shows up for their shift and also to
287 everyone who came out to do backup calls.

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289 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo**

290 No report.

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293 Thursdays are going well. Thank you to everyone for coming out and assisting with back up
294 calls. I need help on the 1500 hour shift.

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296 **Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis:**

297 Saturdays have been going well. Unfortunately since the last GMM Saturdays have had five 24s.
298 The night of our dinner gave us three 24s despite having two full crews plus ALS provided by
299 Commack Ambulance. Unfortunately last Saturday also produced two 24s. I need help on the
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301 being nice enough to stay from 15:00-23:00 the night of the dinner, I'm sure we would have had
302 many more 24s. In particular I would like to thank Tom and Judy Hogan, Debbie Rudilosso,
303 Donna Gurtowski, Ona Mastroianni, and Chelsea Miller. I must thank Kyle Rudden for going
304 above and beyond the night of our dinner, Kyle stayed to dispatch from 15:00 – 07:00 (totaling
305 16 hours). As always I need to thank Rich Stein, Dale Bartolomeo, and Joe Grant for coming in
306 every Saturday and staying for multiple shifts. Please everyone keep your pagers on and listen up
307 for back up calls.

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310 **Chief Palmieri Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:**

311 Kevin Brenner – 10 years

312 Anne Gabriel – 15 years

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315 **Delegate Reports:**

316 **Andrea Golinsky:**

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- Thanks to everyone one that came out and supported the Post and FSL on Saturday, we collected about 8,000 pounds of food. Roger congratulated the Post on a job well done.

ALS – Alyssa Axelrod

As of March 1st, Toradol, a non-narcotic pain reliever, is being carried on all rigs. Toradol is approved as a medical control option under the ALS Pain Relief protocol. One 30mg vial is stocked in the zippered pouch of each primary and backup medication compartment.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Installation Dinner

From all the feedback I have received, I believe everyone enjoyed the Watermill. I have started in getting proposals for next year and it looks like the date will be Sat., Feb. 25, 2012. This event cannot be done without the assistance of a lot of people – My biggest thanks go out to Tony Cruz who took over the job as photographer at last minute due to a scheduling error with our booked photographer. I would also like to thank Ann Maloney and Stephanie Caracciolo for their assistance with the flowers and plaques, Christine Blackwell for ordering the plaques, Mary Jane Woznick for gathering the following people who helped sign everyone in: Mary Jane Woznick, Reina Gomez, Cecelia Renderos, Sue Otto, Trish Reciniello, Leslie Wissner, Karen Martin, Sue Martin, Stephanie Caracciolo, Nancy Eckhardt, Jill Decker, Adriana Dovi, Crystal Mueller, Jody Kavanagh, Bob Loysch, Melissa Anastos, Fran Vasta. Thanks all again.

St. Patrick's Parade Dinner

Once again these events don't just happen. On Friday night the Corned Beef gets cooked all 80lbs, the Bread gets baked all 12 Loaves. Then on Saturday, the meat gets sliced, cabbage sliced, potatoes and carrots cleaned. Then on Sunday, everything needs to be cooked and the room needs to be setup. Thanks to Chief David Mohr, Lisa Mohr, President Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Israel Cortes, Vinny Maltese and Donna Smith for all your help in making this a great event.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please be advised that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April _____. Signup sheet will be posted in the ready room. Please note that the time has been changed to 10am to

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Noon. If you have any further questions or would like to assist, please contact Ann Maloney who is the coordinator for this event. (date is April 16th)

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

SOP's/By-Laws – David Mohr is the new Chairperson of the committee. If anybody is interested in being part of this committee please contact David.

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

Monument and Sign – John Palmieri – Zoning Board of appeals approved the variance and we are looking to proceed with the project.

Old Business

None

New Business

Future events etc.

5/15 Sunday – EMS Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln

5/16 – Mets vs. Marlins. See signup sheet. Two buses donated by Paul Mori.

P215 training – 1st and 3rd Saturday 2 to 4 PM

All members should attend funeral services of a member even if you do not know the member.

It was determined that no quorum was present to continue a formal meeting.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Griesel-Eckhardt, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Stiles and David Mohr. Setup committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

1. Oxala Plant – Mary Winter
2. Oxala Plant – Ferd Neumann
3. Oxala Plant – Annette Hershkowitz
4. Oxala Plant – Megan Davis
5. Cheesecake Factory Charitable Donation – Dale Bartolomeo
6. Subway Gift Card – Kelly Murphy

See the proposed By-Laws amendments read for the first time and SOP changes read & discussed at meeting below.

Motion by Bernie Hershkowitz and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 2230 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft sent to members: March 29, 2011

Approved: April 11, 2011

Proposed SOP Change 01-2011

Proposal:

To add a section in the SOP's for the Uniform Code.

Background/Justification:

Article XI, Section 2 of the By-Laws state in part that "The Uniform Code shall be considered a part of the Standard Operating Procedures." Accordingly, the following SOP change is proposed.

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

Add the following to Paragraph II – Operational Member Guidelines:

D. Uniform Code

1. The Uniform Code will describe the uniform to be worn on duty, or at other Squad functions, including items that are required and those optional items that are authorized.

Proposed SOP Change 02-2011

Proposal:

To add the wearing of Emergency Protection Gear (EPG).

Background/Justification:

Chief's Order 2011-02 specifies when EPG should be worn. Paragraph (I), (A), (6) of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) provides that the Chief may issue a Chief's Order for a period of four month during which time they must propose a change to the appropriate document.

During 2008 the Operational Officers and the Board of Directors approved the purchase of EPG for the protection of the riding membership. Guidelines have been distributed for when EPG should be worn and those guidelines have been review and the following SOP addition is proposed.

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

Add the following to Paragraph II – Operational Member Guidelines:

D. Uniform Code

2. Emergency Protection Gear (EPG)

- 502 a. EPG is extra uniform protection for the membership and should be worn to all motor
503 vehicle accidents, all fire stand-bys and all industrial site injury calls.
504 b. EPG must be worn at the direction of the Crewleader or Officer in charge at any
505 scene deemed a potential threat to a crewmembers protection where EPG would help
506 prevent/reduce such threat.
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509 **Proposed SOP Change**
510 **03-2011**

511 **Proposal:**

512 To move the Transport and Stand-bys section of the SOP's out of paragraph IV – Crewleader
513 Responsibilities and in to paragraph VI – Emergency Calls and adjust all paragraph lettering
514 affected.
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516 **Background/Justification:**

517 Transports and Stand-bus are a form of emergency call and require the Chiefs approval to
518 commence. Therefore, they are not the responsibility of the crewleader. There is no change to
519 the wording of either of the paragraphs.
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521 **Change (additions are in underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):**

522 **IV. Crewmember Responsibilities – Crewleader**
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524 **~~E. Transports:~~**
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526 ~~Transports will only be considered in extremely unusual circumstances. Transports require the~~
527 ~~approval of the Chief or his designee and of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services,~~
528 ~~Division of Emergency Medical Services.~~
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531 **~~F. E. Patient Transport By Helicopter:~~**
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533 The decision to transport by helicopter is made by the Squad member in charge of the scene in
534 coordination with the on-scene Police Officer(s). This request is generally made to the county by
535 the Police on scene. If there is no Police yet on scene the request should be made to Med-com.
536 The LZ (landing zone) location is selected by the Police Department on scene in coordination
537 with the Squad member in charge of the scene. The Squad member in charge must notify our
538 dispatcher of the helicopter transport and the LZ, and the dispatcher is to immediately notify the
539 appropriate Fire Department.
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541 When approaching a helicopter pick-up point:

- 542 a. Stay outside the 100' perimeter.
543 b. Turn off emergency lights, floods etc., so that the helicopter can land without distraction.
544 c. Do not approach the helicopter until directed to do so by the pilot.
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547 **~~G. Stand-bys:~~**

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~~All requests for stand-bys must be made to the Chief who will determine if the Stand-by committee should attempt to fill the request or deny it. If the request is denied the Stand-by chair will notify the requester immediately.~~

~~The Stand-by Committee Chair will make every attempt to obtain a crew for all approved requests (including phone calls, mass e-mails, sign-up sheets, etc.). A sign-up sheet will be put up in the appropriate area of the ready room within 3 days of the Stand-by Chairs receipt of the approved request. If the stand-by cannot be filled within two weeks of the event the Stand-by Chair will notify the requester that we have been unable to obtain the necessary personnel.~~

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

H. E. Acting Crewleader:

VI – Emergency Calls

J. Transports:

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

K. Stand-bys:

All requests for stand-bys must be made to the Chief who will determine if the Stand-by committee should attempt to fill the request or deny it. If the request is denied the Stand-by chair will notify the requester immediately.

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

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

Proposed SOP Change 04-2011

Proposal:

To define how to respond to a fire stand-by.

Background/Justification:

Chief's Order 2011-01 describes what should be done during a fire stand-by. Paragraph (I), (A), (6) of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) provides that the Chief may issue a Chief's Order for a period of four month during which time they must propose a change to the appropriate document.

Fire stand-bys are a unique type of emergency that we respond to that involves multiple agencies; they can have multiple patients and can change at a moment's notice. This proposal define how to respond, what equipment should respond and protocols should be initiated during this type of call.

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

VI. Emergency Calls

L. Fire Stand-bys

Fire Stand-bys are a unique type of emergency call that involves multiple agencies, can have multiple patients, including fire department personnel, and a scene that can change at a moments notice. Upon receipt of a fire stand-by call the following should be done.

1. The Dispatcher should send two (2) ambulances to the scene. The first arriving ambulance will be a non-transporting, command ambulance until an Officer arrives on scene and takes over command of the scene, at which time the Officer in Charge will determine if the first arriving ambulance will continue to be a non-transporting, command ambulance.
2. As always, the highest-ranking officer on scene is in charge. In the absence of an officer, the first arriving Crewleader is in charge.
3. 2-15-25 (MCI Vehicle) is only to be sent when staffing permit or upon request by the Officer in Charge, but only after two (2) ambulances have been dispatched.
4. Switch all communications for the stand-by to F-2.
5. Utilize the SMART triage system for multiple patients.
6. Initiate Suffolk County EMS Fore Rehabilitation protocol.
7. Identify the need for additional resources.
 - a. Additional ambulances from surrounding departments.
 - b. Suffolk County Coordinator.
 - c. Suffolk County for misting fans.
 - d. Dispatchers should try and obtain a second dispatcher.
8. Notify the Day Captain.

**Proposed SOP Change
05-2011**

Proposal:

To identify the SOP headings with Articles and Sections as with the By-Laws.

Background/Justification:

The topic headings and paragraphs of the By-Laws are identified by Articles and Sections. This provides for easy identification of a section of the document. This will move to standardize the Squads governing documents.

640 Change (additions are in underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):
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All sub-paragraphs will also be adjusted accordingly.

Motion by Martha Brenner and seconded by Elizabeth Steenson to dispense with the reading of the detail changes of 05-2011. Motion carried.

Proposed SOP Change 06-2011

Proposal:

To incorporate the LOSAP Point System in to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

To centralize and consolidate all governing documents of the Squad in to the SOP's.

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

Article X – Policies

Section I - Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Point System

A. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish the required point system for the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) in compliance with New York State general municipal law Article II AA, as amended to include Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

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B. Requirements

In order to earn a year of credited service, a Member must earn a minimum of fifty (50) points through that calendar year from the various categories as specified in Section III. Participation in LOSAP is voluntary.

C. Point Categories

1. Training Courses – Twenty-five (25) points maximum

- a. For a course of less than twenty (20) hours in duration – one (1) point per hour with a maximum of five (5) points.
- b. For a course of twenty (20) to forty-five (45) hours in duration – five (5) points for the initial twenty (20) hours and one (1) point for each hour over the initial twenty (20) hours with a combined maximum of ten (10) points.
- c. For a course greater than forty-five (45) hours – fifteen (15) points.
- d. Points will be earned for any course approved by HCFAS. The member must successfully complete all of the course requirements as evidenced by being issued a card or certificate of completion. Points will be awarded in the calendar year of course completion.
- e. Non-compensated instructors may receive points for courses they teach based on the course length (hours) as described above.

2. Drills and Seminars – Twenty (20) points maximum

- a. One (1) point per drill or seminar.
- b. HCFAS sponsored or co-sponsored drill or seminar with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- c. Monthly review trainings.
- d. A drill or seminar must be a minimum of two (2) hours in length.
- e. A drill is a skills practice or training and a seminar is a lecture, both of which must relate to emergency medical services.

3. Stand-by or Sleep in shift – Twenty (20) points maximum

- a. For a regularly scheduled duty tour, four (4) hours, between 0700 hours and 2300 hours, one (1) point per duty tour. (Stand-by)
- b. For a regularly scheduled overnight tour, eight (8) hours, between 2300 hours and 0700 hours, one (1) point per duty tour. (Sleep in)
- c. Non-Op duty tour of four (4) hours will be considered a regularly scheduled duty tour. (Stand-by)

4. Elected or Appointed Positions - Twenty-five (25) points maximum

- a. For the completion of a one (1) year term for an elected or appointed position
 - i. All members of the Board of Directors and Operational Officers, twenty-five (25) points.
 - ii. All Committee Chairs or Delegates, fifteen (15) points.
 - iii. All Committee Co-Chairs or Delegates, ten (10) points.

5. Attendance at Meetings – Twenty (20) points maximum

- a. For attending any official meeting of HCFAS, One (1) point per meeting.
- b. Meetings include:
 - i. Monthly General Membership meetings

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- ii. Board of Directors meetings
 - iii. Operational Officers meetings
 - iv. Officially recognized Committee meetings
 - v. Officially recognized Emergency Services meetings
6. Participation in Ambulance Company Responses – Twenty-five (25) points maximum
- a. Members shall be granted one-half (1/2) point per company response for which they are a participant. Any run number is considered a company response.
7. Miscellaneous Activities – Fifteen (15) points maximum
- a. Participation in Inspections and other activities covered by the Volunteer Ambulance Worker's Benefit Law, and not otherwise listed, one (1) point per event.
 - b. Events include:
 - i. Inspections
 - ii. Parades
 - iii. Funerals
 - iv. Work Details
 - v. Public/Community Relations Committee presentations

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Mary Winter to dispense with the reading of the LOSAP point system. Unanimous.

Proposed SOP Change 07-2011

Proposal:

To incorporate the Purchase Policy in to the SOP's.

Background/Justification:

To centralize and consolidate all governing documents of the Squad in to the SOP's

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

Article X – Policies

Section 2 – Purchasing Policy

Copy of PPP is in the Ready Room

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to dispense with the reading of the PPP. Unanimous

Proposed SOP Change 08-2011

Proposal:

To clarify the use of a First Responder Vehicle (FRV) en route to the hospital.

Background/Justification:

There have been multiple reports of FRV's following an ambulance code 3 to the hospital. This practice increases the risk of an accident or injury to Squad members and the general public. If it is necessary to have the individual in the FRV respond with the ambulance to the hospital they should be in the ambulance, not the FRV.

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

Article V - Crewmember Responsibilities -- Other Crew Members:

C. Drivers and First Responder Drivers:

7. Non-Ambulance Vehicles Policy and Procedures:

b. First Responder Vehicles

5. At no time should these vehicles follow an ambulance to the hospital in emergency mode (lights & sirens). If it is necessary to have the individual in the vehicle with the ambulance to the hospital they should be in the ambulance. These vehicles may proceed to the hospital in a non-emergency mode.

**Proposed SOP Change
09-2011**

Proposal:

To incorporate the Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination, Anti-Retaliation Policy in to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

To centralize and consolidate all governing documents of the Squad in to the SOP's

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

Article X - Policies

Section 3 – Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination, Anti-Retaliation Policy

Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. is committed to providing a volunteer and work environment free from harassment or discrimination, where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. To achieve this goal, we must treat each other and workers with whom we share space in a professional and respectful manner at all times. Every individual has the right to volunteer and work in an atmosphere that promotes equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices of any kind, including harassment. It is important for every member and employee to understand that our Squad has zero-tolerance for harassment or discrimination based on sex, race, creed, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.

Just as we are committed to providing a volunteer environment or workplace that is free from

harassment or discrimination, we prohibit harassment or discrimination against a patient, vendor or anyone else who does business or interacts with our Squad. Like your fellow members and squad employees, members of the public should be treated politely, and should not be subjected to harassment or discrimination (such as the denial of service).

A. Examples of Prohibited Behavior

1. Sexual Harassment - While it is difficult to define sexual harassment, it certainly includes, but is not limited to, unwanted sexual advances or requests for sexual favors; sexual jokes and innuendo; verbal abuse of sexual nature; commentary about an individual's body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies; leering; catcalling; touching; insulting or obscene comments or gestures; display or circulation in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures (including e-mail); and, other physical, verbal or visual conduct of a sexual nature. This policy also prohibits harassment not involving sexual activity or language, such as behavior aimed at an individual simply based on his or her sex.
2. Harassment or Discrimination Based on Any Other Protected Characteristic also is prohibited. We prohibit harassment or discrimination, both verbal and physical, that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his/her race, creed, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law. We will not permit conduct that has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive volunteer or work environment; which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance, or which otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities or, if a member of the public, which adversely affects their use of our services or interaction with us.

Prohibited harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to: epithets, slurs or negative stereotyping, threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes and display or circulation in the workplace of written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group (including e-mail).

These policies apply to all member and employees, regardless of position. They prohibit harassment, discrimination, and retaliation whether engaged in by fellow members or employees, by a supervisor or manager or by someone not directly connected to the squad (e.g. an outside vendor, consultant or customer).

Conduct prohibited by these policies is unacceptable in the volunteer environment or workplace and in any volunteer or work-related setting including, but not limited to, while on calls, attending classes and other activities outside the immediate volunteer environment or workplace, such as during conventions, Squad meetings and Squad-related social events.

3. Retaliation is Prohibited - The Squad prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports harassment or discrimination or who participates in an investigation of such a report. Retaliation against an individual for reporting harassment or discrimination or for participating in an investigation of a claim of harassment or discrimination is a serious

violation of these policies. Retaliation, like harassment or discrimination itself, will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of membership or employment.

4. Reporting an Incident of Harassment, Discrimination or Retaliation - The Squad strongly urges that all incidents of harassment, discrimination or retaliation, regardless of the offender's identity or position be reported immediately. Individuals who believe they have experienced conduct that they believe may violate this policy or who have concerns about any conduct, should file their complaints with their immediate supervisor or with the Chief before the conduct becomes severe or pervasive.

Individuals should not feel obligated to file their complaints with their immediate supervisor before bringing the matter to the attention of the Chief. Individuals who are uncomfortable, for any reason, about bringing a claim to their supervisor or the Chief may contact the Squad President. Anyone who makes a complaint to a supervisor or other individual and does not receive a prompt and satisfactory reply within three (3) business days, or who requires immediate assistance should contact the attorneys for the Squad, **Glynn and Mercep, LLP (631) 751-5757** who are authorized to intervene to see that appropriate action is taken to identify and remedy the behavior.

If you make an Harassment or Discrimination claim against a fellow member of the Squad, the Squad or its Officers and you have not followed these procedures and have not given notice to the Squad's attorneys, your failure to do so may, depending on the circumstances, give rise to an inference adverse to your claim.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

Members, Employees and others who have experienced conduct that they believe is contrary to these policies have an obligation to take advantage of this complaint procedure. Failure to fulfill this obligation by addressing the problem promptly with us could affect his/her legal rights.

Early reporting and intervention have proven to be the most effective method of resolving actual or perceived incidents of harassment. Therefore, we strongly urge that prompt reporting of complaints or concerns so that rapid and constructive action can be taken. The Squad will make every effort to stop alleged harassment or discrimination before it becomes severe or pervasive. We can only do so with the cooperation of our members and employees (or anyone else who wishes to make a complaint).

The availability of this complaint procedure does not preclude individuals who believe they are being subjected to harassing or discriminating conduct from promptly advising the offender that his/her behavior is unwelcome and requesting that it be discontinued.

B. The Investigation

Reporting allegations of harassment, discrimination or retaliation will be investigated promptly, thoroughly and impartially. The investigation may include interviews with the

people involved and, where necessary, with individuals who may have observed the alleged conduct or may have other relevant knowledge.

Confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigation to the extent consistent with adequate investigation and appropriate corrective action.

C. Responsive Action

Misconduct involving harassment, discrimination or retaliation will be dealt with promptly and appropriately. Responsive action may include, for example, corrective counseling and/or training; referral to counseling; monitoring of the offender's interactions with complainant or others; and/or disciplinary action as the Squad believes appropriate under the circumstances up to and including termination of membership and/or employment.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Sally Staszak to dispense with the reading of the Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination, Anti-Retaliation Policy. Unanimous

**Proposed SOP Change
10-2011**

Proposal:

To clarify the approval process of Company 8 requests by the Operational Officers.

Background/Justification:

The current SOP's has the request being reviewed and discussed by the Officers and the member being informed of the results of the Officer's meeting. They do not indicate who approves the request.

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

Article II, Section B, Paragraph 9 - Company 8

The purpose of Company 8 is to enable a member of HCFAS who can no longer maintain a regularly scheduled duty tour to continue their active, operational membership in HCFAS. To request Company 8, a Shift Change Request Form(#138) stating the reason(s) for requesting Company 8 status must be submitted to the Chief, with a copy to the First Deputy and the current Day Captain. Documentation supporting the request (i.e., letter from employer, school transcripts) must accompany the form. The request will be reviewed, ~~and discussed~~ and voted on at the next scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will continue on his regularly scheduled shift, or obtain a replacement of equal or higher status, pending the results of the Officer's meeting. Members requesting Company 8 must be in good standing, be a First Aider or higher in status or a Permanent Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and meet one (1) of the following criteria:

**Proposed SOP Change
11-2011**

Proposal:

To update Good & Welfare allowable limits

Background/Justification:

To update the Good & Welfare section of the SOP's

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

Section IX – Protocols

Paragraph E, 2. Good & Welfare Committee Guidelines:

a. In the event of the death of a Squad member, we shall send a wreath of red, white and blue flowers with a blue ribbon bearing the letters HCFAS and the Squad emblem in the center bearing the deceased member's Squad membership number.

Cost guideline in ~~2005~~ 2011: up to \$250.

b. Death of a Squad member's spouse or child: flowers to be sent to the Funeral Home. Cost guideline in ~~1999~~ 2011: up to \$100.

c. Death of a Squad member's parent, step-parent or guardian living in the immediate area: flowers to be sent to the Funeral Home. Cost guideline in ~~1999~~ 2011: up to \$75.

d. Death of a Squad member's parent, step parent or guardian living out of the area: flowers to be sent to the Funeral Home ~~via FTD~~. Cost guideline in ~~1999~~ 2011: up to \$65 plus ~~FTD delivery costs, expenses not to exceed \$85~~. If the funeral has taken place before flowers can reach the area, then either flowers or a fruit basket will be given to the member upon his return home.

e. Death of a member's immediate Grandparent or sibling: Squad will acknowledge with a sympathy card.

f. Death of a Charter member, Associate member, or former member: Squad will acknowledge with a sympathy card.

g. Birth of a child: flowers or fruit are sent for the parents in accordance with hospitalization criteria listed below plus a \$50 check for each baby.

h. If a member is hospitalized (either admitted or ambulatory): flowers, a plant, or a fruit basket is sent for each occurrence after a time frame of 4 weeks has passed since HCFAS last delivery to the member. Cost guideline in ~~1999~~ 2011: up to ~~\$50~~ \$65.

i. If a member's spouse is hospitalized: flower, ~~or~~ a plant or a fruit basket is sent for each occurrence after a time frame of 4 weeks has passed since HCFAS last delivery to the spouse. Cost guideline in ~~2005~~ 2011: up to ~~\$40~~ \$60.

j. For children living in the same house as a member who are hospitalized: flowers

or something similar are to be sent to the hospital for each occurrence after a time frame of 4 weeks has passed since HCFAS last delivery to the child. Cost guideline in ~~2005~~ 2011: up to \$40 \$60.

k. Any Squad member getting married receives \$100. If two Squad members marry each other, the couple receives \$200.

l. Price guidelines may be adjusted each year by the Board of Directors.

Proposed SOP Change 12-2011

Proposal:

To in-cooperate the Telephone & Video Policy in to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

This policy allows for the telephoning and video conferencing of meetings.

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

Article X – Policies

Section 4 - Telephone & Video Conference Policy

A. INTRODUCTION:

This document outlines the HCFAS policy and recommended procedures for the use of telephone communications and video conferencing for attendance at meetings. This policy applies to HCFAS Board of Directors and Operational Officer meetings for Directors and Officers who desire to establish telephone or video conferencing capabilities regardless of physical location. Telephone conferencing is based on a telephone connection from two or more locations. Video Conferencing is based on telecommunication technology connecting two or more locations over a computer network, with cameras, monitors/TV's and microphones at each end. Once the telephone or video conference is scheduled and connected, the people at each end possess the ability to hear and/or see each other in a totally interactive audio/visual experience.

By establishing this policy HCFAS will have more effective internal control in meetings that participate from sites outside. The necessary quorum needs to be physically present at HCFAS in order for a Directors' meeting to take place when a hearing is scheduled. The purpose of this policy is to assist those unable to attend the meeting due to constraints such as vacations, conferences, business trips, and recovery from an illness or injury, to participate in meetings.

Any recording of the meeting by a Director/Officer will be a violation of this policy subjecting the Director/Officer to expulsion.

B. SCHEDULING PROCEDURES:

The President will be notified that a Director will be attending the meeting remotely. At least a 24 hour notice should be given since telephone and video conference equipment is limited.

To schedule a telephone or video conference, the remote access user is responsible to make all the proper arrangements and notify the President. The Director must contact a willing Director that will be present at the meeting. An agreement will be reached to assist in providing remote access to the meeting. Prior to the meeting all arrangements will be made between Directors.

C. EQUIPMENT:

Directors are responsible for HCFAS laptops and video equipment.

HCFAS currently provides Directors with laptops and cellular phones with speakerphone capabilities. This HCFAS provided equipment will be utilized for conferencing. Directors should have their HCFAS provided equipment in the building at the time Board meetings are scheduled to take place. Prior arrangements should always be made between Directors, but last minute unforeseen circumstances may arise and the HCFAS equipment in the building will be utilized.

- i. An Administrator of the technology committee will download the Skype program on HCFAS Directors' laptops.
- ii. At the time this policy is approved video conferencing equipment to cover two (2) HCFAS computers will be provided. One camera will be kept in the President's office; the second camera will be kept in the Directors' office.
- iii. If all video equipment is utilized, then telephone conferencing will take place on HCFAS telephones and issued cellular telephones.
- iv. Future Directors' laptop purchases will have internal webcams.
- v. No equipment will be provided to any member for outside use who is not a Director.
- vi. Directors using video equipment outside of the building will notify the President.
- vii. All new requests for purchasing of equipment must be approved by the Board of Directors and be in accordance with HCFAS's Purchasing Policy and Procedures (PPP).

D. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- i. The Director in attendance at headquarters will ensure that all video equipment is secured to prevent injury to attendees or damage to equipment.
- ii. Once the telephone or video conference is scheduled and the President has been notified, the users must contact any additional personnel to obtain equipment for their use. This inquiry should be made in advance to ensure equipment availability.
- iii. Each Director is responsible for their equipment setup at their location.
- iv. The Director will conduct audio and video checks to ensure proper operation. Telephone conferences should be initiated 5 minutes prior to the meeting. All

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- 1088 participating cameras should be on 10 minutes prior to the meeting start time for
1089 audio and visual checks.
- 1090 v. A meeting will not be delayed due to conferencing unless the President determines
1091 otherwise.
- 1092 vi. Each Director will be introduced at the start of a meeting by the President.
- 1093 vii. Minutes will reflect each Director's participation via telephone or video conference.
- 1094 viii. The Director requesting the conferencing must pay all additional costs incurred such
1095 as remote room use fees, scheduling fees, line and long distance charges.
- 1096 ix. All telephone and video conference calls to HCFAS must originate from the remote
1097 location.
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1099 All Directors have a basic right to privacy and confidentiality in the use of the telephone and
1100 video conferencing service. The remote video conference location participants must adhere to
1101 the following while in a meeting session:

- 1102 i. A secluded room that does not have heavy traffic flow.
- 1103 ii. Each Director at a remote location will be introduced at the start of the meeting.
- 1104 iii. Any HCFAS member who is eligible to attend a Board of Director's meeting may do
1105 so if they are with a Director. The Director will introduce each HCFAS member in
1106 attendance.
- 1107 iv. All those present in the room or within hearing distance as a meeting is taking place
1108 will be disclosed. Each HCFAS member will be listed in the minutes as a guest of the
1109 meeting via telephone or video conferencing.
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1111 A Director attending electronically is the same as one who is physically present. A Director's
1112 vote counts whether in executive session or in open session. Voting by ballot will include a
1113 Director attending by telephone or video conferencing. The Director who is not physically
1114 present may:

- 1115 i. Recuses themselves from the vote
- 1116 ii. Designate another HCFAS member to submit a ballot with their vote
- 1117 iii. Place their vote to the Secretary via a private telephone conversation
- 1118 iv. Or written electronically to be received immediately by the Secretary
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1120 In executive session, the Director attending by telephone or video conference should exclude
1121 anyone else, including a member spouse who is not also a Director. A Director in a remote
1122 location understands that during **executive session** no one who would not be permitted to attend
1123 the executive session should be present, with the reasonable exception of an independent, third
1124 party professional technician needed to facilitate the communication. Unanimous approval of all
1125 executive session participants is needed for the technician. If anyone enters the room or is within
1126 hearing distance, it will be immediately disclosed to all meeting participants.

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1128 Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to dispense with the reading of the
1129 Telephone & Video Conference Policy. Unanimous.

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Proposed SOP Change 13-2011

Proposal:

To amend the SOP's to eliminate the need of being an EMT to be a Driver.

Background/Justification:

NYS only requires one EMT to be on an ambulance. This will increase the number of members who are eligible to become Drivers, which in turn may decrease the number of calls we have to mutual aid to other districts, who then respond with only one EMT on board the ambulance.

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

Article V.

Section C. Drivers and First Responder Drivers:

All members applying for Driver Training must be 21 years of age a First Aider and be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws ~~hold a valid EMT certification or equivalent.~~ ~~Applicants solely for First Responder Driver must also be a Crewleader.~~ Drivers are responsible for the safe operation of the vehicles. They are responsible for checking out the vehicles at the beginning of the shift and completing the Driver Checkout Sheet. Day Captains and the Third Deputy Chief are to be notified if there are any vehicle problems. The following are Driver responsibilities:

Proposed SOP Change 14-2011

Proposal:

To remove the requirement of having to be a First Aider for six month before being able to become an Acting Crewleader.

Background/Justification:

This will provide flexibility to the Second Deputy Chief to have people become Acting Crewleaders who are qualified and ready to enter the program.

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

IV. Crewmember Responsibilities -- Crewleader

H. Acting Crewleader:

1. Must be a First Aider ~~for a minimum of 6 months (except in special situations)~~ and must currently be an EMT or equivalent.
2. Will be scheduled by the Day Captains to ride as Acting Crewleader and will assume all Crewleader responsibilities under the direction of an experienced Crewleader.

- 1176 3. It will be at the recommendation of the Crewleader's and the Day Captain that the
1177 Acting Crewleader's records will be brought to the officers and the Acting Crewleader's
1178 advancement will be voted on.
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Proposed By-Law Change 01-2011

Proposal:

To add Operational Officer meetings.

Background/Justification:

Article VI outlines the type and frequency of the different types of meetings of the organization, but does not include the meetings of the Operational Officers.

Article VI, Section 5 – Minutes, references the minutes of the Operational Officers.

Article VIII – defines the quorums of the different types of meetings of the organization.

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

Article VI

Section 2 – Meetings of the Operational Officers

The Operational Officers shall meet at least once each month, at a time and place designated by the Chief.

Article VI

Section ~~2~~ 3 – Meetings, General Membership

Section ~~3~~ 4 – Annual Meetings

Section ~~4~~ 5 – Special Meetings

Section ~~5~~ 6 – Minutes

Section ~~6~~ 7 – Order of Business

Article VIII

Section 2 – Operational Officers – Quorum

A quorum for the Operational Officers shall consist of seven members of the Operational Officers.

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Article VIII

Section 2 3 – General Meetings – Quorum

Section 3 4 – Special Meetings – Quorum

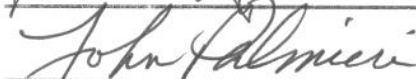
Proposers

Brian Canty



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John Palmieri



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Chris Winter



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Proposed By-Law Change 02-2011

Proposal:

To amend the By-Laws to eliminate the need of being an EMT to be a Driver.

Background/Justification:

NYS only requires one EMT to be on an ambulance. This will increase the number of members who are eligible to become Drivers, which in turn may decrease the number of calls we have to mutual aid to other districts, who then respond with only one EMT on board the ambulance.

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

ARTICLE II

SECTION 17 - DRIVERS

Drivers shall be certified by the First Deputy Squad Chief. The driver for a particular shift will be appointed by the appropriate Captain, or in his absence, by the Crewleader. The Chief and the Board of Directors will have veto power over the certification of any member as a driver. To be certified as a driver, a member must be 21 years of age and possess, as a minimum, a valid New York State Class D Drivers License (or equivalent), be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws, and be a First Aider a valid New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) certification.

~~A driver must maintain both of these qualifications to retain active driving status. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows:~~

- ~~1. Those drivers who were qualified drivers, holding only an American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card, prior to May 18, 1981. These drivers may continue as active drivers as long as they are properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws.~~

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2. Any current driver whose EMT or higher certification has expired but is currently enrolled in an EMT or higher refresher course shall have 90 days from the expiration of his EMT or higher certification to receive his new certification before he loses his driving privileges.
3. Any member properly certified per Article I section 3b of the By-Laws who is a First Aider and currently enrolled in an EMT class may apply for the driver training program. This member shall remain a probationary driver until he completes the class and receives his certification. If the member fails to complete the EMT certification he will be removed from driving. This exception may be exercised only once within a two-year period.

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Proposers

Chris Winter 897
Joseph Palmieri 499
Michele Miller 1072

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: April 11, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	ABSENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Jerry Giacomini reported to the President that 65 eligible members had signed in which meets the required quorum of 50 members.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Norma Signorelli – prayers are needed and calls welcome.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030 mother, Christopher Mallilo's #1234 grandmother, is very ill, continued prayers are needed.
- Janet Zapata #1203 was hospitalized, surgery, she is home now calls and get well wishes are welcome.

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- Chris Mallilo #1234, get well wishes are needed.
- Carl Schramm #997, get well wishes, injury to hand.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Robert John Maltese (2 ½ months old), Grandson of Donna Maltese # 1151, Uncle Vincent Maltese # 1262, & Aunt Aileen Maltese, Explorer Post 215 Member.
- Lehti Laas – Passing of an Uncle
- Phil Orlando - Passing of his Father in Law
- Sue Otto - Passing of her Grandmother

Announcements / Presentations:

- Margaret “Betty” Stephenson’s #22, Boot Mounted by David Mohr for display with explanation.
- American Flag mounted for display – Veterans’ Wreath Ceremony, Veterans Plaza, Sunday November 7, 2010 – HCFAS Flag.
- Building Homes for Huntington Heroes – Volunteer, see notice posted. Paul Kelly
- Town of Huntington Councilwoman Susan A. Berland – Presents a proclamation to Ex Chief Dominic Heavey (Done during By Laws Amendment Vote)
- AED & Lifepak 12 demonstrations before the meeting. Thank you Michele Miller.

Motion by Jeff Brenner and seconded by Mark Cappola to change the order of the meeting so that the By-Laws committee chairperson David Mohr can read the proposed By-Laws amendments 01-2011 (Officer Meetings) and 02-2011 (Delete EMT Requirement for Drivers) for the 2nd time and for a vote to be taken on the amendments and also for a reading and discussion on SOP change 15-2011 and if applicable a presentation by Councilwoman Berland.

Unanimous

See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendments and SOP change.

Proposed By-Laws amendment (Officer Meetings) 01-2011 was read and discussed.

Secretary Franz conducted a roll call & determined that 68 eligible voting members were present and ballots were distributed, collected and counted. Councilwoman Berland made a Town of Huntington Proclamation presentation to Ex-Chief Dominic Heavey while the votes were being counted.

Ballot voting results: 56 Yes 11 No 1 Abstain. Proposed By-Laws amendment accepted.

Motion by Mary Winter and seconded by Mark Cappola to destroy the ballots.

Unanimous.

Proposed By-Laws amendment (Delete EMT Requirement for Drivers) 02-2011 was read and discussed.

A second roll call was not necessary since all 68 eligible voters remained in the room - ballots were distributed, collected and counted.

Ballot voting results: 25 Yes 43 No. Proposed By-Laws amendment not accepted.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Karen Martin to destroy the ballots.

Motion Approved - Unanimous.

Proposed SOP Change (Insert HCFAS Conflict of Interest Policy in the SOPs) 15-2011 was read and discussed. Motion by Christine Blackwell and seconded by Karen Martin to dispense with the reading of the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Motion Approved - Unanimous.

See Proposed SOP Change 15-2011 at the end of these minutes.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Christine Blackwell to accept the March 14, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Janet Zapata – fruit basket; Casey Stone – fruit basket and Mark, Gary and Eric LaSorsa for outgoing support of love and attendance at their mom life member Jane's wake.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- The Board of directors passed the following SOP Changes
 - 01-2011 – to add a section in the SOP's for the Uniform Code
 - 02-2011 – to add the wearing of Emergency Protection Gear (EPG)
 - 03-2011 – to move the Transport and Stand-bys section of the SOP's out of paragraph IV – Crewleader Responsibilities and in to paragraph VI – Emergency Calls and adjust all paragraph lettering affected.
 - 04-2011 – to define how to respond to a fire stand-by.
 - 05-2011 – to identify the SOP headings with Articles and Sections as with the By-Laws.
 - 07-2011 – to incorporate the purchase Policy in to the SOP's. (6-2)
 - 08-2011 – to clarify the use of the First Responder Vehicle (FRV) en route to the hospital.
 - 09-2011 – to incorporate the Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination Policy in to the SOP's.
 - 10-2011 – to clarify the approval process of Company 8 requests by the Operational Officers.
 - 11-2011 – to upgrade Good & Welfare allowable limits.
 - 14-2011 – to remove the requirement of having to be a First Aider for six months before being able to become an Active Crewleader.
- Room use for CME classes
- Firefighter Cancer Support Network – sign at golf tournament.

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- Physio-Control, Inc. Technical Service Support Agreement.
- General Meeting Room Request Dominic Heavey # 973
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt.
- Emergency Repair of Stand-by Emergency Generator

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

HCAD Funds (the money we get from the town)
Revenue \$868,531 (we received our 1/2 tax payment)
Expenses \$268,171.28

The majority of the expenses were Building, Utilities, Installation Dinner and Bond Interest.

HCFAS Funds
Revenue \$21,963.47
Expenses \$23,365.87

Most of the expense was to send out the fund drive.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Being the Chief has a perk that most people aren't aware of. I get to say what I feel needs to be said, and for the most part, be listened to. And I am going to do that tonight. I am supported not only by the Officers who are always working to better the way that we respond, but also by the President, who goes out of his way to make me a success.

I am a very lucky guy, not just at raffles, but also because I beat leukemia three years ago, which allowed me time to run for Chief. As Chief, I get to deal with everyone. And everyone ASTOUNDS me. I had to deal with a citizen who complained about some of our members' driving procedures. After an investigation, talking and working with these people, I am proud to have them as fellow members. True, they screwed up, but they were professional about it, they accepted the criticism and were willing to work with Chris to make them better drivers. We will all make mistakes, but it is how we deal with them that takes us to a more dedicated and professional level. On that same note, NYC FD is having its emergency vehicles respond to non-emergency calls without lights and sirens. In emergency situations, only the first vehicle is lights and sirens, with the rest following silent. They have cut their accident rate by 32 per cent in Queens.

Tonight, we have the honor to celebrate two members on their anniversaries with the Squad. Captain Keith Rubenstein for five years and recent mom Casey Stone for fifteen years. Those time spans are an amazing commitment and stepping stones on the path that has been set by Andy Ball, Martha Brenner and others.

The enthusiasm that our younger members have to learn and to excel, combined with the great amount of experience that our seasoned members have to share, makes every shift, every call, a unique learning experience for us all.

David has come up with an idea to entice people to respond to back-up calls. For responding to a

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back-up call or for doing a back-up shift, the member will receive a certain number of chances to win a gift certificate to a restaurant. Right now, he has certificates to Outback, which I am sure Liz had a hand in getting for us. Try it, give it a shot. If you win a gift certificate, it's great. If you don't, you are still doing what you signed up for. You are aiding our community. So you and the person that you helped are winners.

Each month I stand up here and try to think who I should thank for the work that was done this past month and I am humbled by watching Mary Jane pushing her goody cart instead of her walker or by listening to Mike Barker and Nancy Courtemanche and Tomo giving a dispatch test, or by seeing Sal or Ferd going out on another back-up call, so I just want to thank you all because you all give so much in so many different ways. And it is done without fanfare. Our lives have hills and valleys, but the commitment to the Squad seems to be a constant and a place for us to rest and focus on more than just ourselves.

Chief Palmieri Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Keith Rubenstein – 5 years
- Casey Stone – 15 years

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Welcome New members:

Lupinacci, Matty	1330	3/10/2011	Tue 1500
Cruz, Minerva	1331	3/24/2011	Fri 0700
Ricco, Michael	1332	3/24/2011	Tue 0700

Response / 24 Issues:

We've compiled a list of ideas and are executing them. You will see some communication out for anything new.

A place on a board downstairs with ideas being worked on, our 24 rate and the days and times of our 24's posted is something we are trying to find space for.

Driver Training:

John Maier is heading the committee. Thank you John. He will be the point person for all driver training. He will be looking at current policies and driver safety.

Company 8

I continue to monitor hours and am managing the process.

Personnel / Data Entry

Always need your help in providing your updated cards and driver's licenses when requested.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Just some reminders:

There should not be more than 4 members on a rig (driver, crew leader and up to two first aiders in the back)

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BBP review training must be completed no later than May 15 or you will not be permitted in the building until it is completed.

If you have not completed ambulance orientation you are not allowed to ride on the ambulance. While you are dispatch training feel free to do check outs on the ambulance and get familiar so when you do enter ambulance orientation you can pass quicker.

If equipment is missing on a rig and there it is not stocked in one of the rooms please contact a day captain or someone from the BLS supply committee prior to contacting me.

If you open a BLS drug draw make sure to fill out the paper work and notify Liz even if you did not use any drugs.

WMD CME is next Saturday April 23. 0830-1230 hours.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

David distributed cards for a Prescription Discount Club that he received at the TOH Fire Chiefs Council (cards can be found on top of the member mail folder countertop).

Building:

We are looking for some help on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9:00a.

Upcoming projects are the cleaning of the bay doors, the brown stuff you see is grease, and the cleaning of the drains outside the truck room.

Recently, there has been a rash of people parking on the front ramp. Please refrain from doing this, it blocks a fire sand pipe and it is also a violation of our House Rules. This also applies to members responding for a back-up call. Please take the extra 10 seconds to park in the parking lot.

Vehicles:

As always, I want to thank all the crews that wash and keep our fleet clean, especially the Monday 1500 crew that consistently wash at least one rig a week.

A reminder to everyone that food and drinks are not permitted to be consumed in the ambulances. Recently, someone spilled soda on the center console and it ended up frying some switches. Not only did it cost us several hundred dollars to repair, but it took a vehicle off line as well.

Post 215:

The Explorers will be having a brunch on Sunday, May 1st from 11-1p, \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth under 12 and free for anyone under three.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo (Submitted Report read by VP Rich Stone)

The following passed their Dispatch Test:

1307 Jessica Diaz

1298 Venel Grimadeau

1313 Ann Schwartz

Some items that our dispatchers need to look at more closely:

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1. make sure they put their member number on the PCR to the left of the times and circle it,
2. Check the date on the PCR is accurate and the run number is correct
3. Do not use staples to attach any supporting documentation to the PCR
4. All supporting documentation needs to have the run number written on it
5. Put all EKG strips in an envelope and write the run number on the envelope as well

Thank all our members for their help it is appreciated.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Thanks to everyone who has helped out on a back up call or filled in on a shift:

Joe Grant, Dale Bartolomeo, Tim Quigley, Keith Davis, Bedel Saget, Rich Stein, Tom O'Leary, Liz Mohr, Joe Frisenda, Paul Kelly, Joe Gander and Sal Signorelli.

FYI Sal Signorelli had a radio and is available to Drive. Dispatchers - Please call him if you need a driver.

Thanks to Kristen Tiersch for helping to wash ambulances on 4/4 and 4/11.

Nice job to the 1100 crew for getting all the calls covered today.

Welcome back to Kristen Tiersch. She was on a MLOA.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Welcome to new member Matty Lupinacci #1330 on Tuesday 1500 hour shift.

Congratulations to: Ann Schwartz who passed dispatch training; Kazuo Ishikawa on achieving CL status and Kevin McCann on becoming a driver.

Thank you to all the crews for doing a great job and to all the members who came in to do shifts that are short of people every week – Thank you Kurt Vetter, Sally Staszak, Ferd Neumann, Jeff ONeill and Tom O'Leary. We have had no 24s on Tuesday the past month – Thanks to all who came out to help.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

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

I have one new member on my 0700 shift - welcome Michael Ricco. I need help for back up calls on my 1100 hour shift and my 1500 hour shift.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (submitted report read by First Deputy Chief Chris Winter)

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I'd like to introduce new members John Vasquez, and Minerva Cruz to Friday's. If you happen to see them please extend a warm welcome to HCFAS.

I am in need of additional personnel for 1100-1500, 1500-1900, and 2300-0700 on Friday's. If anyone is available please feel free utilize the website to sign up for a shift or you can always directly contact me.

In addition I would like to thank the following members for answering back up calls and filling in: Paul Kelly, Chris Evers, Mary Jane Woznick, Jeff Brenner, Martha Brenner, Liz Mohr, Kathleen Castillo, Brendan Fitts, Dale Bartolomeo, Mike Barker, Mark Cappola, Rich Rudolph, Vito Reciniello, Rich Stone, Seth Fischer, Nancy Griesel-Eckhardt, Israel Cortez, Sal Signorelli, Sally Staszak, Sheryl Burke, Keith Rubenstein, Audin Delva, and Melissa Anastos. If I missed anyone my apologies, thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Now for this month's Company 6 recognition awards: I received a very nice email from Keith Tetrault, which is partly the reason that I came up with these two monthly recognition awards. Keith had taken the time to write a very nice email in regard to the way that Jeff O'Neill had conducted himself on a very difficult MVA that preceded multiple calls, at the beginning of the month. Jeff is a new driver and Keith wanted to take the time to let me know what a great job he did as a driver in making sure that Keith had everything that he needed to efficiently expedite multiple calls. Jeff O'Neill is the *March Company 6 Provider of the Month*.

As for the *March Company 6 Crew of the Month*, that goes to my 1500-1900 Duty Crew. Included are Keith Tetrault, Jeff O'Neill, and Patricia Tufo. I want to recognize them for their efforts on March 4. They had a total of 9 calls, 5 of which they handled by themselves. Because of their hard work and ability to execute quick turnarounds, all 9 were covered. Thank you for your efforts and I applaud you for a job well done.

I hope everyone enjoys the beginning of spring and lets all stay safe out there.

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Keith Davis:

Saturdays are going well. The back up response has increased and I would like to thank all members who are doing their part to keep our 24 rate down. Aside from thanking my crew, I would to thank Chris Winter. Being a new day captain I have many questions and Chris always makes himself available. Please everyone continue to listen up, especially 1100 - 1500.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (submitted report read by First Deputy Chief Chris Winter)

Thank you everyone for helping out on Sundays. Easter is coming up and help will be needed and greatly appreciated and as the weather get warmer the drivers get more careless so remember scene safety and watch out for each other.

No Quorum, 49 members Present – informal meeting from this point to the end.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

District 7 – NYSVA&RA -The next meeting will be next Tuesday April 19 at Brentwood Legion Ambulance. A Non core CME – Allergies and Asthma will start at 7PM. Dinner will be served at 8:00 with the meeting to begin shortly thereafter. Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

Saturday April 16, the Squad will be participating in the Town of Huntington **Touch a Truck (Earth Day)** at Town Hall parking lot from 9am to 1PM.

The New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association **Legislative Day** will be May 2, 2011 in Albany. An attendance a sign up sheet will be posted shortly.

EMS Week is May 15th thru 21st

St. Hugh's Mass For EMS – Sunday morning at 10AM.

HCFAS Open House – Sunday May 15 from 1PM to 4PM.

EMS Memorial Service is Wednesday May 18 in Albany. Upon HCFAS BOD approval a list will be posted for those interested in attending.

NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2011 Educational Conference is September 22 to 25 in Albany.

The application for the Town of Huntington **Health Insurance** plan offered to volunteer EMS and FF is still a work in progress by the Town but I expect that the information will be available very shortly.

Lottery for New Homes for sale across the street – as soon as information is available, I will inform the membership.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz

SCACA Meeting is Wednesday April 20 at 8PM at Wyandanch-Wheatly Heights Ambulance. .

LOSAP 2010 Points – Bob Franz

The 2010 LOSAP Point listing has been sent to the TOH for Town Board approval.

Scholarships – Bob Franz

The **Fire Chiefs Council of the Town of Huntington Scholarship** applications must be submitted to the Chief Palmieri by April 22. Applications are on the counter above the mail folder draws. Applicants must be a dependent of the volunteer ambulance worker.

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

The SERVES Scholarship is designed as a recruitment & retention program (www.suffolkcountyny.gov – scroll down and click on SERVES Scholarship Program) or call

Tom O'Hara at FRES 631 852-4908). **The application deadline is May 1, 2011 for the Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) fall 2011 & spring 2012 semesters.**

HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline June 1st

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to four (4) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as a member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the June 2011 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of June 1st, with the appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are members or family members of members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester or the equivalent period at a vocational school. If a Post 215 member, in good standing, is enrolled in a college or post high school vocational program and meets all the other criteria, then that member is also qualified. All 2010 scholarship recipients are not eligible for the 2011 scholarship. All 2011 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year (2012). The application form is included in the Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and can be found on the counter above the mail folder draws.

NYS Income Tax Claim for Volunteer Firefighters' & Ambulance Workers' Credit for 2010 – Bob Franz

You can claim the \$200 refundable credit for 2010 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 with instructions is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any technical questions, consult your independent tax advisor.

Post 215- David Mohr

- The Explorers will be having a all you can eat brunch on Sunday, May 1st from 11-1p.
- Visit Med Com's new facility.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 from 10am to noon.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

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Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Griesel-Eckhardt, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Christy Stiles and David Mohr. Setup committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

- 1) \$15 Subway Gift Card – Keith Davis
- 2) \$15 Subway Gift Card – Carol Nucci
- 3) \$15 Bad Dawgs Gift Card – Megan Davis
- 4) \$15 Bad Dawgs Gift Card – Sheryl Roach
- 5) Bottle of wine – Monica Mulchandani
- 6) Bottle of wine – Ferd Neumann

See the proposed By-Laws Amendments and SOP change read & discussed earlier at meeting below. Voting results of the By-Laws amendments: 01-2011 accepted and 02-2011 not accepted.

Meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2220 hours since there was no quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: April 26, 2011

Approved: June 13, 2011

Proposed By-Law Change 01-2011

Proposal:

To add Operational Officer meetings.

Background/Justification:

Article VI outlines the type and frequency of the different types of meetings of the organization, but does not include the meetings of the Operational Officers.

Article VI, Section 5 – Minutes, references the minutes of the Operational Officers.

Article VIII – defines the quorums of the different types of meetings of the organization.

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

Article VI

Section 2 – Meetings of the Operational Officers

The Operational Officers shall meet at least once each month, at a time and place designated by the Chief.

Article VI

Section 2 3 – Meetings, General Membership

Section 3 4 – Annual Meetings

Section 4 5 – Special Meetings

Section 5 6 – Minutes

Section 6 7 – Order of Business

Article VIII

Section 2 – Operational Officers – Quorum

A quorum for the Operational Officers shall consist of seven members of the Operational Officers.

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Article VIII

Section 2 3 – General Meetings – Quorum

Section 3 4 – Special Meetings – Quorum

Proposers

Brian Canty



757

John Palmieri



499

Chris Winter



897

Proposed By-Law Change

02-2011

Proposal:

To amend the By-Laws to eliminate the need of being an EMT to be a Driver.

Background/Justification:

NYS only requires one EMT to be on an ambulance. This will increase the number of members who are eligible to become Drivers, which in turn may decrease the number of calls we have to mutual aid to other districts, who then respond with only one EMT on board the ambulance.

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

ARTICLE II

SECTION 17 - DRIVERS

Drivers shall be certified by the First Deputy Squad Chief. The driver for a particular shift will be appointed by the appropriate Captain, or in his absence, by the Crewleader. The Chief and the Board of Directors will have veto power over the certification of any member as a driver. To be certified as a driver, a member must be 21 years of age and possess, as a minimum, a valid New York State Class D Drivers License (or equivalent), be properly certified as per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws, and be a First Aider a valid New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) certification.

~~A driver must maintain both of these qualifications to retain active driving status. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows:~~

- ~~1. Those drivers who were qualified drivers, holding only an American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Card, prior to May 18, 1981. These drivers may continue as active drivers as long as they are properly certified per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws.~~

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2. Any current driver whose EMT or higher certification has expired but is currently enrolled in an EMT or higher refresher course shall have 90 days from the expiration of his EMT or higher certification to receive his new certification before he loses his driving privileges.
3. Any member properly certified per Article I section 3b of the By-Laws who is a First Aider and currently enrolled in an EMT class may apply for the driver training program. This member shall remain a probationary driver until he completes the class and receives his certification. If the member fails to complete the EMT certification he will be removed from driving. This exception may be exercised only once within a two-year period.

Proposers

Chris Winter 897
Steph Palmieri 499
Michele Miller 1072

Proposed SOP Change 15-2011

Proposal:

To incorporate the conflict of interest policy in to the SOP's

Background/Justification:

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the Squads interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director or member of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction.

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

Article X – Policies

Section 3 – Conflict of Interest Policy

1. Introduction:

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the Squad's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director or member of the Squad or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

2. Definitions:

- i. Interested Person - Any operational officer, member of the Board of Directors, or member of a committee which makes recommendations for the purchase of goods and services who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
- ii. Financial Interest - A person has a financial interest if the person has directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - i. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Squad has a transaction or arrangement.
 - ii. A compensation arrangement with the Squad or with any entity or individual with which the Squad has a transaction or arrangement.
 - iii. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Squad is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are in excess of \$75.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the Board of Directors or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures:

- A. Duty to Disclose - In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board of Directors and members of committees which make recommendations for the purchase of goods and services considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- B. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists - After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the Board of Directors or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board of Directors or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
- C. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.
 - i. An interested person may make a presentation at the Board of Directors or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
 - ii. The chairperson of the Board of Directors or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
 - iii. After exercising due diligence, the Board of Directors or committee shall determine whether the Squad can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- D. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists.

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the Board of Directors or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board

of Directors or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

E. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.

- i. An interested person may make a presentation at the Board of Directors or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- ii. The chairperson of the Board of Directors or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- iii. After exercising due diligence, the Board of Directors or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- iv. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Board of Directors or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors or committee members whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

F. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- i. If the Board of Directors or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- ii. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective actions.

4. Compensation

A. A voting member of the Board of Directors who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

B. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

C. No voting member of the Board of Directors or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

5. Annual Statements

Each director, operational officer, and, member of a committee which makes recommendations for the purchase of goods and services shall annually sign a statement provided by the President or designee which affirms such person:

- A. Has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy.
- B. Has read and understands the policy.
- C. Has agreed to comply with the policy.

D. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

E. A copy will be published in the Pulse, posted in the ready room bulletin board, and placed on the squad website.

6. Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

A. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

B. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

7. Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VI, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the Board of Directors of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: May 9, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	ABSENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Jerry Giacomini reported to the President that 47 eligible members had signed in which does not meet the required quorum of 50 members.

The President stated that since there is no quorum, this will be an informational meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Sally Staszak's #397 husband, John has been hospitalized, prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Norma Signorelli #304 – prayers are needed and calls welcome.

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- Liz Steenson's #820 husband has been hospitalized, prayers and get wishes are needed.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Joseph Marshik # 328 – Associate Member, Passed away April 25, 2010

Announcements / Presentations:

- Congratulations to Kevin Brenner #1014 he has been elected Fire Chief of the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company, Seat Pleasant, Maryland, in prince George County Maryland.
- Jamie Connolly the General Manager of the local Outback Restaurant presented Dale Bartolomeo EMS Provider Award, which is sponsored by the Outback Restaurant. A picture was taken with Jamie Connolly, Dale Bartolomeo, President Roger Winter and Chief John Palmieri.

Longevity Awards – Chief will announce on his report (5-15 years).

- Clara Elliot #416 - 35 years
 - Accepted May 1976
 - Boutique Committee
 - LOSAP Committee
 - EMT – Crewleader 1979
 - Life Member 1998
 - Assistant to the Secretary Currently Dispatcher Thursday 1100 Crew

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.
Incoming: Thank you letters: Lawrence R. Archer, Jr.; Marus Fives and Julianne Mataragas.

Presidents Report Roger Winter (report was given after the Chief's report)

- The Board of directors passed the following items:
- Amend HCFAS Volunteer Workers Service Award Program Beneficiary Designation Form.
- Dollar per member to the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter Burn Center Fund.
- VSS Security renewal
- Mayday Annual Maintenance on the Audiolog recording System
- ON CALL POWER – Generator Maintenance renewal
- Med Pro Renewal – patient moving devices.
- Open House EMS Meals
- EMS Week Polo Shirt
- NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany May 18, 2011
- Mets Tickets - increase the number of participants
- CES – Remote Access for the Captain's, Chief Officer's & Directors.

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- Scholarship – preclude all winners from 2010 for the 2011 drawing.
- Approve the use of the meeting room for an RTE Class
- Disposition of Obsolete Lifepak Batteries, Chargers & Vehicle Trickle Chargers.
- Purchase Lifepak Lithium-Ion Replacement Batteries with incentive.
- Renewal of our contract with On-Site Medical Service.
- Renewal of the Inspection of the Automatic Fire Sprinkler System.
- Renew our current insurance policies with American Alternative Insurance Corporation Hubbinette Cowell Associates, Inc.
- Approve a second group for a one day trip to the NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony in Albany NY on Wednesday May 18, 2011.
- Enter into an agreement with Elmer L. Henn Inc. for the construction of the monument and signage project.
- Approve the EMS World EXPO, in Las Vegas, NV 2011 for 10 people.
- Amend the May Day Annual Maintenance on Audiolog recording System of 4/14/2011.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

EMS Week – Meals, Shirts (can be worn on duty during EMS week)

Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 30th at 11:30 am

Chief Palmieri Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Pam Brenner Biersack # 1157 – 5 years
- Anne (Maloney) Leslie #921 – 15 years
- Sal Romano # 925 – 15 years

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Welcome new members:

Kristin Tiersch	1333	Monday 1500	
Jacques Cadet	1334	Friday Overnight	

Our April 24 rate went down to below 2% - great job. Please continue to help.

I am working with the Captains on getting back to basics with some issues like replacements, coming in on time, staying for the full shift... these are contributing factors to 24's so we need to make sure we are all doing our part.

Driver Training:

No issues to report

Some reminders – response car use should be limited to On Duty ALS providers and back up by those not in the building and have the vehicle signed out.

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If you are an ALS provider and only driver in the building, please remember that you need to drive to the call and can page out for a driver or ALS provider to meet you on scene.

Unless you have a hands free device, Cell phone use is restricted to drivers when they are driving the rig for any reason.

When driving in emergency mode, cell phone use is always restricted, regardless of hands free device or not.

Schedule Coordinator

Martha Brenner is heading up the schedule coordinator committee. All shift changes sent to your Captain will be sent to Martha for review. All new applicants shift requests will also be sent to Martha for review as a way to maximize appropriate allocation of our shift moves and additions.

Company 8

I continue to monitor hours and am managing the process.

Personnel / Data Entry

Always need your help in providing your updated cards and driver's licenses when requested.

EMS Week – Meal procedures- review the documents and receipt keeping procedures

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Review training was sent out. Sorry it was late. Not all the answers are in the reading so do it as a group.

BBP review training is due no later than May 15. Please get it in ASAP. I have the list if you are unsure.

Standby. An ex chief from Mastic Beach FD passed away, he was also the department Chaplain and a SCFRES instructor. A Crew is still needed for the 1330-1630. Please step up. \$10 meal allowance voucher to all that help out.

There are now three BP cuffs in the main oxygen bag. Please account for all 3 during your checkouts.

Controlled substances when rigs go out for service???? Issue happened once again.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

No report.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo (report given by Richard Stone)

-new cell phones in rigs

-please don't forget to put the run # on the PCR

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

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Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

My apologies for not being here tonight, I look forward to seeing everyone next Month.
Thank you to George Reeder, Liz Mohr, Kristen Tiersch, Paul Mori, and Mark Brenner for cleaning ambulances and picking up garbage around the building.
As a reminder, Sal Signorelli is available to drive on back up calls. Before you 24 a call please give Sal a call to drive.
Welcome Kristen Tiersch to the 1500 shift. Kristen Started as a Post member who moved onto be the Post Chief. She started on the 1500 shift last year as a dispatcher and then became an aid.
Welcome and thanks for your continued support.
Thanks to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered a backup call. Joe Gander, Kurt Vetter, Israel Cortes, Sal Signorelli , Paul Kelly, Joe Frisenda, Matt Valle, Rich Stein, Tom O'Leary, Jeff O'Neill, Liz Mohr, Sally Staszak, Tomo. My apologies for anyone I forgot.
Monday had no 24's last month. Thank you to the Monday crews and everyone who helped to make this happen. Nice Job to everyone!

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

No report.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

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

No report.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (submitted report read by First Deputy Chief Chris Winter)

I would like to thank all of the individuals that answered up back up, and provided support to Friday's. I'm going to sound like a broken record, but special thanks AGAIN to Kyle Rudden, and Ken Manning for continuing to help me fill the holes on the overnight!!! Thanks to all of you, we have had no 24's for the month of April!!! Awesome job to everyone!

I am very light on my 1500-1900, 2300-0700 shifts, any help would be very much appreciated. The 1100-1500 comes in at a close third for needing help.

I would appreciate anyone that could lend a hand, you can't go wrong, and we have some great people to ride with on Friday's.

For the people that fill in on shifts please remember to finger in and out properly, otherwise I will not be giving you credit for your time because I have no idea when you arrived or when you left. It's been a while since this system has been implemented and we should be used to the routine by now.

Everyone stay safe and have a great Memorial Day!

Saturday Co. 7 Captain's Report – Keith Davis:

I would first like to congratulate Melissa Anastos and Bency Jean-Baptiste on coming off probation, and Lenise Booth on becoming a crew leader. April was a better month for 24s but I urge all members to keep their pagers/radios/cell phones on so that that we may get crews for second and third ambulances. Saturdays still have a problem of not getting back up crews till the second and third signal 3.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

District 7 – NYSVA&RA -The next meeting will be next Tuesday June 21 at Wyandanch

Wheatley Heights Ambulance with a CME "Violence" starting at 7pm. Dinner will be served at 8:00 with the meeting to begin shortly thereafter. Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

The New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association **Legislative Day** took place in Albany on May 2, 2011. In attendance beside myself were Bob Franz, Pete Nakelski and Sal Signorelli. Prior to going I had made appointments with Assemblyman Conte, Assemblyman Raia, Senator Marcellino and Senator Flanagan. I had also sent Senator Flanagan a letter requesting his consideration for Senate Sponsorship of the Rear Facing Blue Light bill which has to be re introduced in both chambers. Our 10:30 appointment with Senator Flanagan was attended by the four HCFAS members and President Mastrianni, Vice-President Bitner and Executive Vice President Henry Ehrhardt. We discussed the Rear Facing Blue Light bill and Senator Flanagan suggested that rather than he be the sponsor the bill, we might want to talk to Senator Martins (D) from Mineola who is on the Committee for Local Government. Since the other NYSVARA members had other appointments and the HCFAS members had a little time before our next appointment I decided to make a cold call on Senator Martins to see if we could either speak to him then or make a later appointment. We went to his office and were told he would be free shortly. After approximately 20 minutes we were able to see Senator Martins. He was very familiar with Fire Department issues, (LOSAP, SAFER Grants, etc.) He was also aware that the Rear Facing Blue Light Law that was passed excluded the independent volunteer ambulance corps and felt that needed to be rectified. He graciously agreed to be the Senate sponsor for the bill and will be working with Assemblyman Sweeney's office who has agreed to be the Assembly sponsor. NYSVA&RA will monitor the progression of this until it is signed into law.

EMS Week is May 15th thru 21st

St. Hugh's Mass For EMS – Sunday morning at 10AM.

HCFAS Open House – Sunday May 15 from 1PM to 4PM. Plans for the open house have been progressing. The flyers were printed and distributed to the Huntington and South Huntington Schools.

Posters have been placed in local supermarkets (Food Plaza Waldbaums, Pathmark King Kullen), Huntington Station branch of the Huntington Library and at County Line Hardware.

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Announcements have been placed on the Huntington Patch, Huntington Station PassPort, and the Town of Huntington web site that is shown on Cablevision and Fios.
A one half page ad has been placed in the Long Islander (three editions).

EMS Memorial Service is Wednesday May 18 in Albany. Upon HCFAS BOD approval a list will be posted for those interested in attending.

NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2011 Educational Conference is September 22 to 25 in Albany. The feeling this year is that there will be more people attending than in the past due to the growing reputation of the quality of the past years conferences. (There has been an overwhelming response to the request for speakers. More speakers have applied than there are spaces for them.)

The application for the Town of Huntington **Health Insurance** plan offered to volunteer EMS and FF is available.

Lottery for New Homes for sale across the street – as soon as information is available, I will inform the membership.

Boundary Signs: We will be getting new recruitment signs from the Town of Huntington Recruitment program for placement in our district. A Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project will identify our boundary signs that are in need of replacement and find other sites that are good areas for new signs to be placed and will use our signs that we have in stock and these new recruitment signs.

Memorial Day Parade **Class A uniforms** – see me asap if you require anything for your uniform.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz

Suffolk REMSO meeting is tomorrow night at 7PM in Hauppauge.

SCACA Meeting is Wednesday May 18 at 8PM at Islip Exchange Ambulance.

LOSAP 2010 Points

The 2010 LOSAP Point listing has been sent to the TOH for Town Board approval and upon return will be posted for a mandatory 30 day period for your review..

Scholarships – Bob Franz

HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline June 1st

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to four (4) five hundred dollar (\$500) squad scholarships to be given to any HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as a member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the June 2011 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to the Secretary (Bob Franz) as of June 1st, with the

appropriate application forms and with the required qualifying evidence. The Secretary will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those applicants are members or family members of members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must present documentation of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding year. The applicant must have been enrolled for a minimum of six college credit hours per semester or the equivalent period at a vocational school. If a Post 215 member, in good standing, is enrolled in a college or post high school vocational program and meets all the other criteria, then that member is also qualified. All 2010 scholarship recipients are not eligible for the 2011 scholarship. All 2011 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year (2012). The application form is included in the Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and can be found on the counter above the mail folder draws.

Post 215- David Mohr (report given by Roger Winter)

- Explorer Post toured Med Com's new facility.
- Explorer Post hosted an all you can eat brunch. It was very successful. Over 100 people showed up and had a great brunch; door prizes were given out as well as a raffle.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Annual Picnic – O/A July 17th.

24 Mutual Aid rate – Lehti Laas

Thanked everyone for answering all the calls and keeping the 24 rate under 2%. Everyone should be commended on a great job.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

New Business

Long Islander article regarding new homes to be built across the street was discussed due to a concern about parking on the street or possibly using our lot.

No Parking Signs, Car Placards Gate for no parking purposes.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ Fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Jim Ingwersen, Bill Martin, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes and Christy Stiles.

Raffles - Various Gifts

- 1) \$15 Subway Gift Card – Michele Miller
- 2) 6 Piece BBQ Tool Set (David Mohr) – Dale Bartolomeo
- 3) Martha Clara Pinot Grigio Noir – Joanne Cunningham
- 4) Martha Clara North Fork Merlot – Karen Martin
- 5) 2 Ducks Tickets (State Bank of Long Island)(June 21, 2011) – Bernie Hershkowitz
- 6) 2 Ducks Tickets (State Bank of Long Island)(June 21, 2011) – Linda Guadagnin

2011 General Membership Meeting

366 Meeting was adjourned by President Winter at 2130 hours since there was no quorum.

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368 Respectfully Submitted,

369 *Robert Franz*

370 Secretary

371 Draft posted: June 5, 2011

372 No approval required –there was no quorum present for this meeting-Minutes are informational
373 only.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: June 13, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Jerry Giacomini reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini

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

President thanked 2nd Deputy Chief Michele Miller for the two classes/sessions held prior to the meeting – ACL presentation and Crewleader & PCR writing questions.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Sally Staszak's #397 husband, John is in rehabilitation, prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Norma Signorelli #304 – prayers are needed and calls welcome.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- Chris Mallilo #1234, has been hospitalized recently, calls welcome, he is home now.
- William "Bill" Martin # 1063, hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, he is home now.
- Eileen Burns # 767, Hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, no calls please. Eileen has been in and out of the hospital several times this past month.
- Donna Smith # 1193 – was hospitalized; she is home now recovering and working, calls welcome.
- Joe Frisenda # 1160 – hospitalized, prayers and get wishes are needed and calls are welcome, Joe is home now.
- Liz Steenson's # 820 husband, Mary Beth Kraese's # 873 father - Fred Steenson was hospitalized, prayers and get well wishes are needed, calls welcome.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Stephen Fitts father of member Brendan Fitts #1180, Ex Day Captain, passed away on May 29, 2011.
- Life Member Claudia Bauer # 484 and sister Associate Member Anita Bauer # 411, mother Anna Bauer passed away.
- Former Member Paul Thelen's # 830 sister and Sister in Law Associate Member Jeanine Thelen #804 mourn the loss of Former member Karen Thelen # 825.

Congratulation on a Weddings

- Millie Gabriel #1028 and husband, announces the marriage of their daughter Anne Gabriel # 919 to Ken Hoey. They were married at the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort on Pawley's Island in South Carolina on Friday June 3, 2011. Congratulations to Anne and Ken Hoey.

Announcements / Presentations:

- Martha Brenner #236, a 40 year member of HCFAS, her mother was also a member, an administrative member, I believe as the recording secretary to the Board of Directors for many years. She has that volunteer gene in her body and given it to her children, Kevin, Pam and Jeff all Huntington Community First Aid Squad members, all who have served in many officer positions.
 - Crew leader, Driver,
 - Pulse Editor 9 years
 - Service Awards Committee
 - Historian Committee and now the Chair of that committee
 - Staffing and now Schedule Coordinator

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- Review Training committee
- CPR instructor
- Director
- V.P. Board of Directors
- Life Member
- Day Captain
- 40th Anniversary Chair, and produced the booklet that everybody totally enjoyed.
- Membership
- Martha is a dedicated member and served the squad with Honor and Dignity. Always respectful of the patients that have been treated. She has made a difference to the community and to HCFAS. We are proud and honored to have you be part of us for 40 years. Congratulations “Life Member” Martha on your 40 years of service.
- Martha wrote in the last PULSE a very moving article highlighting several interesting topics in her 40 years of volunteering at HCFAS. Please read it.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

Motion by Bernie Hershkowitz and seconded by Jeff Brenner to accept the April 11, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.
Incoming: Thank you letters: Community Ambulance Company (Sayville); Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund, Inc.(donation); Huntington Union Free School District (Special Olympics Standby –Karen Martin & ?Stephanie Caracciolo); Firefighter Cancer Support Network (donation); Kevin Callahan (service); Mark Capodanno (St Anthony’s graduation standby) and Delores & Carol Rocco (service).

By-Laws committee chairperson David Mohr read for the 1st time the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2011 (Amend Article VIII Section 1 – Board of Directors Meeting Quorum) and he also read for discussion the proposed SOP change 16-2011 (update Article 1 of the SOPs Chain of Command). The proposed SOP change was discussed.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment and SOP change.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Approve the Financial Statements by FUOCO Group.
- Ambulance Service Agreement with Suffolk County 2011-2015.
- Annual Squad Picnic 2011
- Reimbursement for Peter Nakelski and Sal Signorelli, Legislative Day..
- Amend EMS Week Polo Shirt Motion of 4/14/2011
- American Alternative Insurance Corporation – Hubbinette Cowell Associates, Inc – change in portfolio.
- Benevolent Committee Request
- General Meeting Room Request for Donna Smith # 1193

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- Quality Blacktop Service – Sealcoating of parking areas
- Annual Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony – May 29, 2011 at Town Hall
- Absences of Vito Reciniello
- Landscaping Contract – Travis Smith Landscaping
- Dependable Plumbing and Heating – water leak in security room.
- NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2011 56th Annual Education Conference & Trade Show Advertisement.
- General Meeting Room Usage Request by Brendan Fitts # 1180
- Konica Minolta Business Solutions Renewal – copy machine
- NYSVA&RA 2011 Pulse Check 56th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show District 7 Delegates.
- Zumba Class
- Town of Huntington Fire Chief's Council Ambulance Demonstration to be held at HCFAS.
- Bike "Team" Patrol to participate in the Long Island 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk.
- Luke and Dale Bartolomeo's parents donated new forks, spoons and knives to the ready room.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Chief Palmieri Acknowledged longevity awards as follows:

- Bruce Hafner # 1158 - 5 years of Service
- Kurt Vetter # 1161 - 5 years of Service
- Donald Roulo # 1017- 10 years of Service
- Martha Brenner # 236 - 40 years of Service

Chief Palmieri mentioned the following items:

Eatons Neck Fire Department parade – 10AM Monday July 4th

East Northport Fire Department 103rd parade-7PM Wednesday August 3rd

Ridge Fire Department fund raiser

Southold Fire Department 125th Anniversary parade

HCFAS non response rate for May was less than 1% per MEDCOM. Thank you to everyone who came out to answer calls and made this possible.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Welcome New members:

Dylan Angevine	#1335	Friday 2300
Patricia Moore	#1336	Thursday 1100

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Cassandra Shepherd #1337 Thursday 0700

Our May 24 rate went down to below 1% - great job. Please continue to help.

Driver Training:

No issues. If you would like to become a driver, please see your Captain.

As we get into stand by event season, as a current driver, please see a driver trainer if you would like to get certified to drive the gator. If you are a driver and would like to drive with the trailer, please see me to discuss.

Schedule Coordinator

Martha Brenner continues to make the necessary changes to the new roster. Please do NOT write on the master copy. Please submit to Martha the changes needed. In the future, we hope to make this roster available electronically on the monitor screens.

Company 8

I continue to monitor hours and am managing the process.

Personnel / Data Entry

No issues to report

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Standbys thank you:

Mastic Ambulance

Shirley Ambulance – Cancer Walk

Review trainings – you have until the end of the month to complete all your review trainings.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Building:

We had an A/C unit freeze up in the meeting room, that is the reason for the missing tiles. Thank you to Rich Stone for having the outside grill repaired. If you use it, please just remember to clean it for the next person.

Due to the inclement weather this past weekend the parking lot was not resealed. We are planning on doing it this coming weekend, which means the lot will be closed beginning Saturday morning at 0600 hrs till Sunday afternoon, weather permitting. Please use the commuter lot next door.

Vehicles:

As always, I want to thank all the crews that wash and keep our fleet clean, especially those that came out before the Memorial Day Parade and washed and dressed all our vehicles.

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As we enter the summer months, Drivers are reminded to make sure you shut of the A/C in the vehicles before you turn them off. Leaving it on put a big load on the system when the next Driver turns the vehicle on. Crewmembers are reminded to turn off the A/C in the back of the ambulances upon returning the HQ's for the same reason

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

No report.

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Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Thank you to George Reeder, Liz Mohr, Kristen Tiersch , Paul Mori , and Mark Brenner for cleaning ambulances and picking up garbage around the building.

As a reminder, Sal Signorelli is available to drive on back up calls. Before you 24 a call please give Sal a call to drive.

Welcome Kristen Tiersch to the 1500 shift. Kristen Started as a Post member who moved onto be the Post Chief. She started on the 1500 shift last year as a dispatcher and then became an aid.

Welcome and thanks for your continued support.

Thanks to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered a backup call. Joe Gander, Kurt Vetter, Israel Cortes, Sal Signorelli , Paul Kelly, Joe Frisenda, Matt Valle, Rich Stein, Tom O'Leary, Jeff O'Neill, Liz Mohr, Sally Staszak, Tomo, Jeff Brenner, Dale Bartolomeo . [Tim Quigley](#) , [Ferd Neumann](#), [Joe Gander](#), [Tyler Gibbs](#), [Keith Davis](#), [Keith Rubenstein](#), [Al Szigethy](#), [Phil Orlando](#), [Brian Canty](#), [Chris Winter](#), [Matt Valle](#), [Greg Orr](#), [Casey Orr](#), [Paul Rittenhouse](#), [Mat Sisinni](#).

My apologies for anyone I forgot.

[Congratulations George Reeder](#) for passing the dispatch test and ambulance orientation.

[Congratulations Nat Watts](#) for passing dispatch test.

[Congratulations Kelly Murphy](#) for passing dispatch test.

[Congratulations Jenna Arcati](#), She is now off probation.

[Welcome Back to Paul Nathan](#), [Robin Smiles](#), [Ann Maloney](#)

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Tuesday is going fine. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Help is always needed.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

No report.

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

No report.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (submitted report read by First Deputy Chief Chris Winter)

I am in need of additional personnel for 1100-1500, 1500-1900, and 2300-0700 on Friday's. If anyone is available please feel free utilize the website to sign up for a shift or you can always directly contact me.

2011 General Membership Meeting

I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work answering backup calls and filling in for Company 6 members. I am very grateful for your help.

We have Jacques Cadet and Dylan Angevine joining the overnight as new members. Let's all give them a warm welcome to HCFAS.

On a more serious note, there has been an escalation in violence in the area around Lowndes Ave and Church St. SCPD has identified 11 & 19 Church St as two houses that a lot of the incidents are coming from. Let's all be especially cautious when entering these areas and make sure that SCPD is on scene before entering, even for a normal calls.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer and please be safe.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis:

The month of May has been a great month for Co. 7. The 24 rate has continued to stay low in spite of having multiple calls. I first have to thank my crews for finding replacements if they are unable to attend their regular shift. I'd most like to thank those members who continue to answer back up alarms. Please continue to keep those pagers, radios and cell phones on.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

The following PR events were done over the weekend.

Friends of Latin Quarters on New York Ave Sat June 11th 12PM – 4 PM. Jefferson School Community Day on Oakwood Road Sat June 11th 11 AM to 3 PM.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVA&RA)

Association Membership cards were distributed in your Squad member mail folders.

NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2011 Educational Conference is September 22 to 25 in Albany.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA -The next meeting will be next Tuesday June 21 at Wyandanch Wheatley Heights Ambulance. A Non-core CME – Violence will start at 7PM. Dinner will be served at 8:00 with the meeting to begin shortly thereafter. Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

Rear Facing Blue Light Law - Last March, NYSVA&RA President Mike Mastrianni, contacted Andrea to ask her to contact Senator Flanagan to see if he would co-sponsor a bill to allow VAS to use rear facing blue lights on our ambulances. Assemblyman Sweeney was the sponsor in the Assembly. The law has been passed to allow fire and police to use rear facing blue lights. We met with Senator Flanagan in Albany on Legislative Day and he agreed that the bill was important and that he would happily co-sponsor it, but he suggested we apply to the new Senator from Minneola, Senator Martins. We had time between our scheduled meetings and took a

chance that Senator Martins would see us. We explained to his secretary that we didn't have an appointment, but she assured us that he would give us his time as soon as he completed a telephone conversation. Senator Martins instantly agreed to sponsor the bill and pulled the law up on his computer. He then made a call to get things into motion. I am happy to report that the bill passed the Assembly today and is on the 2nd reading in the Senate. It should be noted that the action for this bill began with the NYSVA&RA and it is this kind of result that comes from the work done by the Association.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz

SCACA Meeting is Wednesday June 15 at 8PM at Southampton Volunteer Ambulance.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 12 – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be postmarked by August 12, 2011. This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVA&RA provides up to three scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

The purpose of the program is to provide recognition of achievement and ability, and to assist members (youth and adult) of squads that are members in good standing of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. in continuing their education in an accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

HCFAS Scholarship- Bob Franz

Random drawing to select 4 winners will take place later this evening.

LOSAP List 2010– Bob Franz

The 2010 LOSAP Records Listing was approved by the Town of Huntington Town Board on May 3rd. In compliance with General Municipal Law, this approved listing must be posted on the bulletin board for a mandatory 30 day period which began on May 12th. It is requested that each member review the information next to their name and report any changes in writing to the Secretary with a copy to the President. Each reported change must be clearly identified and explained. Please also verify that your legal name is properly indicated.

LOSAP Post Entitlement Age Benefit – Bob Franz

When Andrea and I were in Albany for the EMS memorial, we had a meeting with Penflex, who is the administrator of the LOSAP program for the Squad, to discuss the method of payment for a post entitlement age benefit earned for each year of service credit starting in 2010. Penflex will be requesting permission for a lump sum benefit payment to be made for each additional year of service credit earned after a member begins receiving his normal monthly benefit (amount based

upon pre entitlement service credit years). This lump sum payment would be in lieu of increasing the normal monthly benefit paid for each additional year of service credit earned (after a member begins receiving his normal monthly benefit). If approved, the member would receive his monthly payment and a yearly lump sum amount for each additional year of service credit earned after he begins to receive his normal monthly benefit.

Post 215- David Mohr

The Explorers had a very successful brunch on Sunday, May 1st. Thank you to everyone that came out and supported them.

Thanks to Rich Stein, the Post has a drill team. They are actively practicing and plan on competing at drills during the summer and at the NYSVARA conference in the fall. Given that when they go to Albany, they will need multiple advisors, the Squad usually sponsors a team as well. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rich.

The Post will be having its annual car wash on July 23rd from 10a to 3p, please come out and support them and get your car washed as well.

On August 11th the Post will be going to NYC to see Bodies the Exhibit, if anyone is interested in attending with us, please contact me. The total cost which includes transportation, entrance to the exhibit, audio headphones, and lunch will be about \$40.

Last month, Sean Quinn participated in the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) walk-a-thon. Between the Post and its members, \$418 was donated in Sean's name.

Lastly, on June 6th the Post received a proclamation from the Town of Huntington for its accomplishment in collecting 8,000 pounds of food for the FSL. Each member who participated also received a certificate from the Town.

CME – Pam Brenner Biersack

Email sent out on June CMEs at HCFAS. Another two planned for July and at end of summer there will be a WMD CME.

Standby – Donna Smith

Emails go out on a regular basis for standbys. Sunday June 26 West Neck Beach at 7:30AM.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Annual Squad Picnic - Sunday July 17th at West Hills Day Camp 12noon to 5PM (food service stops at 4PM).

Fun and Games – Mark Cappola

May 16, Mets game a success, thank you Paul Mori for the Buses.

August 2, 2011 Yankee EMS Day – sign up now

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Monument and Sign- Richard Stone

Contract was awarded to Elmer L. Henn Inc. on May 18. Certificates of insurance have been received and shop drawings have been submitted to and approved by H2M. Visual Information Services has been selected as the manufacturer of the electronic sign. We are awaiting the issuance of the building permit and the construction schedule for the project.

Old business:

No parking signs for squad parking lot.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped:

Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Nancy Griesel-Eckhardt, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes, Greg Orr, Carol Nucci, Tom O'Leary and David Mohr.

HCFAS Annual Scholarship – Random Drawing -Bob Franz

9 Scholarship applications were received. Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to the first four names drawn as follows:

Kerrie Greene, daughter of Kathi Bonessi #936

Alan Heavey, son of Ex-Chief Dominic Heavey #973

Elizabeth Mohr #1292

Chloe Rubel, daughter of Janet Rubel #1054.

Congratulations to all the winners.

26th Annual Hubbinette & Cowell Associates Golf Outing Random Drawing – Bob Franz

12 members signed up for the drawing. The first four names drawn are the winners:

Tom Lemp

Donna Mastropietro

Al Szigethy

Jim Lupo

Alternates drawn: Mark Cappola, Christopher Fusaro, Harvey Lapidus and John Palmieri.

Congratulations to the winners and wishing them the best golf weather ever.

Raffles - Various Gifts

- 1) Martha Clara Vineyards Rose' – Rodriguens Gabriel
- 2) \$25 Gift Card Outback Steakhouse – Brian Canty
- Martha Clara Vineyards P NO GREE G-O – Jeff Brenner
- 4) \$25 Gift Card Outback Steakhouse – Pam Brenner
- 5) \$15 Gift Card Subway – Mary Brenner
- 6) \$15 Gift Card Subway – Annette Hershkowitz

See the proposed By-Laws amendments 03-2011 (Amend Article VIII Section 1 – Board of Directors Quorum Meetings) read for the first time and the proposed SOP change 16-2011 (update Article 1 of the SOPs Chain of Command) read and discussed. (done after Secretary's report)

Motion for adjournment at 2220 hours by Joanne Vogel and seconded by Jeff Brenner.
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: June 30, 2011

Approved: July 11, 2011

Proposed By-Law Change 03-2011

Proposal:

To require the quorum of the Board of Directors to be physically present at the meeting location.

Background/Justification:

To approve a Telephone and Video Conferencing Policy that requires five (5) Board members to be physically present at the Squad in order for a Board meeting to take place.

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

Article - VIII

Section 1 – Board of Directors - Quorum

A quorum for the Board of Directors shall consist of five members of the Board. The necessary quorum needs to be physically present at the Squad in order for a Directors' meeting to take place.

Proposers: John Palmieri #499, Andrea Golinsky #315 and Lehti Laas #938.

Proposed SOP Change 16-2011

Proposal:

Update Article I of the SOP's.

Background/Justification:

To correct some of the grammar and to remove ambiguity within Article I.

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

Article I - Chain of Command

Section 1 - Chief:

1. The Squad Chief shall be the senior Operational Officer and all other ~~operational Squad~~ members will be ~~are~~ subordinate.

3. The Squad Chief shall attend all meetings of the corporation and the Board of Directors. The Chief shall report to the Board any repairs or requests for additional equipment or supplies as governed by the Purchase Policy ~~and Procedures~~. The Chief shall report to the Board of Directors on personnel, vehicles and equipment at regularly scheduled Board meetings, and on equipment and supplies for the ensuing year's budget at the annual Budget meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Second Deputy Chief:

2. The Second Deputy Chief is in charge of the Training Committee and responsible for arranging and securing the proper first-aid training and monthly review training for members, and to see that all first-aid equipment is operative and available. The Second Deputy shall oversee the First-Aid Supply Committees to ensue the proper ordering and receipt of first-aid equipment and supplies in accordance with the Purchase Policy ~~and Procedures~~.

Section 5 - Chief Dispatcher:

3. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for maintaining the ~~Crewleaders'~~ red logbook, the computerized FCC radio logbook, ~~the non-emergency logbook, the business logbook, and the all~~ other posted communications logbook.

4. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for updating the phone directory, ~~rolodex~~ and computer street directories, ambulance directories ~~rolodex~~ and all maps.

5. The Chief Dispatcher is responsible for dispatch training and shall oversee the Dispatch Training Committee ~~Coordinator~~.

Section 6 - Day Captain:

2. Day Captains are responsible for providing weekly duty rosters for their day. Completed duty rosters should be posted 48 hours in advance, ~~but must be posted not less than 24 hours in advance~~. Day Captains shall inspect quarters upon their arrival and see to it that only qualified and authorized personnel use the equipment. They shall ascertain that the vehicles and equipment are properly functioning at Headquarters and on emergency calls.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: July 11, 2011

Officers:

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Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	ABSENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann.

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

President thanked 2nd Deputy Chief Michele Miller for presenting July's review training on NYSDOH and SCEMS protocols on Behavioral Restraint and New ALS Protocol for Behavioral Emergencies / Agitation.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Sally Staszak's #397 husband, John is in rehabilitation, prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Norma Signorelli #304 – prayers are needed and calls welcome.
- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- William"Bill" Martin # 1063, was hospitalized a second time, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, he is home now.
- Eileen Burns # 767, Hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, no calls please. Eileen has been in and out of the hospital several times this past month.
- William "Mike" Barker hospitalized, knee surgery x 2. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Ferd Neumann to change the order of the meeting so that the proposed By-Laws amendment 03-2011 can be read for the 2nd time, discussed and a vote taken on the amendment and to read an addendum to SOP 15-2011 which was read at the April 11, 2011 meeting.

Unanimous.

Proposed By-Laws amendment (Amend Article VIII Section 1 Required BOD Quorum physically present at meetings) 03-2011 was read and discussed.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Secretary Franz conducted a roll call & determined that 51 eligible voting members were present and ballots were distributed, collected and counted.

Ballot voting results: 50 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain. Proposed By-Laws amendment accepted (results were received after minutes were approved under Secretary's report).

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Bernard Hershkowitz to destroy the ballots. Unanimous.

Addendum to SOP 2011-15 – Last page of the conflict of interest affirmation sign off page was read by Alyssa Axelrod and reviewed by the membership.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Andrea Goinsky and seconded by Mark Cappola to accept the June 13, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

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Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.
Incoming: Thank you letters: Huntington Station Homemakers #27; Grace K. Simmons and Christopher Mallilo # 1234.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Amend Zumba Fitness – new instructor
- Purchase Field of Honor Flag to be placed on Town Hall Front Lawn Starting on 10/22/11
- Permit members to attend an EVOC class at Halesite Fire Department. Attendance and participation at the subsequent driving experience at the Fire Academy
- Gift Card Eligibility

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Longevity Awards:

Monica Mulchandani #1162 – 5 Years

Heidie Magerle #1163 – 5 Years

Patricia Salajka #1164 – 5 Years

Correspondence:

The Huntington Manor Fire Department Parade and Fair starts tomorrow night. We will have standby crews for each night, 7/12- 16. The Parade will be 7/13. We will be wearing Class B uniforms- no hats or ties.

East Northport Fire Dept. Parade; Wednesday Aug. 3, 2011 7 PM

There will be a sign up sheet for those who wish to attend

There will be a “Big 10K Run” on Saturday 10/22/11 at 8AM through the Town of Huntington to benefit the Kiwanis “Children of Huntington”. It will end at the “Field of Honor Flags” ceremony that we participate in at Town Hall.

I received a letter from the Chief of Shirley Community Ambulance, thanking 2nd Deputy Chief Michele Miller for all the assistance she provided to the march for Long Island 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk on June 11th and 12th.

I also received a letter from Kevin Callahan, praising the crew of 5/31/2011 for aiding and transporting him to Huntington Hospital for a broken ankle. They were Captain Keith Davis, Paul Rittenhouse, Richard Stein, Dale Bartolomeo, and Mary Sissini.

I received a letter of praise and gratitude from American Airlines for the actions of Mary Winter on her flight home from Las Vegas on May 17, 2011. Mary was asked to assist a passenger with a medical problem and “freely offered your medical expertise when it was needed most”.

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140 24's

141 Our 24s rate for June were 1.05%- 5 No Response out of 476 Calls.

142 Our rate so far this year is 1.88% - 50 out of 2654 Calls.

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144 Q/A,Q/I

145 A report from the Q/A,Q/I committee outlined the most serious errors that are being seen
146 most regularly on our PCRs. They are:

147 History of Chief Complaint

148 Physical Exam Not Complete

149 Only 1 Set of Vitals

150 Changes in Patient Condition Not Noted

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152 Thought for this month: Showing Up

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154 The summer is a great time with the weather allowing us to take part in so many activities.
155 But summer means school is out and vacation time is here. We lose a number of members
156 during these months because they are parents and have no available means to look after their kids
157 so they can do shifts. Please be aware of this and cut those members some slack if they bring
158 kids in, or are late, or try to get replacements. Our LOAs goes up dramatically during these
159 months, but our calls do not go away. Find the time to cover a friends shift or be available for
160 back-up. It all helps.

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162 **Outback EMS Provider of the Month-** Ken Manning, picture taken, copies to be distributed to
163 plaque and to the Outback Restaurant.

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166 **First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter**

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168 **Our June 24 rate went down was 1.05% - great job. Please continue to help.**

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170 **Driver Training:** I have taken over as Chair of the Driver Training Committee. If you would
171 like to become a driver, please see your Captain.

172 **Schedule Coordinator**

173 Martha Brenner continues to make the necessary changes to the new roster. Please do NOT write
174 on the master copy. Please submit to Martha the changes needed. In the future, we hope to make
175 this roster available electronically on the monitor screens.

176 **Company 8**

177 I continue to monitor hours and am managing the process.

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179 **Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller**

180 HMFD Fair Standbys – Need help.

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182 There has been a change to July's Review Training. All BLS and ALS providers MUST attend
183 an in-service. You may not complete this training online. There are now three classes being
184 held at HCFAS. If you know of the in-service being offered in another department you may go

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185 to that as well. The following are 5 dates and locations that the classes are offered (that I know
186 of):

187 Monday, July 11 – 1830 hrs HCFAS (BLS ONLY, prior to GMM must be ONTIME to get
188 credit)

189 Tuesday, July 12 – 1400 hrs Coram Fire Department, contact Bob Peters at 516-242-7224 or by
190 email at BobPeters74@yahoo.com to register

191 Wednesday, July 13 – 1845 hrs, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, call 631-654-7236 to register

192 Monday, July 18 – 1900 hrs HCFAS (register online or email)

193 Sunday, July 24 – 1300 hrs HCFAS (register online or email)

194 **FYI: As of right now this MUST be completed by August 1st.**

195 If you are not credentialed by Suffolk County REMSCO (BLS or ALS) and you are a Aide, FA,
196 Dispatcher etc the review training for you will be put back online towards the end of the month
197 (feel free to come to one of the in-services to get review training credit instead).

198 Any questions or concerns please feel free to ask.

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

201 No report.

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203 **Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo**

204 No report.

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206 **Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert**

207 Welcome back JJ (Joe Gander JR)

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209 Congratulations Nat Watts for passing Dispatch and Ambulance orientation

210 Congratulations Kelly Murphy for passing Dispatch and Ambulance orientation

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212 Nice Job to the overnight, they had a save on June 28. The Crew was Rich Rudolph, Ray Pollard,
213 Ann Maloney, Nancy Courtemanche, George Reeder, and Dispatcher Crystal Muller.

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215 Thanks to everyone who filled in on a shift and answered a backup call.

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217 1100 Needs help. CL DR Etc.

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219 Make sure you Sign in for the meeting and not the shift.

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221 Make sure not to take 1900 on duty crew parking spots for classes and Meetings.

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223 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr**

224 No Report.

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226 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo**

227 No report.

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229 **Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan**

230 No report.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski

No report.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis

No report.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Quorum of 50 members was not maintained at 2120 hours. The remainder of the meeting was informal with the President calling an end to the meeting at 2130 hours.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2011 Educational Conference is September 22 to 25 in Albany.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA -The next meeting will be next Tuesday August 16 at South Country Ambulance. Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

Rear Facing Blue Light Law Update- The bill passed the Senate and will shortly go to the Governor Cuomo for signature. The fast movement through the NYS legislature of this bill that provides safety for our EMS vehicles and personnel was achieved through the work of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association and District 7.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz

SCACA – Their next meeting is Wednesday September 21.

Suffolk REMSCO – Their meeting is tomorrow evening at 7PM at SC EMS in Hauppauge.

Suffolk County FRES Recruitment Committee – Their next meeting is July 20th at SC FRES Library at 1800 hours in Yaphank.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 12 – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be postmarked by August 12, 2011. This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVA&RA provides up to three scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

The purpose of the program is to provide recognition of achievement and ability, and to assist members (youth and adult) of squads that are members in good standing of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. in continuing their education in an accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The

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Scholarship Committee of the association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

LOSAP List 2010– Bob Franz

The 2010 LOSAP Records Listing was delivered to the Town of Huntington after the mandatory 30 day posting period at the Squad which began on May 12th.

Post 215- David Mohr

The Post will be having its annual car wash on July 23rd from 10a to 3p, please come out and support them and get your car washed as well.

On August 11th the Post will be going to NYC to see Bodies the Exhibit, if anyone is interested in attending with us, please contact me. The total cost which includes transportation, entrance to the exhibit, audio headphones, and lunch will be about \$40.

CME – Pam Brenner Biersack

Emails will be sent out on July CMEs at HCFAS.

Standby – Donna Smith

Emails go out on a regular basis for standbys

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Annual Squad Picnic - Sunday July 17th at West Hills Day Camp 12noon to 5PM (food service stops at 4PM). The signup sheet for this event will come down tonight after the meeting.

Pulse – Patty Salajka – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Monument and Sign- Richard Stone

Application for a building permit and sign permits were filed with the building department on 6/17/2011. The electronic sign shop drawings were approved by H2M and production is underway with an 8 week lead time. Shop drawings are being drawn up of the logos to be mounted on the building.

LED sign to be started on or about 9/1/11.

Old business:

“No parking” signs for parking lot in progress.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped: Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Israel Cortes and Christy Stiles.

Mets Tickets Raffle – separate from regular raffle – sign name to slip for drawing.

Mets tickets 4 + 1 prepaid parking for Tuesday night game July 19, 2011 at 7:10pm vs. St. Louis Cardinals (courtesy of Hubbinette Cowell) –

- Two Tickets & Parking – Tim Quigley
- Two Tickets – Chief John Palmieri

Raffles - Various Gifts

- 1) Amicale Dining Experience Gift Card \$50.00 (A gift from Joy Munro) – Claudy Grimadeau
- 2) \$25 Gift Card Outback Steakhouse –Megan Meyer
- 3) Martha Clara Vineyards P NO GREE G-O – Pam Brenner
- 4) \$25 Gift Card Outback Steakhouse – Susan Seibel
- 5) \$15 Gift Card Subway – Venel Grimadeau
- 6) Martha Clara Vineyards Rose- Tom O’Leary

See the proposed By-Laws amendments 03-2011 (Amend Article VIII Section 1 – Board of Directors Quorum Meetings) read for the second time, voted upon and accepted. Also see addendum to 2011-15 SOP Conflict of Interest – Affirmation Sign Off page.

President Winter called the meeting to an end at 2130 hours since there was no quorum after operational officers’ reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: July 25, 2011

Approved: August 8, 2011

**Proposed By-Law Change
03-2011**

Proposal:

To require the quorum of the Board of Directors to be physically present at the meeting location.

Background/Justification:

To approve a Telephone and Video Conferencing Policy that requires five (5) Board members to be physically present at the Squad in order for a Board meeting to take place.

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

Article - VIII

Section 1 – Board of Directors - Quorum

A quorum for the Board of Directors shall consist of five members of the Board. The necessary quorum needs to be physically present at the Squad in order for a Directors’ meeting to take place.

Proposers: John Palmieri #499, Andrea Golinsky #315 and Lehti Laas #938.

Proposed SOP Change 15-2011 – Addendum – Affirmation Sign Off Page

Conflict of Interest Policy for
HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST AID SQUAD

I, _____ have read the above conflict of interest policy for the Huntington Community First Aid Squad and I affirm the following:

1. I have received a copy of the conflict of interest policy,
2. I have read and understand the policy,
3. I have agreed to comply with the policy,
4. I understand that the Huntington Community First Aid Squad is a charitable organization and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: August 8, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	ABSENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	PRESENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present (64 members signed in).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Ferd Neumann.

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

President thanked 2nd Deputy Chief Michele Miller for presenting once again the July's review training on NYSDOH and SCEMS protocols on Behavioral Restraint and New ALS Protocol for Behavioral Emergencies / Agitation.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- Eileen Burns # 767, Hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, no calls please. Eileen has been in and out of the hospital several times this past month.
- Laurie Hoffman #1243, was hospitalized, but she is now home recovering and back on duty. Calls and visitors welcome.
- William "Mike" Barker hospitalized, knee surgery x 2. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Andrea Golinsky #315 has been an automobile accident. She was hospitalized and is now home resting. Calls and prayers are welcome.
- Casey Stone #920, was hospitalized and has had surgery recently.. She is now home and recovering. Prayers, calls and get well wishes are still welcome
- Sharon Holly #679 – former member and local teacher is ill, prayers and get well wishes are needed.
- Bill Martin #1063 sustained an injury to his foot, emergency room visit, calls and get well wishes are welcome.
- Paul Mori #934 will be having surgery this week at Mt. Sinai, NYC, good luck, prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Nancy Barker #930 has injured her lower leg, calls and get wishes are welcome.
- Ken Manning #1236 has had surgery, he is hospitalized in NYC, calls and get well wishes are welcome.

We Mourn the Loss of Norma Signorelli #304:

We mourn the loss of Life Member Norma Signorelli #304, our condolences are extended to husband Ex. Chief, Past President, and Life Member Sal Signorelli #122, Norma's Brother Life Member Al Mirabella #547, sister in law Life Member Joanne Mirabella #536, sister, deceased Life Member Dottie Rothgaber #241, and son in law Life Member John Maier #886 and a grandmother to many grandchildren.

Motion by Bernard Hershkowitz and seconded by Mark Brenner to change the order of the meeting so that the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2011 can be read for the 1st time and to read the proposed SOP change SOP 17-2011 for discussion.

Unanimous.

David Mohr read the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2011 (Amend Article VI Section 2 Change the Start Time of the General Membership Meeting).

See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2011.

David Mohr read the proposed SOP change 17-2011 (Article II Operational Member Guidelines –Sections 1,2 & 3 –various paragraphs) and discussion followed.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP change 17-2011.

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Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Christine Blackwell to accept the July 11, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.
Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.

Incoming: Thank you letters: members: Claudia Bauer; Andrea Golinsky; Bill Martin (3); Casey Stone and Chloe Rubel (scholarship recipient).

We continue to receive memorial donations in honor of Norma Signorelli #304.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- The Board of Directors conducted a hearing in accordance with Article III, Section 9, of the By-Laws. The member was found to be guilty by admission of the member. The member was expelled.
- Authorize to raise purchase limits for 2-15-17, 2-15-20 –alternator replacement.
- Approved the use of the General Membership Meeting room by Sal Signorelli #122.
- Pulse Check Educational Conference Member Attendance.
- Approved a Floral Arrangement Excess Expenditure for Anna Bauer
- Approved a Fruit Basket in lieu of Additional flowers for Sal Signorelli
- Approved a Blood Drive Sponsored by County Legislator Jon Cooper's Office. Wednesday August 10, 2011
- Approved a White Water Rafting Trip for Explorer Post 215 in conjunction with BSA Troop 218.
- Approved the Budget for submission to the Town of Huntington for 2012.
- Approved the SOP Change 15-2011 – to incorporate the Conflict of Interest Policy in to the SOP's.
- SOP change 16-2011: Second Deputy Chief, Chief Dispatcher, Day Captain
- Richard Stein as Post 215 Associate Advisor approval

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

The Treasurer presented and discussed various items of the financial review for the 1st half of 2011 for the HCAD and HCFAS.

HCAD: Income \$ 883,324 & Expenses \$581,750. Major expense items: Building \$63,324, Utilities \$45,813, Insurance \$112,708, Bond Interest \$110,141. We must be vigilant and turn off unnecessary lights to reduce our electric bill-it is too high and exceeds last year.

HCFAS: Income \$49,995 (fund drive \$43,720) & Expenses \$39,353 (fund drive \$18,680).

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Longevity Awards:

Joseph Gander #1166 – 5 Years in this recent

Christy Stiles #1024 – 10 Years

Fritz Barreau #1025 – 10 Years

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Millie Gabriel #1028 – 10 Years

Jody Kavanagh #928 - 15 Years

Betsy Smith #929 - 15 Years

Correspondence:

Our next parade is the Greenlawn Fire Department Parade on September 1, 2011. This parade is shorter than East Northport parade was at 1.1 miles, I measured it Thursday.

24's

Our 24s rate for July were 1.46%- 5 No Response out of 476 Calls.

Our rate so far this year is 1.82% - 50 out of 2654 Calls.

Thought for this month: Attendance at Squad events

David Mohr and I were discussing the issue of attendance at the East Northport Firemen's Fair Wednesday night. Later that evening a few random thoughts on that subject invaded my mind. I complained to my wife about that our attendance (10 members) was a poor showing. She gently reminded me that I have never been a member to attend parades and that the only thing getting me out now was my election. Not much sympathy at home.

But, I wondered how the Fire Departments got their members out in such large numbers. I was told that most departments require attendance by their members at all or a specific number of uniformed events. Non-attendance results in monetary fines or other departmental consequences. Even though we grant LOSAP points for attendance or provide a meal or meal allowance, we have minimal attendance at these events. I believe that some attendance requirements should be observed. Our Squad picnic had 26 adults and 16 kids not show up. Luckily Brian is on top of this or we would lose a lot of money on attendance.

#1. I think that we should require all members to attend either the St. Patrick's Day Parade or the Memorial Day Parade. Both are important Huntington Parades. The first is fun; the second is honor. We need both.

#2. Regretfully, many of our members are becoming "senior members" and the occurrence of funerals is a fact. These members served with us, ate with us, partied with us and mourned others with us. We OWE them. They have earned our respect. We dishonor ourselves by not honoring them. Yes, we are all busy. We all work. We are all tired. Those excuses are not enough. I cannot agree to any form of requirement of attendance or punishment if they do not, but I require that each member consider some form of acknowledgement of that former member's importance to our organization. A thought, a prayer, an expression of compassion, to honor and remember is needed by us all.

#3. Members should be brought into this organization with the knowledge that they are required to attend some number of our Monthly Meetings. Being a member of HCFAS is more than a weekly duty tour, review trainings, and riding calls. Getting to know people on different days, learning how our company runs, and speaking up on issues that concern you is the base that our organization keeps building on. Complaining and grouching about anything is an inalienable right that comes with any group, but changes are effectuated only by those who stand up and raise those complaints before the whole group.

#4. I believe that all Officers and Directors should be in attendance at every GMM. The By-laws specify that all Directors and the Chief are required to attend every GMM, but attendance at

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these functions of the corporation is not required of the other Officers and Day Captains. It is hard to require the attendance of other members when the elected leaders don't show up. This is not leading by example.

Before we begin figuring out how to punish those who do not commit to the extra involvement that we all seek, let's figure out how to make them want to join us. Changing the rules of the game at half time, causes feelings of resentment, confusion and annoyance.

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Nicole Menditto #1294. A picture with the Outback manager will be inserted in the plaque in the ready room.

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Welcome New Members

Andrew Taylor Mon 2300
Nicole Calderone Sun 1500
Eduardo Nelson Wed 0700
Samantha Mohr Sun 1500
Chris Vultaggio Tue 0700
Fiona Witkowski Wed 1100

Driver Training Update

New drivers – Matt Valle and Brian Quinn Response Car driver, Megan Meyer full driver!!!
Holding off on response car driver training for now

Violence In Progress (VIP) Chief's Order Update

With approval from all 3 departments we've asked to host as VIP Approved stand by locations, we will be sending out a Chief's order explaining the updates to VIP stand bys.

Company 8

Reminder, Company 8 members can fill voids for your shift for their company 8 hours. Call them for help.

Phone Roster –

I will send one out via email and update ones are in the dispatch office.

Thank yous:

Martha and Joanne for schedule coordination
Ray and Nancy for data entry

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Training: Please do trainings online if possible.

Behavioral In-service- required training is almost complete. We still have about 15-20 EMTs that have not completed their training. There is one last training next Wednesday at 7 pm. We

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cannot put new restraints or medications on the rig until everyone has completed. The training has been put back online. Any non emts can now take it if they have not already.

August review training is online It is on burns

EVOC driver training has been set up for September and October. It is a 4 part class and you must attend all parts. Part one and two will be held at HCFAS Tuesday September 27 and Thursday October 6 at 730 pm. Parts 3 and 4 will be held at FRES in Yaphank on Thursday and Friday October 13-14.

Drill - drill will be Sunday September 18. This will be in conjunction with HMFD and possible other departments.

Equipment and drugs:

If you open the BLS draw you MUST fill out paper work so we can account for everything and restock. The paper work is in the draw. The restraints will be stored in that draw as well.

Portable suction units. Please do not pull them directly off the charger. They have to be pulled up then out. This is why they are not charging correctly.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Uniform Survey:

There was a quick uniform survey in this month's Pulse, please take a moment to let the Officers know your opinion. Please only pick one choice for each question.

Attendance:

Last week I sent an email to the Officers and several members asking them for their ideas and suggestions to increase attendance at GMM, parades and funerals. My original goal was to get their opinions and put a proposed SOP change together for presentation at the September GMM. I have received 7 responses so far and they are very interesting, with some really good ideas. Based on their responses, I am going to change my approach. Instead of putting a proposed SOP change together, I am going to summarize what I have received, make a presentation at the September GMM and solicit additional comments from the membership. I will get the summary of ideas and comments in the September Pulse so that everyone will have enough time to take a look at them and be prepared for the GMM.

Vehicles:

We must turn off the A/C and lights in the back of the rigs when the engine is not running. We are leaving these on and it is putting too big of a strain on the alternators when we start the rigs. This is causing the fan belt to slip, causing that burning smell and the squealing noise that many of you have reported to me. **Drivers you must also turn off the A/C in the cab as well.**

So the natural questions is, can't our batteries handle the load. Yes they can, but not all at once. We have many things wired directly, so that they come on as soon as you turn the key, radios for

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instance. So we already have a substantial draw on the batteries and then the alternators when we turn the key to start the rigs. The added draw of two A/C units and all the interior lights, then we put the emergency lights on and we are not giving the couple of seconds the system needs to compensate for the increased electrical need.

We just can't have everything on as we start the rigs. After the Driver starts the rig and get the emergency lights going, then you can turn on the A/C and lights in the back. When the Driver shuts off the rig, turn off the A/C and lights in the back and we won't have any problems.

Many of you have called me telling me about the problem and after you turn everything off, start the rig and then turn things on one at a time, you don't have the problem. It is the same reason we have a sequencer for the emergency lights, you don't want everything coming on at once. We have two, two hundred amp alternators and two high performance batteries on the rigs. This is more than enough to handle the load we are putting on them. We just have to manage it better.

Fall Festival:

The annual Long Island Fall Festival in Huntington is a week earlier this year because of a Jewish holiday. It will be Friday, September 30th to Sunday, October 2nd, there will be no festival on Monday. As we have in the past, we will be doing a stand-by on Saturday and Sunday from 1100-1900 hrs. There will be two shifts per day, 1100-1500 hrs. and 1500-1900 hrs. At least two full crews, along with ALS, as well as additional personnel for the Command area and bike team members. Sign up sheet will go up in the coming weeks.

Post 215:

The Post is going to Bodies – The Exhibition at the South Street Seaport on August 11th and would like to invite any Squad member that would like to see the exhibit to join them.

BODIES...The Exhibition provides an intimate and informative view into the human body. Using an innovative preservation process, the Exhibition allows you to see and celebrate your body's inner beauty in ways you never dreamed possible. Over 200 actual human bodies and specimens, meticulously dissected and respectfully displayed, offer an unprecedented and wholly unique look into your amazing body. Come explore, experience and celebrate the wonder of the human form.

The exhibit recently reopened on February 4th after a renovation. So if you haven't seen it in the last six-month, you may want to re-see it. The cost will be \$42.50, which includes round trip train and subway to the exhibit, entrance to the exhibit, headphone for the audio tour, and a meal voucher for lunch at the seaport. We will meet at the Squad at 8:15 am, leaving on the 8:55am train and return around 5:00pm.

If you are interested please see me immediately as I need a final count tonight.

Saturday July 23rd Report:

On Saturday, July 23rd, I had the opportunity to be the covering Officer for the day. This was the Saturday of the second heat wave of the season. I was scheduled to be at the Squad anyway for the Post's Annual Car Wash, but that got cancelled due to the heat emergency. I would like to

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thank the duty crews; they did a fantastic job on a hot and busy day. We handled 18 calls, including 9 calls on the 1500 shift alone, with 3 rigs on the road for the majority of the shift. 14 members came out during the day to support the duty crews. A very special thank you to **Joe Grant, Liz Mohr** (who answered calls and dispatched several times during the day), **Vito Reciniello, Rich Stein** (who was my primary back-up all day), **Post Member Rich Rodriquez** (who came in early to fill in dispatching on the 1500 crew), **Mark Brenner, Matt Valle, Jeff O'Neill, Brian Canty, Matt Cappola, Mark Cappola, Kyle Rudden, Tom Hogan and Glen Stern**. Thanks also to **Laura Treulich** for staying late and filling in dispatching after her 1100 shift till we could get a replacement.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

New members are progressing very well with their dispatch training. There is a website link to your LOSAP activity (it is current to the extent it has been processed by your day captain). I am looking into a year to date option.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Welcome Andrew Taylor 2300 shift.

Congratulations to Paul Nathan on becoming an EMT.

Thanks to everyone who filled in on a shift or answered a backup call.
1100 Needs help. CL DR Etc.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo given by Scott Bielanski

Thanks to everyone who filled in on a shift or answered a backup call.
Need ALS help on the overnight.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski

Its been a busy summer, and I wanted to thank all of you that have answered back up and filled in on shifts. I would like to especially thank my regulars who are always there to fill in, when help is most needed.

With only a dispatcher, crewleader and driver, the 1500-1900 shift is most in need of help. I could always use a driver on the 1100-1500 to complete the second crew as well as some first aiders if there is anyone interested. The overnight is also in need of additional members as well.

If you can fill in for a shift, please use the website to sign up for an opening. Thank you and have a good evening.

Ken Manning is out of surgery and is doing okay.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Welcome Chris Vultaggio 0700 hour shift.

Congratulations Megan Meyer -full driver.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

No report.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis

Saturdays are going well. I continue to ask all members to keep their pagers/cell phones/radios on. A few weeks ago we had a call that was 24d because we had a CL dispatching. I ask all members to help our newer members in gaining the knowledge and experience needed to become assets to the organization. Thank you to everyone who has completed the restraint class (the faster everyone is finished, the faster we get the new toys!!!).

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein

No report.

Delegate Reports:

Andrea Golinsky:

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NYSVA&RA Annual Meeting Proxy – Look for a proxy for the annual meeting election in your mail folder. Please sign it and return it to the mail box marked PROXIES. Make your vote count.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA -The next meeting will be next Tuesday August 16 at South Country Ambulance. Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

Rear Facing Blue Light Law Update- The bill has been signed into law by Governor Cuomo. The fast movement through the NYS legislature of this bill that provides safety for our EMS vehicles and personnel was achieved through the work of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association and District 7.

Committee Reports:

Bob Franz

SCACA – Their next meeting is Wednesday September 21 at South Country Ambulance.

Suffolk REMSCO – Their next meeting is September 13 at 7PM at SC EMS in Hauppauge.

Suffolk County FRES Recruitment Committee – Their next meeting is September 21 at SC FRES Library at 1800 hours in Yaphank.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 12 – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be postmarked by August 12, 2011. This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVA&RA provides up to three scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

Post 215- David Mohr

See the Third Deputy Chief's Report.

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412 **CME – Pam Brenner Biersack**
413 Emails will be sent out for CMEs at HCFAS.
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415 **Standby – Donna Smith**
416 Emails go out on a regular basis for standbys
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418 **Pulse – Patty Salajka** – Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the
419 PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org
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421 **Monument and Sign- Richard Stone**
422 Construction to start in two weeks.
423 LED sign installation to be completed in September.
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425 **Old business:**
426 “No parking” signs for parking lot in progress.
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428 **New business:**
429 Unity in the Community Parade Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 9:30AM step off – See Lehti
430 Lass for details and Posting on bulletin board.
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432 **Closing**
433 Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?
434 Thank all of you for attending, we had a big turnout. Thank you again for your support at the
435 meeting. – Roger Winter
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437 **Thank you to those who have helped:** Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, David
438 Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortes, Tom O’Leary, Greg Orr,
439 Bill Martin, Carol Nucci and Samantha Mohr.
440 Set-up committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.
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442 **Raffles - Various Gifts**
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 - 1)Cortenova Primitivo (A gift from Chris Winter) – Pam Brenner
 - 2) San Giuseppe Veneto Pinot Grigio (A gift from Brian Canty) – Carmen Schlieben
 - 3) BBQ – Hot Dogs and Hamburgers – Monica Mulchandani
 - 4) BBQ – Hot Dogs and Hamburgers – Jacques Cadet
 - 5) BBQ – Steak, Sausages, Marinade – Karen Martin
 - 6) BBQ – Steak, Sausages, Marinade –Samantha Mohr
 - All four BBQ’s get a cooler to take food home
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452 **See the proposed By-Laws amendments 04-2011 (Amend Article VI Section 2 Change the**
453 **Start Time of the General Membership Meeting) read for the first time (2nd reading,**
454 **discussion and vote at September 12, 2011 meeting).**
455 **Also see proposed SOP change 17-2011 (Article II Operational Member Guidelines –**
456 **Sections 1,2 & 3 –various paragraphs) read and discussed.**

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Richard Stein to adjourn the meeting at 2200 hours.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: August 30, 2011

Approved: September 12, 2011

Proposed By-Law Change 04-2011

Proposal:

Change the start time of the General Membership Meetings.

Background/Justification:

The start date was moved to 8:15 many years ago in order to accommodate NYC commuters. This need is no longer valid and the 8:15 start has caused the meetings to run late which is an issue for many of the attendees.

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

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 2 - MEETINGS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Regular meetings of all members will take place the 2nd Monday of each month at ~~8:15~~
7:30P.M. at headquarters unless otherwise announced by letter. The Board of Directors may
change the meeting date only under special circumstances (religious holidays, etc.) and only by
written notification of membership.

In case of emergencies, including but not limited to blizzards and hurricanes, the President may
postpone a General Membership Meeting until the following Monday without observing the
above notification procedures. All efforts must be made to notify membership of the
postponement including general paging and ~~telephoning~~ emailing of members. The President
must notify the Board promptly of his reasons for the postponement.

Proposers: Mark Cappola #1087, Mark Brenner #449 and John Palmieri #499.

Proposed SOP Change 17-2011

Proposal:

Update Article II of the SOP's.

Background/Justification:

To correct some of the grammar and to remove ambiguity within Article II.

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

Article II - Operational Member Guidelines

Section 1 - Member in Good Standing:

The status of a member in good standing is one that all members should maintain ~~a status all members should strive to achieve~~. To be a member in good standing, a member must: be in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures; be off probation; and be current in the completion of his duty tours or hourly commitment.

Section 2 - On-Duty Crews:

1. Duty Tours

B. All members must be in uniform (see Uniform Code) for their shift. The Crewleader shall inform the Day Captain if a member is consistently out of uniform. ~~After informing~~ With the approval of the Day Captain or a Chief Officer, a Crewleader may send home any Crewmember not in proper uniform.

F. If a member fails to show up for duty they will be given a "No Show". After two No Shows within a calendar year, the member ~~will~~ may lose his shift.

2. Sign-In Roster

A. Upon arriving at headquarters each member should sign-in ~~on~~ using the finger reader ~~Duty Roster (time, signature, and membership number)~~.

B. The Duty Roster will inform you of what responsibility you ~~will~~ are expected to serve on your shift ~~(Crewleader, Driver, First Aider, Aide, Observer, Dispatcher or Trainee)~~. ~~The roster may also have a communication listed on it, that you will be expected to read and initial the communication column next to your name.~~

C. At times the Day Captain may write pertinent information for the crew on the roster that you will be expected to read.

3. Responsibilities

B. Check the Duty Chore list to see what your ~~crew has had assigned to it~~ Day Captain has assigned to your crew.

C. The crews ~~must~~ should check out the ambulances according to the appropriate checkout sheets immediately upon arriving for their shift.

G. It is the on-duty Dispatcher's responsibility to keep the office clean and orderly. It is the on-duty crew's responsibility to keep the Ready Room, ~~Smoking Room~~, Kitchen and Bunk Room, ~~and bathrooms~~ neat and tidy. Any crew that leaves a mess for the next crew may have a Clean House Report filed on them, and may be called back to Headquarters to clean up.

4. Relief Time

A. At the completion of ~~your~~ the duty tour ~~you~~ the Dispatcher should not leave until ~~your~~ his replacement has arrived, ~~unless there is someone in the building that can cover for you or he~~ have identified a person capable of assuming the responsibilities of dispatching. ~~If your~~

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547 ~~replacement is not on time you should let your Day Captain know and attempt to contact your~~
548 ~~replacement~~ In the absence of a replacement, the Dispatcher must contact the Day Captain
549 immediately.

550 B. ~~The Crewleader should~~ inform the next crew of any pertinent information that they should
551 know and the crew should sign out on using the Roster finger reader.

553 5. Replacements

554 A. If you are unable to serve on your shift, it is your responsibility to obtain a replacement of
555 equal or higher status and notify your Day Captain. It is only with the Captain's permission that
556 you may get a replacement of a status lower than your own. If you become suddenly ill or an
557 emergency arises (e.g. family illness) you must notify the Day Captain of your absence and the
558 Dispatcher on duty.

559 ~~C. It is with the Captain's permission only that you may get a replacement of a status lower~~
560 ~~than your own.~~

562 6. Shift Changes

563 New members are expected to stay on the shift they are assigned to for a minimum of fifteen
564 months. If it becomes necessary to change their shift the following guidelines must be followed:

565 A. Submit a Shift Change Request Form to the First Deputy Chief, and your current Day
566 Captain and Schedule Coordinator (make sure that all information is filled out). The First
567 Deputy Chief will advise you if the shift is open and your request is approved.

569 7. Status Changes

570 Any member who does not maintain their status ~~—e.g., a Driver removed from driving status for an~~
571 ~~accident, two moving violations, or careless driving, or a Crewleader removed from Crewleading—~~
572 ~~—e.g., EMT card expires; may have to change their shift if it is not possible for them to drop lower~~
573 ~~on their shift to maintain a fully staffed crew. (e.g., if you are the only Crewleader on your shift~~
574 ~~and you lose your Crewleader status, you must find another shift, if there is no opening for a First~~
575 ~~Aider on your shift.)~~

577 8. Alternating Overnight

578 B. Alternating Overnight status may be granted by the Chief to members in good standing
579 when the following requirements and conditions are met:

580 iv. The ~~Chief~~ Captain will make every effort to balance the opposing shifts.

582 9. Company 8

583 The purpose of Company 8 is to enable a member of HCFAS who can no longer maintain a
584 regularly scheduled duty tour to continue their active, operational membership in HCFAS. To
585 request Company 8, a Shift Change Request Form(#138) stating the reason(s) for requesting
586 Company 8 status must be submitted to the Chief, with a copy to the First Deputy and the current
587 Day Captain. Documentation supporting the request (i.e., letter from employer, school transcripts)
588 must accompany the form. The request will be reviewed, discussed and voted on at the next
589 scheduled Officer's meeting. The member will continue on his regularly scheduled shift, or obtain a
590 replacement of equal or higher status, pending the results of the Officer's meeting. Members
591 requesting Company 8 must be in good standing, be a First Aider or higher in status or a Permanent

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Dispatcher with a minimum of two years on the Squad, and ~~meet one (1) of the following criteria:~~
be prevented by work, school or other situation from fulfilling a regularly scheduled shift.

~~A. Be prevented mandated by a salaried full time job to work, school or other situation from fulfilling a regularly scheduled shift rotating shifts or tours with rotating days off.~~

~~B. Be mandated by a salaried job to work thirty two or more hours and is taking nine or more credits of education concurrently.~~

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

A. (no change)

~~B. Company 8 personnel must fill an open shift position (A fill-in cannot be used to fulfill their shift requirement for the week).~~

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

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

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

E. Members on Company 8 who cannot fulfill a weekly shift ~~will be taking vacation or any
extended absence~~ must inform the First Deputy Chief in writing ahead of time ~~prior to their
vacation or other commitment. All missed time must be made up by the end of the current
review quarter.~~

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

10. Explorer Post Members (format change only, no text change)

F. If the Explorer Post member has successfully completed dispatch training, ambulance
orientation and has been approved as an Aide, they may be accepted and begin First
Aider training. At the recommendation of the Squad Chief and approval by the Board of
Directors, an Explorer Post member may be accepted for Active membership at any stage
below First Aider depending on the level of training.

Section 3 - Leave of Absence:

3. Military or Educational LOA - Military or Educational LOA's can be requested by a non-
probationary member. Probationary members who were former non-probationary members of the
Youth Squad may request an educational LOA. They will be considered on an individual basis with
the recommendation and approval of the Board of Directors. Educational LOA's may be granted
for the member's entire semester at one time.

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Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: September 12, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present (74 members signed in).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members. Also let us not forget the tragedy on 9/11 and all of the people who lost their lives.

I would like all the members who were members on 9/11/01 to stand. I would like to thank all of you for your service on that painful day. We had several crews respond to staging areas and to firehouses in the city to be available to respond to any emergency. We also had extra crews respond to the building to handle any emergency that day and the weeks to follow. It was a

tension filled time and we responded with a true sense of loyalty and the willingness to serve the public.

I thank you again.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- Eileen Burns # 767, Hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, no calls please. Eileen is in an out of state hospital for special treatment..
- Israel Cortes #1174, was hospitalized at Huntington Hospital recently, he is home recovering. Calls and prayers are welcome.
- Margaret Cornelius #704 had a surgical procedure recently. She is home recovering, calls and prayers are welcome
- Clara Elliot's #416 husband Frank was hospitalized recently, he is home. Calls are welcome.
- Kathy Leonard #860 had surgery recently, she is home recovering. calls welcome.
- Ken Manning #1236 had surgery recently, he is home recovering, calls and prayers are welcome.
- Paul Mori #934 had surgery recently, he is home recovering, call prayers are welcome. Please do not make any reference to cows, thank you.
- Nancy Barker #930 has injured her lower leg, she is back dispatching and recovering, calls are welcome.
- William "Mike" Barker #862 had surgery, he is recovering, and calls are welcome.
- Joe Grant #1304 has been diagnosed with a rare aggressive kidney disorder. He will need a kidney transplant in the future. Donations for medical expenses can be made to Elizabeth Grant at 631- 428-5818.
- Ray Pollard #1110 was in a motorcycle accident, a short stay in the Emergency Room and Ray went home. Calls are welcome.

Congratulations on a Wedding and Birth of a Baby:

- Christine Blackwell # 661 and Donald Roulo #1017 were married on 9/6/2011. Congratulations to Chris and Don Roulo.
- Monique Moreno's #1042, daughter had a baby. Another grandmother riding.

Longevity Awards – 20 years and more

- Paul Kelly #634 – 30 years
- Patricia (Trish) Reciniello #740 – 25 years
- Laura Treulich #743 – 25 years

Paul Kelly #634 – 30 Years (1981)

Life Member, Driver, Crewleader, EMT –CC, and ALS Committee member in charge of returning expired medications. On duty for 35 years on Thursday 1500-1900 hours, multiple back up calls, he is passionate about the squad and its goals and mission statement he is an individual who is dedicated to serve the squad and community.

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Paul is also an active Life Member of our Local Nathan Hale VFW Post 1469 is a member of the VFW Color Guard and is Vice President of the VFW Post Board of Directors. Paul is actively involved with veteran-related activities. Paul is also an active member of the Town of Huntington Veteran's Advisory Board and liaison to the Supervisor of the Town of Huntington. Paul is also a Life Member of The Vietnam Veterans of America Paul is happily married to his wonderful wife Catherine Mary and he is the proud grandfather of Ryan. Short Story - Roger

Patricia Reciniello # 740 – 25 years (1986)

Trish has been a Crewleader, Driver, 20 year exempt member, a Co-Chair of the Children's Holiday party. Married to Vito for an eternity it feels like. A dedicated member, she has been a member for 25 years at the same time raising two children ,Oh yes, and Vito. Short Story - Roger

Laura Treulich # 743 – 25 years (1986)

Laura at one time was the Officer's Secretary, Co-Chair of the Uniform Committee, Social Committee, Recruitment Committee, 20 Year Exempt Member. Laura is another member who is raising two beautiful girls and still is on duty every Saturday 1100 - 1500 hours. (Sometimes she looks like Mike Barker...)Being a mother is a hard job, but to be a young mother and a volunteer is outstanding. Thank you for your dedication, and your passion for the squad.

Motion by Jeffrey Brenner and seconded by Brian Canty to change the order of the meeting so that the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2011 can be read for the 2nd time and for a ballot vote to be taken on the amendment.

Unanimous.

David Mohr read the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2011 (Amend Article VI Section 2 Change the Start Time of the General Membership Meeting).

See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment 04-2011.

Secretary Franz conducted a roll call & determined that 68 eligible voting members were present and ballots were distributed, collected and counted.

Ballot voting results: 49 Yes 19 No. Proposed By-Laws amendment was accepted by the required 2/3 or 45 votes.

Motion by Chris Roulo and seconded by Mark Cappola to destroy the ballots. Unanimous.

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Mark Brenner to change the order of the meeting for presentations on the Uniform Shirt Survey and two Membership Surveys.

- David Mohr presents a slide presentation and survey on Uniforms

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- Slide presentation on the survey on the General Membership Meeting enhancements to encourage more participation. Notes were taken to be collated.
- Slide presentation on the survey on the parades and funeral details. Notes were taken from suggestions and collated.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by Kathy Leonard and seconded by Don Roulo to accept the August 8, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was read to the membership by Secretary Franz.

Incoming: Thank you letters: members: Kathy Leonard; family of Norma Signorelli; memorial donation Gwen Young in memory of Kathy Gearey; SC Legislator Jon Cooper – for use of room for Blood Drive and Doctors Cohen, Caravella & Meltzer for storing their vaccines in our refrigerator during hurricane Irene..

We continue to receive memorial donations in honor of Norma Signorelli #304.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- Explorer Post 215 Drill Team Members, plus one alternate and Advisor to go to the NYSVA&RA Pulse Check Conference and Drill Competition.
- Flagler Emergency Services of Ohio FEMA Grant applications
- EMT class Paul Nathan #1239 policy rate expenditure not to exceed \$550.00
- NYSVA&RA Pulse Check 2011 56th Annual Education Conference & Trade Show Advertisement \$135.00
- General Meeting Room Request Gerardo Vasquez #1055.
- Adept Technology Contract – service agreement for computers.
- Voting Machine and Elections – rent voting machine from Suffolk County.
- Advance for Meals on Election Day for workers.
- Amend Monument and Signage Project Motion to illuminate the top of the sign.
- SOP 17-2011 Article II Section 2 #3C
- Telephone and Video Conferencing Policy
- Town of Huntington Chief's Council Annual Dinner

Thank you

Thank you to the Zumba Class and Joanne Cunningham for setting up the room.

The dessert cookies for tonight meeting are a thank you from Dr. Cohen, Dr. Caravella and Dr. Meltzer for storing their vaccines during Hurricane Irene.

Testimony

A report of an outstanding call as documented by POs Tony Iadevaio, Rob Musual, Huntington High School Athletic Trainer Kelly Hatsmann. The following crew Dispatcher Richard Stone, Dispatch Trainee Sarah Manning, Brendan Fitts, Don Roulo and Dennis Vangroski with the aid of the above mentioned persons successfully and professionally treated a possible catastrophic

athletic injury (neck injury) successfully. The patient did not suffer a severe neck and spinal cord injury but the precautions taken to treat and transport were outstanding as testimony of the above mentioned police officers and athletic trainer.

Farewell to two dedicated Squad Members

Tomoko Hirasawa #1129 and Nancy Griesel-Eckhardt #1170 will be leaving us at the end of the month to pursue a dream. We would like to thank both of them for the many years and countless hours that they have volunteered. Good luck in both of your endeavors.

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri

Longevity Awards:

- Nancy Barker #930 – 15 years
- James (Jim) Mallilo #1030 – 10 years
- Ona Mastroianni #1029 – 10 years
- Fritz Barreau # 1025 – 10 years

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Kathy Castillo #1276

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Thank yous:

Martha Brenner and Joanne Cunningham - schedule coordinators

Ray Pollard and Nancy Courtemanche - Thank you for Data Entry work

This month's report is all about the shift attendance guideline I sent out. Please make sure to read the document and ask your Captain or me for any clarification.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

LIRR drill is this coming Sunday the 18th. Be at headquarters at 8 am. Drill starts approx 9 am. There is a training class that goes along with the drill that will be held at HMFD HQ on Thursday. The class is worth 3 hours of non-core CME. Class starts at 730.

Behavioral restraints and haldol has been added to the ambulances as of the 0700 shift. The restraints are being stored in the BLS medication drawer. IF you open the draw to use the restraints (OR ANY OF THE MEDICATIONS) you must fill out a form.

The haldol is being placed in the small zippered pouch within the main medication bag.

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EVOC – There are a few openings left for the EVOC class. To date I have 14 people signed up. If you want to go let me know, I have room for 20.

Suction Units – Pull off correctly

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Vehicles:

We recently transported a patient that was confirmed to have bed bugs. I will be writing a procedure for sanitizing the vehicle after such a call, but the sanitizer can be used for minor contact and there is also another solution in the machine that should be used for extreme cases. It is the crew's responsibility to sanitize the vehicle after such calls. Should the Fire Department be need, as was the case with this call, they should be advised after we get notified and they are permitted to bring their trucks to the Squad and sanitize them as well. If PD was on scene they should be contacted as well.

Fall Festival:

The annual Long Island Fall Festival in Huntington is a week earlier this year because of a Jewish holiday. It will be Friday, September 30th to Sunday, October 2nd; there will be no festival on Monday. As we have in the past, we will be doing a stand-by on Saturday and Sunday from 1100-1900 hrs. There will be two shifts per day, 1100-1500 hrs. and 1500-1900 hrs. At least two full crews, along with ALS, as well as additional personnel for the Command area and bike team members. Help is needed on all day on Sunday.

Post 215:

The Post will be having its Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 12th. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths under 12 and free for children under 3. In addition to a great meal of pasta, salad and bread, there will also be door prizes and a raffle. Tickets can be purchased from any Post member or you can email me, davidmohr@yahoo.com, or call me 631-793-0702.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

Please make sure that all PCRs are placed into the proper mailbox to avoid missing PCRs.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski given by 1st Deputy Chief Winter

I am currently at work and apologize for my absence to tonight's meeting.

I am in need of a Driver on my 0700 shift until Ken Manning is back from recovering from his surgery. My 1100-1500, 1500-1900, and 2300-0700 shifts are always in need of members. If anyone is available please feel free utilize the website to sign up for a shift or you can always directly contact me.

We had 37 calls last Friday and were able to manage only 2 24's. Fridays can be extremely busy. If you can't commit to a specific shift, being available for even just one back up call can make a immense impact. This doesn't just apply to Company 6, if you have pagers please use them. If you are not using them, there are a good number of members that could utilize that equipment for

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the benefit of the community. Please turn them in to the Chief Dispatcher if they are not being utilized so we can avoid 24's and crew shortages.

Have a good evening and be safe.

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1100 Needs help. CL DR Etc.

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Thanks to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered a backup call, Rich Stein, Pam Brenner, Dale, Bartolomeo, Jeff O'Neill, Liz Mohr, Joe Grant, Tom O'Leary, Jeff O'Neill, Sally Staszak, and Joe Grant. My apologies for anyone I forgot.

Continued Get well wishes to Paul Mori and Bill Martin.

Congratulations to Monique Moreno. She became a grandmother.

Welcome Sara Manning #1345 to the 0700 Shift to the Monday overnight.

Good luck to everyone entering the new EMT class this Month.

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Congratulations to Kristen Tiersch, She is now off probation.

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Welcome Maxine Epstein #1346 1100 hour shift.

Congratulations:

Juan Flores – Acting Crewleader program

Megan Meyer – passed driver training test and almost done with her 5 driver trainer calls.

Kazuo (Spike) Ishikawa – ready to take driver test

I am looking for a dispatcher or first aider for the 1100 hour and 1500 hour shift.

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Bob Franz

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Suffolk REMSCO – Their next meeting is tomorrow night September 13 at 7PM at SC EMS in Hauppauge.

Suffolk County FRES Recruitment Committee – Their next meeting is Wednesday September 21 at SC FRES Library at 1800 hours in Yaphank.

LOSAP 2010 Benefit Statements - Bob Franz

The December 31, 2010 LOSAP benefit statements have been distributed to all participants in your member mail folder. Please review this statement carefully and if any of the information is incorrect, please put a detail note with any corrections in Secretary Bob Franz's mailbox. If you require a change of beneficiary, please use HCFAS Form # 430 which can be found on the form rack outside the dispatch office. Thank you to the fund drive committee for your continued assistance in distributing these statements. Thank you to Andy Ball & Margaret Cornelius for entering all the data during the year. If you have any other questions, please contact Bob Franz.

Post 215- David Mohr

See the Third Deputy Chief's Report.

Standby – Donna Smith

Emails go out on a regular basis for standbys

Pulse – Patty Salajka

Patty is stepping down due to school and work commitments, Chris Mallilo will be taking over starting in October.

Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Monument and Sign- Richard Stone

There is a slight delay in delivery of materials due to Hurricane Irene. LED Sign to be completed in September. Foundation has been laid.

Old business:

New business:

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank all of you for attending, we had a big turnout. Thank you again for your support at the meeting. – Roger Winter

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortes, Tom O’Leary, Greg Orr, Bill Martin, Carol Nucci and Samantha Mohr.
Set-up committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

- 1) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Casey Orr
- 2) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Mary Winter
- 3) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Sam Mohr
- 4) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Tomoko Hirasawa
- 5) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Christy Stiles
- 6) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Sheryl Roach
- 7) Mum Plant – Rodriguens Gabriel
- 8) Mum Plant – Mark Cappola
- 9) Mum Plant - Tom O’Leary
- 10) Mum Plant – Dale Bartolomeo
- 11) 9-11-01 Memorial Tee Shirt – Heidi Magerle
- 12) 9-11-01 memorial Tee Shirt – Jacques Cadet

See the proposed By-Laws amendments 04-2011 (Amend Article VI Section 2 Change the Start Time of the General Membership Meeting) read for the second time, voted upon and passed by the required 2/3 vote.

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Chris Blackwell Roulo to adjourn the meeting at 2230 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: September 27, 2011

Approved: October 10, 2011

**Proposed By-Law Change
04-2011**

Proposal:

Change the start time of the General Membership Meetings.

Background/Justification:

The start date was moved to 8:15 many years ago in order to accommodate NYC commuters. This need is no longer valid and the 8:15 start has caused the meetings to run late which is an issue for many of the attendees.

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

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 2 - MEETINGS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Regular meetings of all members will take place the 2nd Monday of each month at ~~8:15~~ 7:30P.M. at headquarters unless otherwise announced by letter. The Board of Directors may change the meeting date only under special circumstances (religious holidays, etc.) and only by written notification of membership.

In case of emergencies, including but not limited to blizzards and hurricanes, the President may postpone a General Membership Meeting until the following Monday without observing the above notification procedures. All efforts must be made to notify membership of the postponement including general paging and ~~telephoning~~ emailing of members. The President must notify the Board promptly of his reasons for the postponement.

Proposers: Mark Cappola #1087, Mark Brenner #449 and John Palmieri #499.

First Reading – August 8, 2011

Second Reading – September 12, 2011

Voting results: 49 Yes 19 No Amendment Accepted.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: October 10, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	PRESENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	ABSENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	ABSENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (60 members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

President Winter had a moment of silence for all members in all branches of service to America in harm's way and all HCFAS members. Also let us not forget the tragedy on 9/11 and all of the people who lost their lives.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- Eileen Burns # 767, Hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, no calls please. Eileen is in an out of state hospital for special treatment.

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- William “Bill” Martin #1063, recovering after surgery, prayers are needed and calls are welcome.
- Ferd Neumann # 369, his wife Joan has been hospitalized recently. She is in rehabilitation and is recovering. Calls and prayers are welcome.
- John Palmieri #499, was injured on a call. He is performing Chiefly Administrative duties and limping around. This injury has not affected his speech and pleasant remarks. Get well wishes are very welcome as he gets none of that at home.
- Liz Steenson #820 was injured while on duty. She has trouble with mobility. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Joanne Vogel # 861, had surgery recently, she is recovering nicely.
- Greg Orr # 983, had surgery recently, he is recovering at home, calls and prayers are welcome.
- Casey Orr #1283 was hospitalized recently, she is home recovering, prayers and calls are welcome.
- Sally Staszak’s #397, husband John is still in need of prayers. He is home and recovering, prayers are needed and calls are welcome.
- Monique Moreno #1042 is recovering after surgery at home.

Congratulations on a Wedding and Birth of a Baby:

- Christine Blackwell # 661 and Donald Roulo #1017 were married on 9/6/2011. Congratulations to Chris and Don Roulo.
- Monique Moreno’s #1042, daughter had a baby. Another grandmother riding.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- We mourn the unexpected loss of Mike Biersack brother of Paul Biersack #1004 and sister of former member Helen Biersack.
- We mourn the loss of Laurie Hoffmann’s #1243 father in law Ex. Chief Charlie Hoffmann Huntington Manor Fire Department

Longevity Awards – 20 years and more

- **Hugh O’Brien #853 - 20 years**
Founding Member of the Bike Team (Patrol) - training, recruitment, supply, testing of members, uniform acquisition.
Chairman of the O² Committee - takes care of all billing, inventory, fills the bottles, recommends upgrades and safety issues for improvements.
It is not the length of time it is the quality of work performed over the last 20 years of service.

Motion by Bernard Hershkowitz and seconded by Elizabeth Mohr to change the order of the meeting so that the proposed SOP amendment 20-2011 can be read and discussed.
Unanimous.

David Mohr explained the SOP change 20-2011, Article IV – Crewleader Responsibilities - Crewleader Section 7 – Acting Crewleader – New Section 6 – Signal 9 on 16 Violence in Progress (VIP). Since the proposed SOP change had been published in the October Pulse

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and posted on the bulletin board, the consensus of the membership was to dispense with the full reading. Discussion followed.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed SOP amendment 20-2011.

Secretary's Report Robert Franz

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Jeff Brenner to accept the September 12, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters were posted on the bulletin board.

Incoming: Thank you letters: members: Paul Kelly and Bill Billups; Julia Knapp for services rendered and St. Hugh of Lincoln RCC for our participation in their 9-11 Memorial service.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

- HCFAS had a guest on Tuesday, Dante Busetti, from Italy. He is an EMT from Pubblica Assistenza
- Router & Net Gear Wireless Purchase
- Presence at the time of Yearly Elections
- 2011 HCFAS GFBG Golf Tournament

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

Treasurers Report Brian Canty (as posted)

Financial Review Nine Months Ending 9/30/2011

HCAD – Town Tax Money

Expenses - \$890,636

Major Expenses

EMS Supplies	66,345
Vehicles	78,321
Building	82,719
Utilities	72,450
Communications	43,668
Professional Fees	52,740
Insurance	187,641
Office	10,835
Uniforms	12,047
Members Inspection	42,087

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Training	22,557
Public Relations	8,409
Subsistence	30,817
Bond Interest	163,092
Other Expenditures	16,906

HCFAS – Squad Money

Income – Fund Drive \$71,467 and Misc Donations/Interest \$71,479 = \$143,465

Expenses \$55,942

Insurance	9,404
Apparel	3,765
Fund Drive	22,088
Events, Refreshments, Member Svcs	22,252

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri (as posted)

Longevity Awards:

Donna Gurtowski #1168 5 Years

Hugh O'Brien #853 20 Years

And those who have not gotten their year pins though their anniversaries have passed:

Oscar Gomez #1113 Now 7 Years

Frank Guariglia #1115 Now 7 Years

Juan Pablo Garcia #1116 Now 7 Years

Paul Biersack #1004 Now 11 Years

Correspondence:

#1. A letter from the Northport Fire Department, thanking us for having a crew at the Annual Chuck Varese Extrication Tournament: Keith Rubenstein, Kyle Rudden, and Nicole Menditto.

#2. A letter from St. Hugh's Parish, thanking us for taking part in the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

#3. A letter from the Greenlawn Fire Department, thanking us for doing a standby for them during their fair: John Maier and Karen Martin.

#4. There will be a Veteran's Wreath Ceremony at Town Hall, Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 9:30 AM. The Keynote Speaker will be Ed Billia. Those wishing to attend, can be at the Squad to be transported by 9AM.

#5. Massapequa Fire Department is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 21, 2011 to benefit Ex-Chief Kevin Meany, a fireman for 38 years, who is suffering with an inoperable brain tumor. Tickets are \$25 and there is a raffle.

Motion was made by David Mohr and seconded by Mark Cappola to purchase 5 tickets for \$125 from the members' dues account. Motion approved unanimously.

#6. Ridge Fire Department is hosting a dinner and Chinese auction on Saturday, November 5, 2011 to benefit Mykenzie Grace Carro, the unborn daughter of Adam Carro, a Ridge fireman. Mykenzie will be born with only ½ a heart and will require numerous surgeries. Tickets are \$20 for 25 auction tickets.

Motion by Chris Roulo and seconded by David Mohr to purchase 4 tickets for \$100 from the members' dues account. Motion approved unanimously.

24's

Our 24s rate for September were 1.94%; 9 No Responses out of 464 calls. We had 36% of the calls for our division, but 47% of 24s.

Our rate so far this year is 1.92%; 78 24s out of 4064 calls. We equal 35% of calls for division and 41% of 24s.

Thought for this month: Reporting Abuse on Calls

This past week we have had 2 calls that the crews believed required notification of some type of social services for aid to the patient and family. I spoke to the Suffolk County Police Abuse officer who gave me a run down on how to access the system. It's not easy and does not always make sense.

First off, the crew, or just one member, has to make the call to Adult Protective Services, 631-854-3195, Monday to Friday, 9 to 5.

Be aware that if the patient is mentally competent and prefers to live in the situation that you found him, that is his right. It does not matter how squalid the environment is, as long as the patient is cognizant of his situation and is able to provide for himself or has aid in some manner. These conditions only rise to the level of police involvement, if the patient is not able to understand or take part in his/her care and there are persons who should be providing a measure of aid, but are not.

The age of the patient is immaterial as long as there is the ability to comprehend the situation. But that does not mean that you do not report any instance that you feel that the patient is imperiled. Report and let the Service people investigate the problem. Also, this is not the same as reporting suspected child abuse. Children cannot be expected to comprehend their mistreatment and thus your advocacy is required.

Last week, a patient demanded to be taken to Plainview Hospital and the call was handled with diplomacy and regard for both the feelings of the patient and the Squad's availability of resources. Another day, that same demand was made to a crew that determined that with only one crew on duty and already handling multiple calls, that they could not leave the district uncovered. They therefore 24ed the call. This decision was totally in the best interests of the Squad and the patient, who was informed that he could be transported to Huntington, but not to Plainview. An EMT must be able to think.

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Karen Martin

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First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter (as posted)

My apologies for not being in attendance. I have work commitments.

New members: - If Captains are not there – Otherwise, please allow them to introduce

#1350 Rafael Reyes Tuesday 2300

#1351 Meredith Borg Wednesday 2300

Driver Training:

Please welcome Vito Reciniello as the new Chair of the driver training committee. Vito brings a great deal of experience as a driver and driver training to the position and I look forward to working with him for the rest of the year! Thank you Vito for taking this on,.

Company 8:

No issues to discuss. Any questions for me about Company 8?

Personnel / Data Entry:

Thank you to Ray Pollard and Nancy Courtemanche for data entry

Schedule Coordinators:

Thank you Martha Brenner and Joanne Cunningham for your continued help.

Members – please submit any changes to the roster you have to Martha and Joanne.

Since Dave is reading this, say “thank me” meaning thanks Dave for running an outstanding Fall Festival stand by weekend. Well done as always.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller (as posted)

I do not believe I am going to make the meeting tonight. This is my first GMM I believe I haven't been it. Below is my report. Hopefully I didn't forget anything.

* thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the MCI Drill. We had over 100 participants. Drill went great. I will be scheduling a meeting in October to discuss some lessons learned from the drill

*the EVOC class started two weeks ago. We had 19 people from the squad attend. Remember you must attend all classes to get credit for the class.

*upcoming CME classes offered by Mark Brenner:

1) ALS Medical 1 cardiac October 22 from 9 am - 12 noon.

2) ALS M1 Respiratory (2 core hours plus 1 non-core hour) Sunday, October 23 12 noon - 3 pm. These ALS sessions would be available for BLS providers to take for non-core credit.

3) WMD Friday, November 25 from 7 - 10 pm for a mandatory core.

*review training is finally out. Had some trouble emailing it out, but it has been on the website for the past week

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr (as posted)

Fall Festival:

The annual Long Island Fall Festival in Huntington was last weekend and it was a tremendous success. 87 Squad members, 48 Post members and 56 members from surrounding department, including Shirley Community Ambulance, which were there all weekend, donated a total of 764 hours of services to the community. Thank you to everyone who came out and gave of themselves.

Post 215:

The Post will be having its Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 12th. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths under 12 and free for children under 3. In addition to a great meal of pasta, salad and bread, there will also be door prizes and a raffle. Tickets can be purchased from any Post member or you can email me, davidmohr@yahoo.com, or call me 631-793-0702.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

5 PCR items that need improvement:

- Look over PCR, make sure there is a run number on the PCR, put your member number on it, to the left of the times, and circle it.

- Please make sure to add personnel to the run, your crew needs to be accounted for.

- Also include the patient's name and age to the report.

- If ALS is on a Charlie, Delta or Echo call add the CC to the run on the ambulance, one time only is sufficient.

- It is important to enter the non unit signals for, unfounded, no patient found, RMA etc.

Please make sure that all PCRs are placed into the proper mailbox to avoid missing PCRs. They all go in the mailbox with the RED PCR label on it.

A PCR needs to be filled out for every call, all calls that result in a negative transport, the research copy is sent to Stony Brook Medical Center.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

Good evening everyone thank you for helping out on Sundays we have had very little 24s for the month of September we welcome one new member on the Sunday 1500 her name is Nicole Calderone and advanced two new CLs Nicole Menditto and Glen Stern congrats to both of them.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Thanks to everyone who has filled in on a shift and answered a backup call, Paul Kelly, Bobby Loysch, Dale Bartolomeo, Tom O'Leary, Kurt Vetter, Lorrie Stone, Sally Staszak, Mark Cappola My apologies for anyone that I missed.

Get well Soon to Monique Moreno who is out with a leg injury.

Continued get well wishes to Paul Mori, Bill Martin, and Nancy Barker.

Welcome Rodriguens Gabriel to the 1500 shift.

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295 Congratulations to Joe Gander Jr for passing his Dispatch test and
296 Ambulance orientation test.

297 Congratulations to Kelly Murphy on becoming a First Aider.

298 Welcome back Donna Smith to the 1100 shift.

299 Thanks to the 1900 crew for desensitizing the ambulance

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301 **Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr**

302 No report.

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304 **Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo**

305 No report.

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307 **Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan**

308 Help is needed on Thanksgiving Day November 24.

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310 **Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski**

311 No report.

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313 **Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis**

314 Thank you to all members responding to back up alarms on Saturday. Saturdays have been
315 crazy. Many shifts have experienced not only multiple calls but multiple calls throughout their
316 entire shift. One example would be on Saturday October 1st the 11:00 crew had 8 alarms in 54
317 minutes including 2 cardiac arrests. All of which were handled with the help of many people
318 responding to requests for back up crews.

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320 Thanks to Joe Grant, Jeff O'Neill, Tom O'Leary, Martha Brenner, David Mohr, Kyle Rudden for
321 their continuous help as backup.

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323 I'd like to congratulate Melissa Anastos and Howard Loewenthal on their advancement to crew
324 leader!

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326 Thank you to Amanda Manning and Matt Valle for helping out on the Saturday overnight while
327 back from school this weekend. You are missed and always welcome!

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329 I'd like to send my deepest sympathy to Laurie Hoffmann on the passing of her father in law ex
330 Chief Charlie Hoffmann. I had the pleasure of meeting him and he was a man who truly loved
331 his family and the fire service and would be proud of any person that volunteered their time to
332 help their fellow man.

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334 As always I ask everyone to keep their cell phones, pagers and radios on throughout the day
335 Saturday and thank you all for your continuous dedication.

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337 **Delegate Reports:**

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339 **NYSVA&RA- Andrea Golinsky.**

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The Pulse Check 2011 Educational Conference was held September 22 to 25 in Albany and was well attended by EMS providers from around New York State. This Educational Conference offered many seminars with topics including pre-hospital emergency care, social networking, leadership in the EMS organization. Vendors were available to show new equipment and there were several ambulances to check out.

Proxies were presented and ballots were voted. The slate presented previously by the nominating committee was elected. They are President-Michael Mastrianni, Executive Vice President- Henry Ehrhardt, Vice President-Chris Bitner, Secretary-Teresa Hamilton, Treasurer-Robert Franz and Financial Secretary-Colleen James.

The State Association will be sending their newsletter electronically in the future and therefore is requesting Email addresses for all individual members which will be sent to them when the Squad renews your membership for the 2012 year.

EMS Drill team competitions took place Friday night. There were 13 adult or youth teams competing and the problems were very interesting and it was an education to see them execute the problems given to them. Congratulations to Post 215 who came in first place in the Novice Division consisting of 4 youth squads.

The Presidential Reception, Banquet and Memorial Service were held Saturday evening. The Memorial Service remembered 911 and our departed member Norma Signorelli and as usual, it was a very somber and moving event.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA –Bob Franz

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 18 at Community Ambulance of Sayville. Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

SCACA – Bob Franz Their next meeting is Wednesday October 19 at Stony Brook VAC (SBUH).

Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2011 Points – Bob Franz

The 2011 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.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

Members wishing to check their designated beneficiary(s) on their Group Term Life Insurance Certificate or their VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy please drop a note in the Secretary's mail box or the insurance committee mail box or email Bob Franz (robo4200@hotmail.com). Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age). Generally, all active members are covered under the Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.

Your beneficiary under the LOSAP program was indicated on the 2010 LOSAP benefit statement distributed to you in early September 2011.

Members Mail Folders – Bob Franz

Reminder: Each time you come on your shift, please check your mail folder for any correspondence etc. and please do not use your folder for storage. Thanks.

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See the Third Deputy Chief's Report.

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Monument and Sign- Richard Stone

Happy to report that project is almost complete. Message on sign will be changing. Lights for flagpole, and EMS Prayer Plaque / monument are in progress.

CMEs – Pam Brenner

- Presented, also as e-mailed
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 - ALS M1 Respiratory (2 core hours PLUS 1 non-core hour) – Sunday October 23 from noon – 3 pm
 - WMD (mandatory 3 hours non-core) – Friday November 25 from 7 pm – 10 pm
 - BLS providers may take any of the classes above and receive non-core credit.
 - To register please email Pamela.brenner@gmail.com

Member Handbook – Martha Brenner

Help is needed. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Old business:

Survey on Uniform Patch is being revised and a new survey will be solicited.

New business:

Mark Cappola would like to see a change in name for HCFAS to EMS services. Annette Hershkowitz stated there is too much cost involved in the change.

Closing

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank all of you for attending, we had a big turnout. Thank you again for your support at the meeting. – Roger Winter

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- 4) Mum Plant – Karen Martin
- 5) Martha Clara Rose – Hugh O’Brien
- 6) Martha Clara Merlot – Peggy Coyle
- 7) Oktoberfest Special – Lehti Laas
- 8) Columbus Day Special - Kurt Vetter
- Massapequa FD Raffle Tickets
 - Chris Roulo
 - Cecilia Renderos
 - Laurie Hoffmann
 - Fran Vasta
 - Golen Stern
- Ridge Fire Department Chinese Auction We will send a check and Chris and Don Roulo will submit the tickets at the auction.
 - Peter Nakelski
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See the proposed SOP change 20-2011, Article IV – Crewleader Responsibilities - Crewleader Section 7 – Acting Crewleader – New Section 6 – Signal 9 on 16 Violence in Progress (VIP) which was presented and discussed at the meeting.

Bob mentioned that we will be using the new Suffolk County Board of Election voting machine for the annual squad election and since November 8 is Suffolk County election day, you still have a few days to register to vote and then you would have an opportunity to use the new machine before the squad election.

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Kurt Vetter to adjourn the meeting at 2040 hours.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: October 31, 2011

Approved: November 14, 2011

Proposed SOP Change 20-2011

Proposal:

To provide direction to crews on how to handle Violence in Progress (VIP) calls.

Background/Justification:

A Chief's Order was issued regarding response to VIP calls. Paragraph (I), (A), (6) of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) provides that the Chief may issue a Chief's Order for a period of four months during which time they must propose a change to the appropriate document. This proposed SOP change is for the protection of our members. There has been confusion as to how to respond to VIP calls and how far away from the call a crew should remain. This proposed SOP changes gives direction to crews on how to handle VIP calls, as well as providing pre-determined location for crews to stand-by while waiting for permission to proceed to the call.

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

Article IV - Crewmember Responsibilities -- Crewleader

Renumber

Section 6 ~~7~~ - Acting Crewleader

New

Section 6 - Signal 9 on a Signal 16 Violence In Progress (VIP):

1. Upon receipt of a Signal 9 on a Signal 16, VIP, the crew is to remain at Headquarters or proceed to a VIP approved stand-by location until cleared to proceed to the call by the Dispatcher or MedCom. Approved stand-by locations are:
 - A. Huntington Fire Department front ramp or parking lot.
 - B. Huntington Manor Fire Department, any station, front ramp or parking lot.
 - C. Suffolk County Police Department 2nd Precinct parking lot.
 - D. Lloyd Harbor Police Department parking lot.
 - E. Huntington Hospital.
2. If the Dispatcher receives the all clear call from MedCom, they will inform the crew to continue on their Signal 2 and that the scene has been cleared to enter.
3. If the crew receives the all clear call from MedCom, they will inform the Dispatcher that they have been cleared to enter the scene and advise the Dispatcher that they are continuing on their Signal 2.
4. No crew is to proceed to a VIP scene without direct permission from the Dispatcher or MedCom.
5. No information regarding the nature or location of a VIP call should be communicated over the radios.
6. If the crew is not at Headquarters, the Dispatcher will request that the crew call Headquarters and give them the information, at which time they will follow the above protocol.
7. If a crew comes upon a VIP or a potential VIP scene, the Crewleader should determine if the scene is safe. If the scene is unsafe, the crew should stay in the ambulance and retreat from

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- 521 the scene, heading back towards the building or proceed to the closest VIP approved stand-by
522 location, until called to go back to the scene by the Dispatcher or MedCom. The crew will
523 inform the Dispatcher they have come upon a VIP or a potential VIP scene and request
524 Police response immediately.
525 8. If a crew will be standing by at one of the approved VIP stand-by locations, other than the
526 hospital, the Dispatcher will call the department to inform them of the situation.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: November 14, 2011

Officers:

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Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
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Mark Cappola	PRESENT
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Lehti Laas	PRESENT
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Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
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Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (79 members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

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Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- Eileen Burns # 767, Hospitalized, prayers, and get well wishes are welcome, no calls please. Eileen is in an out of state hospital for special treatment.

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- William “Bill” Martin #1063, recovering after surgery. Bill is home now, prayers are needed and calls are welcome.
- Ferd Neumann # 369, his wife Joan has been hospitalized recently. She is home now and is recovering. Calls and prayers are welcome.
- Sally Stazack’s#397, husband John is still in need of prayers. He is home and recovering, prayers are needed and calls are welcome.
- Mark Cappola # 1087 has had surgery recently, he is recovering and you will see him around the squad performing very light work. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Sarah Manning # 1345, hospitalized recently, get well wishes and calls are welcome.
- Continued Get well wishes go out to Ken Manning # 1236, on a slow but steady recovery after surgery. Calls are welcome.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- Joseph Weinhofer father of member Ron Weinhofer # 922

Longevity Awards – 35 years

- **Mary DeWan**
- #436 – 11/1/1976
- Life Member
- Crew leader
- An Attorney
- QA/QI Committee
- Very detailed paperwork, always a model of correctness
- Sunday 1500-1900 Shift
- Short Story
- Thank you for 35 years of dedicated and faithful service to the community

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Don Roulo to change the order of the meeting so that the 2012 Nominations for Board of Directors and Operational Officers can be made. Unanimous.

The President opened nominations for each office and after the nominations were received for each office from the floor, the President repeated three times, any more nominations for each office and then he closed nominations for each office.

Board of Director:

Pete Nakelski nominates Robert Franz
Tyler Gibbs nominates Philip Orlando
John Palmieri nominates Roger Winter
Mary Winter nominates Brian Canty
Brian Canty nominates Bernard Poole
Lehti Laas nominates Christine Roulo – Christine declines
Kurt Vetter nominates Tom O’Leary – Tom declines
Tyler Gibbs nominates Brendan Fitts – Brendan declines

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Chief:

Mark Cappola nominates John Palmieri

1st Deputy Chief:

John Palmieri nominates David Mohr

2nd Deputy Chief:

Mary Brenner nominates Tim Ebert

3rd Deputy Chief:

John Palmieri nominates Paul Biersack

Chief Dispatcher:

Richard Stone nominates James Mallilo

Day Captain:

Dale Bartolomeo nominates Keith Rubenstein

Casey Orr nominates Greg Orr

Jerry Giacomini nominates Dominic Heavey

Tim Ebert nominates Elizabeth Mohr

Dale Bartolomeo nominates Samantha Ryan

Stephanie Caracciolo nominates Karen Martin

Tom O'Leary nominates Mark Cappola

Lehti Laas nominates Alison Russo

Lehti Laas nominates Keith Davis – Keith declines

Lehti Laas nominates Martha Brenner – Martha declines

Jill Decker nominates Stephanie Caracciolo – Stephanie declines

Pete Nakelski nominates Jeffrey Brenner – Jeffrey declines

Nominees follow in the order they were chosen at the meeting to appear on the ballot:

Note: qualification as nominee to be determined according to By-Laws.

Board of Directors:

Philip Orlando

Bernard Poole

Brian Canty

Robert Franz

Roger Winter

Chief:

John Palmieri

1st Deputy Chief:

David Mohr

2nd Deputy Chief:

Tim Ebert

3rd Deputy Chief:

Paul Biersack

Chief Dispatcher:

James Mallilo

Day Captain:

Mark Cappola

Keith Rubenstein

Alison Russo

Samantha Ryan

Greg Orr

Karen Martin

Elizabeth Mohr

Dominic Heavey

Secretary's Report

Robert Franz

Motion by Robert Franz and seconded by Kurt Vetter to accept the October 10, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters were posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: members & family members: Chris and Don Roulo (2), Mark Cappola and Joan Neumann; Ms. Jutta Chisten for services rendered and Washington Primary School for ambulance and crew visit.

Bob reminded everyone that if they required an absentee ballot for the annual election of directors and officers, please send him a request and abide by the by-laws:

By-Laws Article X Section 4 Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for the General Election may be obtained upon request from the Secretary, subsequent to the November Meeting. The Secretary will provide a ballot and an envelope clearly marked "Absentee Ballot" on the front. All ballots must be placed in an unmarked envelope then placed in the official envelope, sealed and signed at the appropriate line on the back of the envelope over the seal. These ballots may be returned personally to the Secretary prior to the day of the election, or if mailed, postmarked no later than ten days before the December meeting.

The Secretary shall secure all ballots and keep a log of all ballots received. On the day of the election, the Secretary shall place all sealed absentee ballots into the ballot box.

The vote auditors will verify that all absentee ballots were sealed and that the number in the box corresponds to the Secretary's log.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

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

- Explorer Post 215 Chief Advisor Appointment
- National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA blanket Accident and Sickness insurance policy as administered by Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services Inc. (VFIS)
- Benevolent Fund Request
- Chris Fischer Paramedic Reimbursement 2011
- Repair Exterior Spandrel
- Repair Condensing Unit
- H2M Roof Leak Investigation
- Repair to the EPDM Roof System by Nationwide Restoration Inc.
- Explorer Post 215 Renewal 2011
- Explorer Post 215 Associate Advisors, Committee Members and Adult Leaders Appointments
- Children's Holiday Party
- Providing HCFAS members' email addresses for the purpose of sending the candidates' there qualifications
- Advancement of \$100.00 for the Cash Box – Election Day
- Benevolent fund Request
- Purchase 2 wireless microphones and one receiver for the meeting room.
- HCFAS had a guest on Tuesday, Dante Busetti, from Italy. He is an EMT from Pubblica Assistenza
- Router & Net Gear Wireless Purchase
- Presence at the time of Yearly Elections
- 2011 HCFAS GFBG Golf Tournament

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri (as posted)

Longevity Awards:

- Stephanie Caracciolo – 5 years
- Nancy Eckhardt – 5 years
- Paul Tekverk – 5 years
- Gail Glistner – 30 years
- Mary DeWan – 35 years

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Chief Palmieri discussed the November Pulse notice regarding NS-LIJ ambulance services. SCEMS Division is making inquiries into the incident.

Members should review the two LOSAP reports posted on the bulletin board downstairs as to their Squad activity.

Bob Franz mentioned that all review trainings must be completed by December 31, 2011 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2011. There is no longer a 15 day grace period.

Chief Palmieri discussed our 24 rate (see Chief Dispatcher Mallilo's report for details).

Chief Palmieri presented two Certificates of Merit from NYS Assemblyman Andrew Raia in recognition of the achievement of:

- 2010 Suffolk REMSCO Honorable Mention Award Winner HCFAS Post 215 as Youth Provider of the Year
- 2010 Suffolk REMSCO Honorable Mention Award Winner Huntington Community First Aid Squad as Agency of the Year

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Tom O'Leary

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Thank you:

Martha and Joanne for the schedule coordinating
Ray and Nancy for data entry

New Members

Andrew Campagnola Sunday 2300

Personnel

Shift Availability:

Please fill out the shift availability sheet and turn it in to me.

I will produce a shift coverage document each member can use to see who may be available during their shift so we avoid unnecessary phone calls or emails to members who would not be able to cover for you.

Company 8

No issues to report

All members' hours continue to be tracked monthly

Driver Training

Please contact your Captain if you are interested in driver training

Please contact Vito Reciniello, the driver training Chair, with questions about the program.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

Equipment:

- Tarps to move patients: We had a request by a member to purchase large tarps to help in the movement of patients. We looked into purchasing them and have decided against it. We have been in communications with HMFD as well. They have these tarps and in the case that they would be needed we would be requesting Mutual Aid from Manor for a lift assist anyway. So we will use the ones we have.
- ALS Bags – One of the new blue ALS bags is completed. Before we place these bags on line in our ambulances all ALS providers must be in service on them. The completed bag will be placed in the ALS room and you will have to sign off that you have reviewed the bag. If you have any issues with the bag please contact either Scott, Alyssa or Myself. Also if you have any suggestions for the bag please let me know as well.
- CPAP- There has been a few occasions where an ALS provider was going to use CPAP on their patient and it was not in the O2 bag. If the bag has the CPAP label on it and BLS does a checkout but doesn't see it in there please notify a ALS provider. Also we will be adding a CPAP to the ALS cabinet in each rig.

Training

- November 20, at 9 am I am going to hold a meeting to discuss the LIRR drill (breakfast will be served). Whoever participated in the drill is encouraged to attend. Along with that meeting I hope to be able to provide 2 hours of non-core CME credit. I am waiting on the approval for the CME from county. An email will be going out shortly.
- Review Training was sent out and uploaded today.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

Vehicles:

When starting 18 or any of the older ambulances, put your foot on the brake, to disengage the high idle, and let the vehicle run with no additional load on it for fifteen to thirty (15-30) seconds after starting it. This will allow the alternator to compensate for the initial load placed on it when we start the vehicles. If we do this, it eliminates the horrible screeching that many are experiencing. The older vehicles were not designed to be able to hold the load that we have put on them, plus they are just getting old and the wiring is drawing more power than it can make at times. The good news is that the first new ambulance is only a couple of weeks from delivery and hopefully another one is around the corner.

Holiday Parade:

The Annual Holiday Parade is just two weeks away. The reconstruction of the Gingerbread House is well under way. Thank You to Bernard Poole and Joe Gander, who are overseeing the project. We will be meeting this week on Thursday, beginning at 7:00p and also on Saturday, from 9:00-11:00a. Please come join the crowd. Everyone can lend a hand, even if it is just holding tools or screws.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

I would like to thank everyone for taking the extra effort with the PCR's. No lost PCR's for October.
HCFAS' call volume for October was 484 which is 13 more calls than last October.
Year to date volume ending October 31st was 4529 and is 65 more calls than last year for the same period.
Suffolk County FRES has charged us with **twelve** 24's for October 2011 or 2.58% for the month.
Year to date 24's ending October 31st was a total of 90 and is 1.99% for the year. Less than some departments who have paid personnel.

Reminder to all: Please write the run number on all paperwork that is submitted to the dispatcher.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

The holidays are rapidly approaching and Christmas falls on a Sunday this year I am looking for help throughout the whole day if you can help please let me know the Sunday crews have had two 24s so keep up the good work and as always help is greatly appreciated on Sundays.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Continued Get well wishes to Paul Mori and Bill Martin.
Get well soon to Sara Manning.
Welcome Back to Chris Mallilo from his medical LOA
Welcome Back Nancy Barker on returning from her Medical LOA
Welcome back Jill Decker from her LOA.
Congratulations to Sara Manning on Passing Dispatch training
Congratulation to Joe Gander Jr on passing Dispatch training
Congratulations to Natt Watts and Kelly Murphy on your probation ending.
Welcome Joe Grant to the Monday 1100
Welcome Terrence Cheang to the Monday 1500

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Maxine Epstein #1346 is ready to take Dispatcher test.
Spike Ishikawa & Meaghan Meyer are almost full drivers.
Juan Flores is Acting Crewleading and is doing great.
Welcome Todd Atkin to the overnight.
Tuesday 0700 hour shift needs help.
Thanks to Liz Mohr, Jeff O'Neil, Tom O'Leary, Paul Kelly, Sally Staszak & Kurt Vetter.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Thank you to all the members for coming in for extra shifts and to everyone for doing back up calls. We have significantly low to almost no mutual aids (24s) on Wednesdays.

2011 General Membership Meeting

Welcome back from your LOAs: Cindy Cairl, Betsy Smith, John Paul Garcia and Vanessa Amaya.

Welcome to Company 4 – Meredith Borg who is currently dispatch training.

Great Company 8 Opportunities: There are CL vacancies on 0700-1100 hours and 1100-1500 hours shifts.

Continued Get Well Wishes go to Bill Billups who is on a Medical LOA.

Congratulations to Fiona Witkowski on recently passing her dispatch test.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

Help is needed on Thanksgiving Day November 24.

Friday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Scott Bielanski (as posted)

I am in need of additional personnel for 1100-1500, 1500-1900, and 2300-0700 on Friday's. I am especially in need of a permanent Driver on the overnight shift. If anyone is available please feel free utilize the website to sign up for a shift or you can always directly contact me.

I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work answering backup calls and filling in for Company 6 members this last month. I am very grateful for all of your hard work and dedication.

Have a happy thanksgiving everyone!!

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis

Saturdays have had two 24s since the last GMM.

Please everyone remember to keep pagers/radios on and come out for back up.

I'd also like to ask the members to please keep the Lupinacci family in their thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks. For those of you who don't know Matty Luppinnacci he is a new member of the squad on the Saturday overnight. He is extremely enthusiastic and will be completing his EMT course within the coming months. His family is going through a very difficult time and he could use all the support we can provide.

Delegate Reports:

NYSVA&RA- Andrea Golinsky.

The Squad will be renewing individual memberships and it is very important that we have everyone's email address as the Association's newsletter the Blanket will be sent out electronically in the future.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA –Bob Franz

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 15 at Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance.

Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

SCACA – Bob Franz

Their next meeting is Wednesday November 16 at East Moriches Volunteer Ambulance.

Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2011 Points – Bob Franz

The 2011 LOSAP Point listing posted on the bulletin board is being updated periodically. It is requested that each member review their points and report in writing any discrepancies to the LOSAP point committee. All review trainings must be completed by December 31, 2011 to be eligible for LOSAP points for 2011.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

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

Eligible members under the squad's group term life insurance program are generally covered for \$50,000 (lower amounts if over 69 years of age).

Generally, all active members are covered under the VFIS Accident & Sickness policy while on duty; the death benefit is \$250,000.

Your beneficiary under the LOSAP program was indicated on the 2010 LOSAP benefit statement distributed to you in early September 2011.

Members Mail Folders – Bob Franz

Reminder: Each time you come on your shift, please check your mail folder for any correspondence etc. and please do not use your folder for storage. Thanks.

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

Had the All you can eat Pasta Dinner on Saturday, it was a great success.

They participated in a Thanksgiving food drive at the King Kullen in Halesite on Sunday 11/12/2011. They donated food to the Dolan Family Health Center and to St. Hugh's of Lincoln Parish Outreach program. Parish Outreach Saint Hugh's Pastoral Ministry, 1450 New York Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746

They will continue their hands on training on Saturday November 19, 2011.

They will participate in the Huntington 2nd Annual Holiday Parade, November 26, 2011.

Standby – Donna Smith

- The big 8 10 K run, October 22, 2011, we need stand-by members.
- Emails go out on a regular basis for standbys

Pulse – Patty Salajka

Deadline is around the 20th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Monument and Sign- Richard Stone

The monument and signage project is almost complete. The only thing left to do is the installation of the monument and EMS Prayer Plaque.

CMEs – Pam Brenner

- Presented, also as e-mailed
- WMD (mandatory 3 hours non-core) – Friday November 25 from 7 pm – 10 pm
- Saturday Trauma I 9-11
- BLS providers may take any of the classes above and receive non-core credit.
- To register please email Pamela.brenner@gmail.com

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Children's Holiday Party December 10, 2011.

Adult Holiday Party December 17, 2011.

New Vehicle Committee – Brian Canty

The new ambulance should be delivered within the next two weeks.

Uniform Committee – Jerry Giacomini

EMS style pants have been delivered.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank all of you for attending, we had a big turnout. Thank you again for your support at the meeting. – Roger Winter

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortes and Carol Nucci.
Set-up committee: Brian Canty and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

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- 1 Thanksgiving Turkey and fixings – Stephanie Caracciolo
- 2 Thanksgiving Turkey and fixings – Andrea Golinsky
- 3 Thanksgiving Turkey and fixings – Mary Jane Woznick
- 4 Thanksgiving Turkey and fixings – Chris Winter
- 5 North Fork Merlot – Israel Cortes
- 6 Martha Clara Rose – Tim Ebert

Motion by Andrea Golinsky and seconded by Jerry Giacomini to adjourn the meeting at 2040 hours. Unanimous.

2011 General Membership Meeting

504 Respectfully Submitted,
505 *Robert Franz*
506 Secretary
507 Draft posted: November 30, 2011
508 Approved: December 12, 2011

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2011 General Membership Meeting
Date: December 12, 2011

Officers:

President Roger Winter	PRESENT
Vice President Richard Stone	PRESENT
Secretary Robert Franz	PRESENT
Treasurer Brian Canty	PRESENT
Alyssa Axelrod	ABSENT
Mark Cappola	PRESENT
Andrea Golinsky	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief John Palmieri	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Christopher Winter	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Michele Miller	PRESENT
Third Deputy Chief David Mohr	PRESENT
Chief Dispatcher James Mallilo	PRESENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Tim Ebert	PRESENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Greg Orr	PRESENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Alison Russo	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Samantha Ryan	PRESENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain Scott Bielanski	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Keith Davis	PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 2015 hrs

Secretary Robert Franz reported to the President that the required quorum of 50 members is present per the sign in sheet (95 members).

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Lead by Jerry Giacomini.

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

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Jim Mallilo's #1030, & Grandson Christopher Mallilo's # 1234 Father (Grandfather) and Mother (Grandmother) prayers are needed.
- Eileen Burns # 767 is now home after being out of state for specialized medical treatment. No calls at this time, but prayers and thoughts are welcome.

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- William “Bill” Martin #1063, back in the hospital. Prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Ferd Neumann # 369, has been hospitalized recently, he is home recovering, get well wishes and prayers are welcome.
- Sally Staszak’s #397, husband John is still in need of prayers. He is home and recovering, prayers are needed and calls are welcome.
- Mark Cappola’s #1087, father is hospitalized, prayers and get well wishes are welcome.
- Heidie Magerle #1163, and sister Joanne Vogel # 861, mother Erika Vogel was hospitalized recently, get well wishes and prayers are welcome.
- Monique Moreno #1042 is slowly recovering; get well wishes, calls and prayers are welcome.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of:

- Stephanie Caracciolo’s #1171, father in law Giuseppe Pino passed away recently
- Laura Pausel Treulich father Arnold Pausel passed away.

Longevity Awards – 20 years

- **Gail Glistner**
- #640 – 11/2/1981
- Life Member
- Day Captain – 1992
- 2nd Deputy Chief – 1993
- Membership Committee
- Pulse Editor -1990-91
- Dinner Dance Committee
- Uniform Committee
- QA/QI – 2001-2007
- EMT-CC

Motion by David Mohr and seconded by Kurt Vetter to change the order of the meeting for the By-Laws committee chairperson David Mohr to read the proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011.

Unanimous

David read the proposed By-Laws amendment 05-2011 which would change the time requirement to be eligible for Associate Membership to include time as a Youth Squad member.

See the end of minutes below for the proposed By-Laws amendment.

Secretary’s Report Robert Franz

Motion by Jeff Brenner and seconded by Liz Mohr to accept the November 14, 2011 General Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and amended.

Unanimous

2011 General Membership Meeting

Correspondence received was paraphrased to the membership by Secretary Franz since the letters were posted on the bulletin board as received.

Incoming: Thank you letters: Agnes Milinis; Joan Lehnert; Juanita Carino and Fran Leek, Director of St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church Outreach Program.

Bob acknowledged with Thanks the members that assisted with the Election and preparation- Lori Bennett, Nancy Courtemanche, Clara Elliot, Rich Gierbolini, Andrea Golinsky, Zebulnnessa Rahimi, Christine Roulo, Mary Jane Woznick, Pete Nakelski, Sally Staszak, Joanne Vogel and Bernie and Annette Hershkowitz.

Presidents Report Roger Winter

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

- New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association 2011-2012 Annual Squad Report and Dues - Approved Unanimously
- New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association 2011-2012 Individual Dues - Approved Unanimously
- Purchase Invitations, Programs, Postage 2012 Installation and Inspection Dinner - Approved Unanimously
- Flowers for the Installation and Inspection Dinner - Approved Unanimously
- Invitation List 2012 Installation and Inspection Dinner as Amended - Approved Unanimously
- HCFAS Adult Holiday Party - Approved Unanimously
- Gator Painting and Enhancements- no action taken
- Garage Door Contract T.M. Kenney's Garage Door Inc. – Tabled
- Food Drive St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach - Approved Unanimously
- Snow Removal Contract Muller Landscapes – Tabled
- Annual Dues NYS Association of Fire Chiefs 2012/2013 – Approved Unanimously
- Annual Dues Fireman's Association of the State of NY 2012/2013 - Approved Unanimously
- Hotel Reimbursement to Andrea Golinsky - Approved 3-1-0
- Memory and Hard Disc Drive purchase - Approved Unanimously
- Rescind Election Day Presence in the building motion – Not Approved 3-4-0
- Operational Officer Plaque Like Awards 2011 - Approved Unanimously
- Glynn Mercep & Purcell, LLP contract Renewal – withdrawn, more information needed
- FUOCO Group LLP 2011 Accounti9ng Contract HCAD – Tabled, more information needed.
- FUOCO Group LLP 2011 Acounti9ng Contract HCFAS – not approved, more information needed.

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- New York State Insurance Fund Volunteer Ambulance Worker's Benefit Law 2012 – Approved 6-0-2
- 20 Year Exempt Member Hugh O'Brian #853 – Approved Unanimously
- 20 Year Exempt Member Vito Reciniello #659 – Approved 5-4-0
- Electrical Repairs to Building - Approved 4-0-4
- Limit Access to Building during 2011 Election of Officers – withdrawn
- Gator Painting and Enhancements – Tabled 7-1 – more information needed
- Garage Door Contract T.M. Kenney's Garage Door, Inc. – Tabled Unanimously – more information needed.
- Snow Removal Contract – Tabled from previous meeting, no action taken – more information needed
- Life Membership Vote Taken – announcement to be made at the Installation Dinner - Approved Unanimously

Treasurers Report Brian Canty

No Report.

Officers Report's

Chief's Report – John Palmieri (as posted)

Longevity Awards:

- Israel Cortez – 5 years
- Bedel Saget – 5 years
- Kathi Bonessi – 15 years
- Paul Mori – 15 years
- Orlando Salcedo – 15 years

Chief Palmieri distributed badges to various members who were granted full active membership.

Tonight, I would like to thank 1st Deputy Chris Winter, 2nd Deputy Michele Miller, Friday Captain Scott Bielanski, and Saturday Captain Keith Davis for the time, effort and concern that you have all put into your positions for 2011. Being an Officer, especially a Day Captain, is a demanding, consuming and rarely thanked job. Just be assured that your service is commended and appreciated.

The rest of the Officers: 3rd Deputy David Mohr, Chief Dispatcher Jim Mallilo, Monday Captain Tim Ebert, Tuesday Captain Greg Orr, Wednesday Captain Alison Russo, Thursday Captain Sammy Ryan, and Sunday Captain Keith Rubenstein have all decided to do it again and are candidates for operational positions. One wonders if you are really that committed or should be. Thank you for your support in 2011 and the best of luck in 2012.

We will no longer be transporting patients to the Northport Veterans Hospital even though that may be the location that they wish to be taken to. All patients will be taken, as per our protocols, to the nearest facility that can accommodate their emergency medical needs.

Transport to NVHA will be their responsibility after we transport them to Huntington Hospital.

I am sorry that our new Unit 18 has not arrived for your inspection, but we do expect it quite soon.

2011 General Membership Meeting

2012 will mark a further advancement to our roots. We have been working to bring all our members up to the levels expected by the By-Laws and the SOPs. We have had some modest success and will continue to try to bring our rules to the current time frame. With the support of the Board of Directors, we hope to continue to refine the By-Laws and make them easier for all of us to follow.

Thank you for allowing me to be the Chief of HCFAS for 2011. It has been a humbling, learning, frustrating year, but I am proud of every day of it.

Outback EMS Provider of the Month- Melissa Anastos

First Deputy Chief's Report – Chris Winter

Driver Training - If you are a trainee in the program, there is an updated list of driver trainers to please use as a reference. Please email Vito for the list.

Company 8 - No issues to report.

Data Entry - No issues to report. - Remember, you can always look at your SCM information by logging in to a squad workstation. Please submit any changes to address, email or phone numbers to the 1st Deputy mail box.

Schedule coordinating - no issues to update

Thank you to the Chief and fellow officers for all the help you gave me this year. It's been a pleasure serving with you all.

Good luck to those in office in 2012.

Thank you to the membership for your support this year.

thank you to my family for your support, counsel and patience

Thank you Martha and Joanne for the schedule coordinating and Ray and Nancy for data entry.

Second Deputy Chief's Report – Michele Miller

ALS Bags – The new blue ALS bags will be put on the ambulances shortly.

Review Training will be sent out within the week.

Discussion on patient restraints.

Third Deputy Chief's Report – David Mohr

I wish to thank everyone who helped me this past year especially Bernard Poole with the building and Dale Bartolomeo with the vehicles.

Chief Dispatcher – Jim Mallilo

Congratulations to all the elected candidates.

Congratulations to Maxine Epstein #1346, Kiera Schiavetta #1348 and Fiona Witkowski #1343 for passing their dispatch test in November.

I would like to thank Life member Clara Elliot #415 for her 35 years of service with the last four years as a permanent dispatcher. Clara has decided to become an administrative member on January 1, 2012. The Thursday 1100-1500 shift is in need of a permanent dispatcher.

November had 437 calls with 11 24's as charged by SC Medcom that is 2.52% of our total calls. Year to date we are at 5,282 calls with a projection of over 5400 calls which is about 250 more calls than last year.

Please fill out a PCR for all calls, write the run number down on all PCR's and paperwork and please put the Red Book log sheets in the Chief Dispatcher's mailbox, we are missing a few days.

Thank you everyone for your efforts and work in helping the community.

Sunday Co. 1 Captain's Report – Keith Rubenstein (as posted)

The holidays are rapidly approaching and Christmas falls on a Sunday this year I am looking for help throughout the whole day if you can help please let me know.

Monday Co. 2 Captain's Report – Tim Ebert

Continued Get well wishes to Bill Martin.

Congratulations to George reader on becoming a crew leader.

Thanks for a great two years.

No 24's since last meeting

Tuesday Co. 3 Captain's Report - Greg Orr

Thank you to everyone for doing their shift and everyone else who came out to assist in getting the rigs out.

Wednesday Co. 4 Captain's Report – Alison Russo

Thank you to all the members for coming in for extra shifts and to everyone for doing back up calls. Congratulations to all the new ALS providers and EMTs.

There are CL vacancies on 0700-1100 hours and 1100-1500 hours shifts.

Continued Get Well Wishes go to Bill Billups who is on a Medical LOA.

Thursday Co. 5 Captain's Report - Samantha Ryan

Thank you to everyone for doing their shift and everyone else who came out to help out during the year and on Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday Co. 6 Captain's Report – Keith Davis

Thank you for letting me serve as your Saturday Day Captain this past year – it was very educational. Help is needed on Saturday, Christmas Eve and on Saturday New Years Eve. Most help is needed for the 19:00 and 23:00 shifts. - All positions. Other shifts also need support.

Delegate Reports:

NYSVA&RA- Andrea Golinsky.

The Squad has renewed your individual membership for 2012 and your membership card will be placed in your mailfolder after I receive them in January. Check the bulletin board for the various member benefits – one of which is \$2,000 accidental death coverage.

NEW HOMES- Andrea Golinsky

The Town of Huntington will begin building the houses across the street and I am trying to get some set aside for EMS & Fire volunteers. If interested, please call the TOH Housing Department and put your name on the list. I will post new information on the bulletin board as I receive it.

District 7 – NYSVA&RA –Bob Franz

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 17 at Central Islip Hauppauge VAS at 8PM (Dinner at 7:30PM). Everyone is invited since all squad members are members of the NYSVA&RA. Please let Annette Hershkowitz know if you plan to attend so that there will be sufficient food.

SCACA – Bob Franz

Their next meeting is Wednesday January 18th at Southampton Volunteer Ambulance at 8PM (Dinner 7:30PM).

Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2011 Points – Bob Franz

The 2011 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. Only review trainings completed by December 31, 2011 are eligible for LOSAP points for 2011.

Designation of Beneficiary – Bob Franz Insurance Committee Chairperson

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

Post 215- Sheryl Roach

- They participated in the Huntington 2nd Annual Holiday Parade, November 26, 2011.
- Field Trip is planned to Med Com facility in January or February.
- A recruitment video and replacement of HCFAS 911 signs is in progress for an Eagle Scout project by Dan Roach

Pulse – Patty Salajka

Deadline is around the 25th of each month. No more mailings of the PULSE. It will be available by e-mail, HCFAS Web Site, HCFAS.org

Monument and Sign- Richard Stone

The monument and signage project is complete.

CMEs – Pam Brenner

- Presented, also as e-mailed
- All CME classes are on the Website.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty

Children's Holiday Party on December 10th was a great success thanks to coordinators Trish Reciniello, Sue Otto, Anne Maloney and Phil Orlando.

Adult Holiday Party December 17, 2011. Need help to set up Thursday & Friday evenings and take down on Sunday at noon. Chief asked that everyone look after each other at the party so that everyone gets home safe.

New Vehicle Committee – Brian Canty

See Chief's report.

Driver Training – Vito Reciniello – revising Driving Training Manual – minor changes only.

Old business:

None

New business:

Bedel Saget #1175 asked the membership to support his candidacy for HMFD commissioner at tomorrow's election.

Has everyone signed in/ fingered in?

Thank all of you for attending, we had a big turnout. Thank you again for your support at the meeting. – Roger Winter

Thank you to those who have helped: Social and Kitchen Committees: Lisa Mohr, David Mohr, Jim Ingwersen, Dale Bartolomeo, Christy Stiles, Israel Cortes, Carol Nucci and Samantha Mohr.

Set-up committee: Brian Canty, Bob Loysch and Mary Winter.

Raffles - Various Gifts

- 1 \$25.00 Gift Card to Outback Restaurant – Beatris Maldonado
- 2 \$25.00 Gift Card to Outback Restaurant – Todd Atkin

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- 3 \$25.00 Gift Card to Outback Restaurant – Francine Vasta
- 4 \$25.00 Gift Card to Outback Restaurant – Lehti Laas
- 5 Holiday Plant – Casey Orr
- 6 Holiday Plant – Annette Hershkowitz
- 7 Holiday Plant – Pete Nakelski
- 8 Holiday Plant – Samantha Mohr

President Winter recessed the meeting at 2040 hours until we have the annual election results.

President Winter reconvened the meeting at 2120 hours to announce the annual election results.

Sally Staszak of the election count committee announced the election results as follows:

Results for the 2012 Board of Directors and Operational Officers General Election: December 12, 2011

289 Eligible Voters.

201 Total Votes casted at the general election.

Board of Directors: four (4)

94 Philip Orlando

128 Bernard Poole

157 Brian Canty

123 Robert Franz

140 Roger Winter

Chief: one (1)

162 John Palmieri

1st Deputy Chief: one (1)

113 David Mohr

2nd Deputy Chief: one (1)

163 Tim Ebert

3rd Deputy Chief: one (1)

156 Paul Biersack

Chief Dispatcher: one (1)

131 James Mallilo

Day Captain: seven (7)

152 Mark Cappola
132 Keith Rubenstein
119 Alison Russo
128 Samantha Ryan
156 Greg Orr
135 Karen Martin
87 Elizabeth Mohr
115 Dominic Heavey

Motion by Pete Nakelski and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to destroy the ballots. Unanimous.

Motion by Sally Staszak and seconded by Andrea Golinsky to adjourn the meeting at 2130 hours. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Franz

Secretary

Draft posted: December 27, 2011

Approved: January 9, 2012

Proposed By-Law Change 05-2011

Proposal:

To clarify the requirement of Associate membership to include the time as a Youth Squad member.

Background/Justification:

While the Youth Squad is a classification of membership, this clarifies that the time spent as a Youth Squad member counts towards the required eight years necessary for Associate membership.

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

Article III, Section 3 – Associate

Associate members shall consist of those individuals who do not desire active membership, but who have, by their contribution of money, property or talents, helped to promote the cause of the Corporation. An associate member shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Active members desiring associate membership shall have served faithfully for a period of no less than eight years, including time as a Youth Squad member, or shall have served for a period of two years and have become disabled.

1st Reading – December 12, 2011